



**MINUTES OF  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Via Vero (Online)**

**1. Opening & Welcome**

Meeting commenced at 1.35pm President Carol Ricketts welcomed everyone to the AQHA Annual General Meeting.

**2. Attendance**

Carol Ricketts, Patricia Wettenhall, Ricky Glen, Paul Lorimer, John Steel, Kylie Barnett Joanne Gregory, Shane Massingham, Lorelei Payne, Kyle Mobberley, Kim Johnson, Celeste Helpenstein, Tonya Turner, Bruce Hegan, Pam Jones, Wayne Jones, Kane Skopp, David Caleo, Leanne Somerville, Russell Mathews, Robin Humphries, Sara Agnew, Cara Gifford, Annette Page, Peter Bellden, Liz Miller, Fran Christian, Lynda Hicks, Peta Hicks, Robyn Smith, Belinda Grace, Liz Keating, Carly Ganzer, Debby Cameron, Jack Cooper. Gemma Clarke (AQHA Manager and minute taker)

**3. Apologies:**

Simone Russell, Mathew Freiberg, Vicki Pizarro, Angela Robertson, Jade Spicer, Terence McSweeney, Erin Neylon, Dennis Neylon, Bruce Hegan, Wendy Fahey, Linda Lyons, Grant James, Zhana Dicandilo, Sharon Santos, Shelli Ann Royans, Andrea Kliendienst, Cynthia Kettle, Joanne Lane, Michelle Delbridge, Keith Gulliver, Christine Williams, Vicki Walters, Catherine Bair, Bradley Zischke, Teresa Harrison, John Goodworth, Nicole Burow, Jessica Simpson, Milissa Payne, Kellie Cass, Adrienne Hodgson, Sharon Currie, Julie Beveridge, Carolyn Mitchem, Heather Triffett, Sharnte Wilson, Justin Madsen, Ashley Gallagher, Shannon Gallagher, Brooke Caswell, Diane Gosnell, Celine Lasbeliz-Pialla, Katrina Dakin, Nicole Hart, Luke Urban, Robyn Davies, Zoe Wilson, Mandy Mackay, Lorraine Parfitt, Janet Mansley, Cindy Creighton, Kelly Prothero, John Maher, Tressna Martin, Loni Hensel, Baillieu Myer, Paul Webb, Sandra Joy Webb, Sally Anne Swankie, D Taylor, John Forsyth, Roslyn Forsyth, Michi Tyson, Ashton Powe, Michael Semchison, Justin McNamara, Prue Dennis, Gordon Nash, Ricky Cruff, Julie Dobson, Cathy Wakefield, Michael Taylor, Anthony Lacey, Deborah Ploeger, Frances Bond, Carolyn Devries, Sue Fyfe, Manfred Hohlweck, Jarrod Arnol, Carina Stephens, Danielle Tighe, Ivan Voss, Leilani Voss, Mirela Karraahmetovic, Paula Byrne, Craig Meinhold, Brenda Meinhold, Grant James, Wayne Baker, John Bauer, Western Australia QH Assn, Rhys Morrissey, Leonie Gorski, Yasmin Les Steere, Rayleen Willams.

#### 4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted  
**Moved:** Trish Wettenhall  
**Seconded:** John Steel  
90 for motion  
1 abstained  
**Carried**

#### 5. Matters Arising from the AGM 2020 Minutes

NIL

#### 6. President's Report

**Motion:** That the Presidents report be accepted as distributed.  
**Moved:** Ricky Glen  
**Seconded:** Shane Massingham  
90 for Motion  
1 Abstained  
**Carried**

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

**Motion:** That the Treasurers Report be accepted.  
**Moved:** Trish Wettenhall  
**Seconded:** Kim Johnson  
90 for motion  
1 Abstained  
**Carried**

#### 8. Receiving and considering the financial statement of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

**Motion:** That the Financial statement of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 is accepted as distributed.  
**Moved:** Kim Johnson  
**Seconded:** John Steel  
91 for motion  
1 abstained  
**Carried**

## 9. Receiving and considering the Audit report

**Motion:** That the Auditors Report be accepted

**Moved:** Kim Johnson

**Seconded:** Ricky Glen

91 in favour of motion

1 Abstained

**Carried**

## 10. Receiving and considering the Directors' reports

**Motion:** That the Directors reports be accepted as distributed.

**Moved:** Paul Lorimer

**Seconded:** John Steel

92 in favour of motion

1 abstained

**Carried**

## 11. Adoption Of New Constitution

**Motion:** That the Proposed AQHA Constitution be adopted.

**Moved:** Paul Lorimer

**Seconded:** John Steel

91 in favour of motion

1 against the motion

1 abstained

**Carried**

## 12. Declaration of Board of Directors

Four positions vacant, with eight nominations received. The following members have been appointed to the AQHA Board of Directors for term of 3 years in accordance with the AQHA constitution;

**Peter Bellden**

**Kane Skopp**

**Elizabeth (Liz) Keating**

**Joanne Gregory**

Carol Ricketts thanked outgoing Directors Lorelei Payne and John Steel for their involvement in the board for the past three years.

### 13. General Business

Questions from members: -

ROBIN HUMPHRIES

Online shows, can BOD please re-visit a simple, non-point event giving Affiliates a chance to encourage members and keep them sane. Peninsula, along with West Gippsland, are located in the lockdown capital of the world. We have tried to keep members' spirits up but, after 18 months of rolling lockdowns, it is exhausting.

Shane Massingham Director of Affiliates responded

Directors will be revising this subject. Affiliates will have a chance to provide input during this process. Liability will be consideration.

BREANNA CARRIGG

Regarding Covid and the Vaccination passports that have now become mandatory in some states to attend venues etc., will this be something that the AQHA is also going to introduce?

If so, will this be something that the AQHA mandates to acquire a membership? With it being compulsory that you must be vaccinated to enter South Australia by the end of September, I'm imagining other states may follow.

Or will it be up to the affiliates to enforce this? As you can imagine in Victoria, we have been in lockdown for basically 2 years, so affiliates are already struggling to keep members motivated and accepting of new ideas. If this is brought in, can we please look at the AQHA controlling the passports to avoid extra stress and backlash on to VOLUNTEER committees?

Also, would this be compulsory for the Professional Horsemen and Trainers, Judges and the affiliates Show Management teams?

I believe this is rather important information that we all need to know ASAP in order to get some type of show season running.

Paul Lorimer Director of Show and Performance responded

We are an Australian wide association with different States imposing varying mandates regarding COVID 19 and vaccinations. All members must comply with their relevant State Government regulations and requirements. Affiliates must follow their relevant State regulations.

WAYNE & PAM JONES

So what happens when you travel interstate?

Carol Ricketts AQHA President responded

An AQHA member who travels from State to State must abide by the relevant State Rules. If they are in NSW they must abide by NSW regulations, if they are in Victoria they must abide by Victorian regulations.

LYNDA HICKS

These are very good questions - Covid is still very much a fluid situation so are we saying that AQHA will reconsider at any stage the passport depending on if we get a nationwide mandate?

Carol Ricketts AQHA President responded

AQHA acknowledges that each State has differing regulations. All members are governed by their relevant State mandates and regulations.

ROBIN HUMPHRIES

Show Approvals: what lead-in time is AQHA allowing in the current situation?

Paul Lorimer Director of Show and Performance

The same rules apply as previously implemented. If there are issues with changes to judges availability there will be leniency due to the current COVID environment.

Carol Ricketts thanked the membership for their attendance at this year's AGM. With the use of technology attendance at AGM's has increased. Carol also thanked the membership for their support during a very difficult year and wished everyone all the best for a better year with more shows and a successful foal drop.

**Meeting closed 2.10pm**