



**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

**To be held on: Saturday, 12th October 2019 commencing at 11am
Pullman Melbourne Albert Park
65 Queens Road
MELBOURNE**

BUSINESS

Opening & Welcome

Attendance

Apologies

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (available on AQHA website)

Matters Arising from the AGM 2018 Minutes

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Receiving and considering the Financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018

Receiving and considering the Audit report

Receiving and considering the Directors' reports

Declaration of Board of Directors' Election Results

12. General Business

****ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS****

There are four (4) positions to be filled in accordance with the Constitution.

The following Directors will remain on the Board for the ensuing year:

Carol Ricketts (QLD), John Steel (VIC), Joanne Gregory (NSW), Craig Rath (VIC), Lorelei Payne (QLD), Kim (Wendy) Johnson (VIC), Nicole Davison (QLD), Patricia Wettenhall (VIC).

The following directors are eligible for re-election, if nominated:

Ricky Glen (NSW), Kyle Mobberley (VIC), Kate Elliott (VIC), and Paul Lorimer (QLD)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

MINUTES

Saturday, 6th October 2018 2pm

Brisbane Airport Conference Centre

1. Opening & Welcome

Meeting opened at 2.05pm - Wendy Kim Johnson AQHA President

2. Attendance

Wendy Kim Johnson, Paul Lorimer, Ricky Glen, Joanne Gregory, Craig Rath, Lorelei Payne, Kyle Mobberley, Kate Elliott, Carol Ricketts, Patricia Wettenhall, John Steel, Toni Ross (Company Secretary and Returning Officer), Gemma Clarke (Minute Taker), Peter Bellden, Joanne Darcy, Cara Gifford, Carol Elliott, Gail Lowden, Glenn Wyse, Kerry Derksen, Shane Massingham.

Youth Members in attendance with the consent of the chairperson Wendy Kim Johnson

Holly Hicks, Peta Hicks accompanied by their mother Lynda Hicks and Alexis Gifford

Non-Member (travelling with youth members)

Lynda Hicks

3. Apologies

Nicole Johnston, Kenneth Davidson, Pam and Wayne Jones, Leanne and Mark Bartlett, Richard Bull, Kerrie Bellden, Rachel Elliott, Fred Johnson, Nikki Morgan, Leonie Gorski, Karen Rath.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes are accepted as presented.

Moved: Patricia Wettenhall

Seconded: John Steel

Unanimous

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the AGM 2017 Minutes

No matters arising

6. President's Report

Motion: That the Presidents report is accepted as presented

Moved: Wendy Kim Johnson

Seconded: Patricia Wettenhall

Unanimous

Carried

7. Treasurer's Report

Motion: That the Treasurers report is accepted as presented

Moved: Patricia Wettenhall

Seconded: Peter Bellden

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Glenn Wyse requested explanation of the financial loss in the recent financial year.

Patricia Wettenhall replied: There was approximately six hundred (600) less transactions processed than the previous financial year.

2017 figures included an inheritance payment which slanted the financial figures for that year.

There was a slight increase in legal costs sustained. The association is mindful of its expenditure and have reduced staff numbers within in the AQHA office however the members may need to wait a little longer for their work to be processed as a result.

The AQHA Board have implemented a financial budget for the next 12 months to ensure the Association is heading in a positive direction. Every effort has been made to decrease costs where possible.

8. Receiving and considering the financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018

Motion: That the Financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 is accepted as presented

Moved: Patricia Wettenhall

Seconded: Peter Bellden

Unanimous

Carried

9. Receiving and considering the Audit report

Motion: That the Auditors Report be accepted as presented.

Moved: Patricia Wettenhall

Seconded: John Steel

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Peter Bellden is not happy with the way in which depreciation is conveyed in the Audit Report. Suggest the AQHA consider employing a different Auditor.

Patricia Wettenhall mentioned it was difficult to include depreciation when constructing the Budget.

Glenn Wyse mentioned that in the last two years the AQHA have sustained financial losses.

Patricia Wettenhall agreed and noted Peter Bellden's suggestion to look at alternative ways of reporting depreciation.

Paul Lorimer mentioned that the AQHA needs to follow correct accounting standards. Suggest the addition of a Cash Flow report to track operational income and expenses.

Carol Ricketts suggested any inheritance income needs to be reported separately.

Patricia Wettenhall thanked the General Manager for her work to decrease office expenses.

10. Receiving and considering the Directors reports

It was requested by the members present for the Directors reports to be accepted individually instead of as a collective.

Motion: That the Cattle and Timed Events Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Ricky Glen

Seconded: Peter Bellden

Unanimous

Carried

Motion: That the Hall of Fame Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Ricky Glen

Seconded: Glenn Wyse

Unanimous

Carried

Motion: That the Amateur Division Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Kate Elliott

Seconded: Craig Rath

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Glen Wyse has spoken to next year's Trans-Tasman challenge organisers and they mentioned that there had been no communication from the AQHA office regarding the event.

Toni Ross has been in contact with Olivia Ladd and Janette Robinson from the American Quarter Horse Association of New Zealand regarding 2019 Trans-Tasman.

Motion: That the Non-Traditional Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Lorelei Payne

Seconded: Shane Massingham

Unanimous

Carried

Motion: That the Show and Performance Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Paul Lorimer

Seconded: Shane Massingham

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Icompete has improved.

Introduction of Ranch Riding and Ranch versatility shows has been a positive move.

Lack of volunteers is an ongoing challenge.

Glenn Wyse stated New Caledonia is having problems running A shows. The AQHA is aware of this situation and addressed this in the Board Meeting held prior to the AGM.

Glenn Wyse ask if the High Point award issue has been addressed.

Paul Lorimer is unaware of any outstanding issues or discrepancies.

Toni Ross mentioned that the staff have worked diligently to ensure all members are now correctly associated with each other in Icompete.

Kerry Derksen wanted the minutes to note it cost her a substantial amount of money to travel to the many shows collecting points to find out that she was not the winner of a the High Point award.

Glenn Wyse asked why did the AQHA purchase the new system if it wasn't the correct one to do what was required.

Carol Ricketts said it is the right system and as with all new programs there is always problems at the beginning that need to be rectified. The AQHA Board and staff are working proactively to ensure the new system is functioning correctly.

Motion: That the Stud Book Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Carol Ricketts

Seconded: Craig Rath

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Glen Wyse asked if Clones are recognised in the PR Registry and are Clones able to be registered.

With horses applying for Performance Registrations, every effort is made to check parentage as much as possible.

With Performance Registrations the only way to check if a clone is the parent of a horse is to ask the owners the question.

Glenn Wyse stated that it is important that we do not allow "Clones" into the AQHA Performance Registry.

Peter Bellden mentioned that a consideration should be made if there are rules that need to be maintained and not changed by future Board members, the Constitution needs to reflect that requirement.

Motion: That the Judging Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Joanne Gregory

Seconded: Glenn Wyse

Unanimous

Carried

Motion: That the International Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Wendy Kim Johnson

Seconded: Patricia Wettenhall

Unanimous

Carried

Motion: That the Professional Horsemen Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Kyle Mobberley

Seconded: Glenn Wyse

Unanimous

Carried

Discussion:

Attempting to increase the number of Professional Horsemen.

Considering end of year awards for Professional Horsemen.

Motion: That the Youth Directors report be accepted as presented

Moved: Craig Rath

Seconded: Carol Ricketts

Unanimous

Carried

11. Declaration of Board of Directors' Election Results 2018

In accordance with the Constitution there were 4 vacancies to be filled.

The following 6 nominations were received by the due date for nomination being:

Joanne Gregory

John Steel

Lorelei Payne

Elizabeth Keating

Craig Rath

Scott Myer

There were 2227 financial members at due date for the mailing of the Ballot papers.

Of the 323 envelopes that were received by the due date, 4 were invalid due to no name or membership number on the back of the envelope.

Procedure for tally:

The following people took part in the counting of the votes at the Brisbane Airport Conference Centre, Brisbane Queensland on Friday 5th October 2018: T Ross, Kim Johnson, Paul Lorimer, Patricia Wettenhall, Ricky Glen, Kate Elliott, Kyle Mobberley, Carol Ricketts, Nicole Johnston, Gemma Clark and Joanne Darcy.

The 319 Return envelopes were opened and the Ballot envelope was removed but not opened at that time.

Of the votes received: 14 ballot papers were informal – leaving 305 ballot papers that had 4 votes per ballot paper which is the equivalent to 1220 votes in total to be recorded.

Joanne	238
Craig	233
Lorelei	209
John	194
Elizabeth	189
Scott	157

TOTAL 1220 votes recorded

I hereby declare the following people duly elected to the Board of the AQHA for a period of 3 years: Joanne Gregory, Craig Rath, Lorelei Payne and John Steel.

Motion: That the Returning Officer's report be accepted

Moved: Toni Ross

Seconded: Peter Bellden

Unanimous

Carried

12. General Business

Peter Bellden questioned why Nicole Davison was present for the board meeting and vote count but not the present for the AGM?

Nicole Johnston was given approval to not attend the AGM due to family commitments.

Glenn Wyse asks that the Board consider beginner classes as entry level development classes and suggest that the rule book be amended to include rules for these classes. This could lead to new members wanting to be part of the AQHA.

Carol Elliott asked is there still an Affiliates incentive scheme available? This has not been in place since 2006.

Carol Elliott also noted the Australian Sporting Horse Association runs an event at Equitana each year. The competitors are predominantly mounted on Australian Quarter Horses. This could also be another area of opportunity.

Peter Bellden acknowledges the current AQHA Board for a job well done in difficult economic climate. Also suggests that in future, the Youth World Cup team does not need to consist of nine or ten team members. This process is being reviewed and the suggestion was noted.

Meeting closed 3.16pm