

YOUTH DIVISION

**Annual General Meeting
MINUTES**

Saturday 4th May 2024

Via Zoom

Commencing at 7pm

Meeting Opened: 7.15PM

Present: Liz Keating, Kane Skopp, Sebastian Mundy, Lacey Lalor, Maddi Allen, Brooke Toovey, Tea Appleton, Tirra Ewers, Ruby Heffernan, Jess Heffernan, Tomi Elliot, Lily Fisher, Riley Henschke.

Apologies: Chloe Rivett, Dana Mobberley, Charley Lalor, Olivia MacCallum, Ryan Mundy, Charlize Halligan, Bobbie Anderson.

Welcome by Liz Keating, Youth Director AQHA and Chairperson.

Liz thanked everyone for attending, and apologized for not being able to run the meeting at Q24, as listed in the program, due to classes running late. Congratulated the YWC team on their Reserve in the World at College Station 2023.

Acceptance of 2023 Youth Division AGM Minutes previously distributed.

Minutes of previous meeting moved Lacey Lalor, seconded by Maddi Allen. AIF

Business arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes: None.

Youth Presidents report – Charley Lalor – Report read and moved by Lacey Lalor, Seconded Tirra Ewers AIF

Treasury Report: Liz Keating: Liz Keating spoke of the new Youth bank account, having a balance of approx. \$ 800, with a further \$ 7000 to be deposited from Q24 Welcome BBQ auction, Team Challenge and Silent auction.

Election of Officers and other Committee Members

All Positions to be declared vacant

Nominations received: Lacey Lalor for President, Tirra Ewers for Vice President, Tea Appleton for WA representative.

Nominations from the floor will be required to fill positions below:

Youth Division Committee positions to be filled:

- President: Lacey Lalor duly elected from nomination received via email.
- Vice President: Tirra Ewers duly elected from nomination received via email.
- Secretary: Sebastian Mundy. Nominated by Lacey Lalor, Second Maddi Allen AIF

State Representatives:

- Victoria: Tomi Rose Elliot, Dana Mobberley, Maddi Allen
- Queensland: Chloe Rivett, Tirra Ewers, Lacey Lalor
- Western Australia: Tea Appleton
- New South Wales: Brooke Toovey, Jess Heffernan, Ruby Heffernan
- South Australia: Tayla Rabig not present but confirmed she would be happy to be rep.
- Northern Territory: None
- Tasmania: Sebastian Mundy, Ryan Mundy, Ailie Morgan
- EWD: Lily Fisher

Items for discussion

- Future fundraising ideas: Liz notes that the Nominate online stallion auction would generate up to 10K per year or possibly more as it gains momentum, and hopes this auction will be run every year, Proceeds from this auction will go towards the and running youth camps, educational opportunities and prizes for team challenges. Lacey says to also keep on with raffles etc. Kane Skopp suggested the youth ask several AQHA Pro Horsemen if they would donate some time to run a ride the pattern clinic at Nationals. It could be an hour to run over a pattern and the youth could charge a nominal fee to each youth attending.
- Nominate online stallion auction update: Liz Keating gave an update on this auction, stated she had ten stallions nominated already and is sourcing more, the advertising will start on the AQHA fb page soon. If any other youth had anyone who may be interested in donating a stallion service to get in contact with Liz, to get a contract and details forwarded. Lacey Lalor asked which stallions had already been put forward, and it was noted.

- Future YWC update: Liz Keating gave a verbal update on when the possibility of the YWC event is to be held. No country has committed to host the 2025 YWC event, and at this stage there is a YWC steering committee being formed by several country representatives to come up with a contingency plan to save the YWC. There is talk that the event MAY be held back in the USA in 2026, but there has been no confirmation of this.
- Youth clinics in each State – Discussion was held about the opportunities to have youth clinics in each State. Liz Keating advised that the youth sub committee is meeting to discuss the logistics and costs of running these clinics, and will be putting forward a budget to the Board to do so. Clinics will be run through an AQHA affiliate. Kane Skopp suggested a super clinic similar to the YWC selection camp clinic that was such a success that could be held at a suitable venue possibly AELEC. It was suggested to send out a survey via email to all youth from the office, asking how far each youth would travel for clinics, and what they would come for?
- Youth Team Challenges at State shows. Lacey said last year the youth committee sent engraved drink bottles for the winners of the State team challenge. Liz said she has a written format that can be given to each Affiliate that wishes to run a Team Challenge at their respective State shows. This gives the committee an idea of what is required to run a Team Challenge. Lacey states she would like to see the Youth Team Challenge free to all youth.
- Facebook page – Lacey would like access to post of the FB page, and wanted it to be made available to the public. Liz stated that the FB page is a group and is by invitation only, and it was not possible to have it made public as we are dealing with minors. It was possible for people to look up the page and send a request to join, which can be approved by administrators, but that only people in the group can see what is written on the posts.

General Business – From the floor.

Tomi Rose Elliot suggested to have an EWD representative for the Youth.
Liz Keating moved, seconded by Lacey Lalor AIF.

Sebastian Mundy suggested that the youth committee should have a treasurer now it has it's own bank account, Liz Keating said she would take request to the Board, but is not sure if it is possible, given it is a youth committee.

Maddi Allen suggested that it would be a good idea to send out a small youth pack with every new or renew youth membership. Something as simple as an AQHA sticker or pen, plus an information sheet on how to keep up to date with things happening.

It was also suggested that there could be a 6 monthly newsletter sent out.

Kane and Liz to the group that they were up for election this year, and there could be a possibility that we would not be involved with the youth portfolio next year, and that hopefully you will keep up the momentum of what has been achieved over the past three years to keep the youth growing in our industry.

Meeting closed: 8.36 PM

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