

Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd

Held Tuesday 27th March 2018

Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre.

As at 6.00pm, a quorum had not been reached with Anna Duin, president, adjourned meeting until 6.30pm

At 6.30pm, President advised that the quorum had been met therefore meeting was opened with a welcome to members.

Present: As per membership list

Apologies: NIL

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

President asked if members present had any questions or comments regarding the previous Annual General Meeting.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting as circulated to members.

Moved Anna Duin, **Seconded:** Mark Gauci

All in favour, CARRIED

2. To Receive and Consider the Report from the Board

President, Anna Duin presented a verbal report to the meeting on behalf of the Board. Reiterating to members that as advised through the E-Newsletter our financial year of the Association will change to July-June financial year starting this year with a 6month End of Financial Year review taking place sometime after July 2018. The Directors are continuing to work closely with other organisations to protect the association. Our new interim Website has been released with work continuing to have the website fully operational.

Member, Mark Gauci queried where the money had come from for the new website?

Marsha Lewis, financial, explained how income is divided into separate areas like Operational, National, etc. After ensuring that the operational costs were covered we were in a position to fund an upgrade for website.

Member, Niki Southwell asked had it been through a reduction in expenses and/or increase of income?

Financial, advised that due to the cessation of our magazine which created large annual loss and changes to insurance expenses now being realistically collected our position improved.

President advised that all directors were continuing to work on expense cutting.

Member, Nikki Southwell commented that increase of the insurance levy had hurt clubs with participation numbers being down as it now adds another levy to the competitors

Pat Thompson, insurance, explained that each club was charged a flat rate of \$450 regardless of club membership size. New levy is a user pays system which is viewed as a beneficial change for all regional clubs.

Anna Duin, president reiterated to members that the more competitors the higher the risk & less competitors the lower risk.

Member, Terry Thompson asked what the insurance levy actually covered?

Pat Thompson, insurance responded that levy is for Public Liability Insurance.

3. To receive and consider the Statement of Financial position, detailed income statement of cash flow & audit report.

Marsha Lewis, financial, explained the large amount of work that had gone into the financial position over the past 12 months and while there still was a loss of \$1300 it has been a great turn around partly due to the decision of changing our financial year, greatly reducing our use of accruals. Our cross over from one year to the next dealing with 1 month not several.

4. To Appoint Margaret van Aanholt of PKF Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as auditor for the ensuing year.

Anna Duin, president, advised that due to the impending 6 month financial year and subsequent review along with work already undertaken for this coming financial year the Board will be continuing with the current auditor.

Jan Garland, Office thanked Marsha Lewis for her hard work. Marsha also thanked Kiara Le Cerf for her assistance in reducing audit fees.

5. To confirm the results of Ballot for the election of Board Directors.

Anna Duin, president advised meeting (5) positions were available for this election with only four (4) nominations received by the closing date. The four (4) nominations received were Pat Thompson, Marsha Lewis, Neil Ryan and Anna Duin. The remaining one (1) position would have nominations taken from the floor.

Marsha Lewis explained that a Director's position is not an easy one and any nominee must be prepared to assist with board requirements and activities.

Nominations from the floor were requested.

Mark Gauci, nominated by Neil Ryan and seconded by Melannie Halligan

Brian Dedicoat, nominated by Tamara Pearson and seconded by Jan Garland.

Neil Ryan spoke for Mark Gauci nomination

Tamara Pearson spoke for Brian Dedicoat nomination

A secret ballot was conducted with result Mark Gauci NSW 20 & Brian Dedicoat SA 13

Mark Gauci was elected to the board of directors

This election was questioned due to the Companies Act for the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd, article 12 section (b) The Board of Directors will be made up of (9) Board members who reside anywhere in Australia provided that no more than three (3) Board members reside in the same State. If there is a vacancy on the Board as per Article 12 (a) and the only nominations received exceed the limit of no more than three (3) in the same state, then those persons will fill positions and their place of residence is not taken into account.

Outcome confirmed 28/3 after legal advice: the Board already consisted of (6) NSW resident members, (1) SA resident member and (1) Qld resident member therefore Mark Gauci being a NSW resident member made his inclusion in the voting process unacceptable. Brian Dediccoat however being a resident of SA was eligible for nomination.

6. To consider Notices of Motions as circulated.

No notices of Motion received.

General Business

Anna Duin, president as meeting if members had general discussion topics.

There being no further business AGM was closed at 7.20pm. All members where thanked for their attendance.