

AMATEUR DIVISION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Amateur Division
Minutes
Tuesday 9th April, 2019
Lecture Theatre, AELEC Tamworth 2018**

Meeting Commenced: 7.09pm

1. **Welcomed by:** John Steel who Chaired the meeting
2. **Attendances:** Carol Elliott, Justine Jones, Nikita Noakes, Gail Lowden, Joanne Gregory (AQHA Board Member) , Robyn Smith, Thereisa Witheridge, Jenni Johnston, Pam Phillips, Deanne Warwick, John Steel, Annette Boyd, Rachel Elliott, Cassandra Grainger, Keryle Devlin, Lyndall Daunt, Brooke Casswell, Leanne Bartlett, Janette Wallace, Joseph Wallace, Paul Lorimer (AQHA Board Member) , Gemma Clarke (AQHA Manager & minute taker).
3. **Apologies:** Leonie Gorski, Yasmin Lee-Steere, Carol Ahern, Kristy Muscat, Pam Jones, Sam Hushe, Kristy Andrew.
4. **Acceptance of 2018 AGM Minutes**

Motion: That the 2018 Amateur AGM Minutes are accepted.

Moved: John Steel

Seconded: Robyn Smith

All in Favour

Carried

5. **Business arising from 2018 minutes** – Nil

6. **Presidents Report:** copies of the Presidents Report were distributed

Hi Fellow Amateur Team Members

We are very proud of our Amateur Division Logo. This will ensure our members can identify any letters, surveys and general communications we send.

I would like to thank our hard-working Committee; Carol Elliott (Vic), Yasmin Lee-Steere (Vic), Carol Ahern (TAS), Jodi Jakubenko (QLD) and Krystee Muscat (QLD).

Committee Members are volunteers (strapped for time), but still manage to organize, assist and communicate with the Amateur Body. On behalf of all Amateurs, thank you Committee for all your dedication and hard work.

Thank you Gemma Clarke, Directors and all the AQHA Staff that are always willing to assist us. Kate Elliott is our Amateur Division Director and it has been a pleasure to work with such an insightful and proactive Director. I believe that all Amateurs will benefit from the various initiatives that are being developed.

So much has been achieved this year.

- Amateurs are confidently using the 'Survey Monkey' communication system.
- Running a successful Amateur Trail Clinics in Victoria.
- Running Amateur Teams Challenges at the WA, SA, QLD, Tas and Vic State Shows.
- Completing an Australian wide survey of all Amateurs to give feedback directly to the AQHA Board and assist the Amateur Division Committee plan our future events.
- Comments from the Survey were sent to the AQHA, allowing every Amateur to give individual feedback to our association.
- We **WON** the Kelato People's Choice Award for Equitana 2018. The Quarter Horse was voted the most popular horse displayed in the Breeders Village by the general public.
- Equitana showcased the Amateur and Youth Divisions.
- Many Amateurs and Trainers attending International Clinics. Fantastic to see our wonderful Australian Trainers attending Clinics, thus reinforcing information acquired on the International level.
- It is refreshing to receive positive comments from our Amateurs, as your Amateur Division
- Committee are working extremely hard to organize activities for all Amateurs. Remember all these positions are voluntary.
- The Survey Monkey initiative, ensures all members receive the information at the exact same time and Amateurs response are recorded in a timeline. Only Members that allowed the AQHA to give out their email address will be sent the link. I suggest Amateur members in all States ensure the AQHA have permission to use their email address and check that your address is **Correct**.

To do list:

- Amateur Trail Clinics to be run in all States.
- Complete the Amateur Team Challenge at Q20.
- Encourage and support every Amateur to join in the Amateur Teams Challenge event, leaving NO rider to stand-alone.
- Encouraging our Improver riders to join our Novice Amateur Division.
- Encourage Affiliate Clubs to organise Social events for our members, thus bringing back the 'FUN' element to our Shows. Many Clubs have organized social nights rather than night programs at their Shows, which competitors have embraced.
- Cajole/ encourage..... More Amateurs to complete the AQHA Amateur Division Profile for the magazine.
- Educate our members to use the AQHA Facebook page, as a valuable communication tool.
- Good luck to the Amateurs riding in the Q19, make sure you take part in the Amateur Division Teams Challenge.

The Amateur Division Committee sends their best wishes to our members that have been affected by the drought and floods. Looking forward to 2019, catching up with friends at Shows, Clinics and Meetings.

Finally, thank you to the Amateur Division Committee for their hard work and dedication. Onwards and upwards!!
Cheers Leonie Gorski

Motion: That the Presidents report is accepted.
Moved: Janette Wallace
Seconded: Kim Johnson
All in Favour
Carried

7. Treasurer's Report: copies of the detailed Treasurers report were distributed

Financial Report Summary

Bank balance as at 01/04/18	\$14 731.19
Plus Income	5,256.09
Less Expenses	4,548.25
Bank Balance as at 28/02/2019	\$15 439.03

Motion: That the Treasurers report is accepted.
Moved: John Steel
Seconded: Carol Elliott
All in Favour
Carried

8. John Steel declared Amateur Division Committee positions vacant

Committee members with 12 months remaining on their term: Leonie Gorski, Carol Ahern, Jodi Jankubenko, Krystee Muscat.

Nominations AQHA received: - Carol Elliott and Yasmin Lee-Steere

Motion: That Carol Elliott and Yasmin Lee-Steere be returned to the Amateur Division Committee.
Moved: John Steel
Seconded: Robyn Smith
All in Favour
Carried

9. Nominations received from the Floor: -

Motion: That Justine Jones be elected to the Amateur Division Committee.
Moved: Annie Boyde
Seconded: Cassandra Grainer
All in Favour
Carried

10. Declaration of Amateur Division Committee's Election Results:

All nominations are elected to the Amateur Division Committee unopposed.

The committee members of the Amateur Division are: Leonie Gorski, Carol Ahern, Jodi Jakubenko, Krystee Muscat, Carol Elliott, Yasmin Lee-Steere and Justine Jones.

11. Officers of Division:

The election of the division's officers will be conducted by the Amateur Committee via teleconference. The representatives of the committee will be provided to the AQHA at the completion of teleconference.

12. General Business:

Notice of Motion: That the committee quorum numbers be reduced from fifteen (15) to eleven (11) and electronic submission of committee nominations and communication be approved.

Moved: Carol Elliott

Seconded: Jo Johnson

All in Favour

Carried

The possibility of holding a Class within a Class, moving the American Show program into the National Show or pre-show program was discussed, following it being raised at the Pro Trainers Meeting.

Clarification required on the following;

- Novice Amateur, Open Amateur – Should points be added together for Novice and Amateur?
- Novice Amateur – Do we count Youth points, Roms in Youth?

Survey Monkey – Robyn Smith raised that membership details (emails) need to be checked and a request sent to all Amateur members asking approval for the Amateur Division to have their contact details to distribute committee activities.

Ideally Affiliates should be engaged to host further AQHA Clinics. First Aid requirements to be checked.

Motion: That a 'Senior Select' 65+ Class be introduced at State and National Shows.

Moved: Annie Boyde

Seconded: Cassandra Grainger

All in Favour

Carried

Meeting Closed: 8.02pm