

Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held Saturday 10th October 2020
Location: Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park

Safety requirements were enforced with social distancing, hand sanitizer and completion of Health Declaration form by those attending.

As of 11.00 am a quorum had not been reached therefore president, Debbie Pearson adjourned the meeting till 11.30am.

Moved by Mel Halligan, 2nd Pat Thompson that meeting again be adjourned till 11.35am, if quorum still not present the meeting, will continue regardless.

1. **AGM** opened by Debbie Pearson, President at 11.35am. Welcomed those that attended.

2. **Attendance:** As per attendance book

Directors, Brian Dedicoat, Harry Moyle and Neil Ryan participated via Zoom. CORVID 19 restrictions limited some from travelling over borders.

3. **Apologies** from Lee Haste, Tyler Pearson.

President Report: *As attached which was circulated to the members present.*

4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 2019 AGM as circulated to members and available on the AAA website.

Moved Neil Ryan **Seconded** Tamara Pearson

5. No matters arising from the 2019 AGM

6. **President Report:** *As attached which was circulated to the members present.*

Report accepted by Pat Thomson. 2nd Nicole Wilson

7. **Treasurers Report:** Detailed breakdown of the financial year has been provided in the 2020 Annual Report available at the meeting. Debts are being met in a timely manner along with a decrease or finalisation of inherited debts. A new computer has been purchased along with an upgrade of the association web site. These added, unexpected expenses put a further strain on the association finances however recovery is already being seen. The size of our membership to date and income members provide, doesn't at this time allow for paid staff nor the extra outlay that comes with employee/s. The Australia wide fires and now CORVID 19 have made an impact on membership and function of the association. Big decrease in the insurance support that shows brought via the insurance levy which assisted in covering our annual insurance costs.

Operating profit after taxes and extraordinary items for the year amounts to \$28,580

While our income for 2020 is down the expense side is also down.

Report accepted by Neil Ryan 2nd Harry Moyle.

A comment of thanks was made to Marsha Lewis on her taking the office workload along with overseeing association finances.

8. **To receive and consider the report of the board & Annual Financial Report of 2020**

Moved by Pat Thompson 2nd Tamara Pearson

9 Receive and consider Directors Reports.

Youth Report. Attempted Facebook posts on a regular basis.

Tradition classes are getting their breed classes at a few agricultural events with extra effort put into expanding the performance classes.

Insurance should see a decrease in policy costs next year as it will be estimated on the events of 2020 which have been hampered by travelling restrictions of COVID 19.

Health declaration Forms now required to be collected at an event and held for 28 days.

ApHC now bringing spotted ponies into their shows our Show approval director has emailed ApHC to obtain further information.....as yet no reply.

Board reports accepted moved by Mel Halligan 2nd Nicole Wilson

10 To confirm the results of the Ballot for election to Board of Directors.

As only 4 nominations were received at the time of nomination close date there was no need for a ballot by association members.

Brian Dedicoat nominated from South Australia with no other SA nominations Brian Dedicoat was reappointed to the board.

Marsha Lewis and Pat Thompson & Leisa Dempsey nominated from NSW. With no other nominations Marsha Lewis & Pat Thompson were reappointed to the Board. Leisa Dempsey was appointed as a Board Director.

All these positions are of 3 year standing.

New board members were welcomed

To consider notices of motion as circulated No notices of motion received.

There being no further business the **meeting was closed at 12.10 pm.**

All attendees were thanked for coming.

General discussion after close of AGM

- Neil Ryan (NSW) commented on what the USA Appaloosa had done accepting "Spotted Ponies"
- Harry Moyle (SA) suggested the association approach the existing pony associations for guidelines.
- World show has added 13 spotted pony classes to start.
- Youth require better promotion and goals for them to aim towards.
- Reminder that 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the Australian appaloosa Nationals.
- Transport Stock Movement forms are in force – available moving horses in NSW.