PHAA 2016 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Sundance Motel, cnr New England Highway & Burgmans Lane

MEETING OPENED - 7.05 pm

ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ATTENDANCE: Malcolm Hume, Fred Burton, Craig Dengate, Kerri-Anne Hobbs, Nicole Steinberger, Gary Steinberger, Jeffery Hall, Lee Ann Hall, Jodie Saville, Rosena Fyfe, Adam Dennis, Jeni Dennis, Tony Wright, Christina Ponsford, Helen McLean, Jim McLean, Veronique Joubert, Phillippe Joubert, Steve Conn, Joy Conn, Dawn O'Reilly, Rod Shaw, Karen Howard, Brett Fisher, Peter Howard, Maurice Potter, Lucille Potter, Kevin Gorrie

Proxies: 14 proxies received (See list Attachment 1), not all valid.

Counters: Katie Mountjoy and Jeni Dennis

Timekeeper: Katie Mountjoy

APOLOGIES

Frances Bear, Kevin Mills, Joanne Ralston

1 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 30th May 2015

Minutes of last AGM from 30th May 2015 presented to the meeting. MOTION: Minutes from 2014 AGM are accepted as correct

Moved: Craig Dengate Seconded: Kerri-Ann Hobbs

In favour: All - CARRIED

2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Malcolm Hume read the president's report to the meeting (see Item 2).

MOTION: To accept the President's Report as presented Moved: Craig Dengate Seconded: Rod Shaw

In Favour: All - CARRIED

3 FINANCE & COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nicole Steinberger read the Company Secretary's report to the meeting (see Item 3).

MOTION: To accept the Finance & Company Secretary's Report as presented

Moved: Kerri Ann Hobbs Seconded: Dawn O'Reilly

In Favour: All - CARRIED

4 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Malcolm presented financial reports from the Auditor. The 2015 Financial review has been completed by the new auditors (Crowe Horwath) and has been signed off by the President and Finance Director. The report was presented to the meeting for consideration. (See Item 4). The 2015 PHAA Financial review figures show a profit of \$ 28,367

MOTION: That the Accountants financial review as tabled be accepted.

Moved: Nicole Steinberger Seconded: Dawn O'Reilly

In Favour: All - CARRIED

4.1 Rule 3 Currently reads:

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is a privilege not a right, application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership or application therefore may be terminated or rejected by the Board for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members, as determined by the Board. Termination or application rejection under this paragraph shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

The Paint Horse Association of Australia is the National Breed association and registry for Paints in Australia. The Association handles registration of horses, transfers of ownership.

Annual membership is due 1st July of each year. New memberships received from 1st May will include membership for the following year. See schedule of fees.

Anyone suspended from membership or subject to any disciplinary action by the Paint Horse Association of Australia will be automatically removed from the list of approved judges, and in order to be returned to this list, after reinstatement to full membership privileges, must apply for approval under the current procedure for new applicants for admission on to the approved judges list.

Membership number is to be stated on all papers and forms.

- (a) The name of a female member may be changed in the membership records of the Association to reflect her current marital status.
- (b) Any member whose membership becomes delinquent can be reinstated by paying the current year's dues.
- (c) All members, while in good standing, shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property; shall have the right to vote in all general meetings and to hold office and committee assignments except as otherwise limited.
- (d) No person, after the date he has been denied the privileges of the Association, shall be allowed to register any horse with the Association and no horse shall be registered which is either sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by him on the breeding date where the breeding date is shown to be subsequent to the denial of such privileges.
- (e) The name of members applying for registration of a horse shall be the same as that appearing on the membership card. In the event that the name or names appearing on the application form differs from the name or names appearing on the membership card, then an additional membership will be required. The applicant should clearly indicate under what name or names the membership is to be recorded. If registrations are applied for by an individual, the membership should be applied for in the full name of the individual; if by a partnership, the exact name of the partnership or individuals in that partnership; if by a corporation, in the corporate name; if by a family, in the family name of the membership. Two memberships may not be included on a registration application except in the case of individual Life Members in accordance with part (f) below.
- (f) An individual Life member may apply for registration of a horse in conjunction with any other Single or Life member. A maximum of two individuals only, may be included on any one registration application. (Rule change approved BOD Meeting June 2012)

Life member: For individual persons being full members who are interested in the promotion of the Paint Horse in Australia, and who have been admitted to life membership by the Board Of Directors. Life membership does not include the provision for a journal

Full member: For individual persons who are owners of Paints or who are interested in the promotion of Paints in Australia.

Constituent members: Constituent members are entitled to two nominees, details of which must be shown on the application form (2 votes). The nominee/s does all the bookwork, signatures and voting on behalf of the Constituent membership. Only the two nominees may show horses under that membership.

Family Members - to be those members residing in the same household. A maximum of 2 adults and 3 youth will be allowed per family membership. Family memberships shall be entitled to a maximum of 2 adults voting.

Junior Youth Membership: For persons under the age of 14 years as at 1st August. Membership does not include voting privileges in the Association except as pertains to youth organisation matters.

Senior Youth Membership: Membership is available to youths 14 to 18 years. Membership does not include voting privileges in the Association except as pertains to youth organisation matters.

Being a member of a Regional Club does not make one a member of the PHAA. Membership in regional clubs varies from one club to another, so you would have to check with your regional club for information on regional membership.

Colleges or Universities may hold a Constituent membership. Students of the college / university may show as nominees within the membership, provided no more than two students exhibit in any one show and the names of the exhibiting students are advised to the PHAA in writing prior to commencement of the show. Evidence that the student is enrolled in the college / university must be provided to the PHAA. Refer also rule 237 (i)

Notice of Motion to change to read:

Under Rule 3 Following sub paragraph (f)

Insert new heading and allocate sub paragraph numbering to existing membership types:

Types of memberships:

- (a) Life member: (as written)
- (b) Full member: (as written)
- (c)Constituent member: (as written)
- (d) Family members: (as written)
- (e) Junior youth member: (as written)
- (f) Senior youth member: (as written)

Insert new (g) and (h)

- (g) Associate member: For a person who no longer own or show a paint horse and wish to remain associated with the PHAA or who have never owned a paint horse but who wish to be associated with the PHAA. Membership will entail voting privileges and a journal.
- (h) Introductory membership: For a person who has never been a member of the PHAA and is considering the purchase of or has just purchased a paint horse. Membership will entail all privileges of a full membership. Introductory membership is only for the initial 12 months or part thereof when first joining the PHAA after which full membership must be purchased.

(Schedule of fees will need to be amended to incorporate the changes and both Associate and introductory memberships will be set at \$95)

MOVED: Nicole Steinberger | SECONDED: Kerri-Ann Hobbs

Comment from proposer:

- a. To allow members an Associate membership to be involved in the PHAA at a reduced rate.
- b. To allow membership for a person who has never been a member at a reduced rate.

Comment from BOD - The BOD's support this motion.

- a. Was requested by previous members who wanted an ongoing involvement in the PHAA but no longer own a horse and do not want to pay the full membership as such.
- b. An idea from the Board with the desired outcome being new memberships

This motion requires over a 50% majority to pass

Move an amendment to move the schedule of fees into the comments section and not be part of the motion

Moved: Nicole Steinberger Seconded: Lee Ann Hall

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: ALL - Against: 0 - Abstentions: 0 - Motion Accepted

4.2 MOTION 2 – Article 12. (d) Election of Directors

Article 12. (d) currently reads:

12.

Any person who is appointed to the Board of Directors other than by election of the members (standing unopposed, elected unopposed from "the floor" etc) shall only hold office for a period of 12 months. That person is entitled to stand for the Board again at the expiration of the 12 month term

Notice of Motion to change to read:

Amend Article 12. (d) and insert new Article 12. (e)

- 12. (d) Any person who is appointed to the Board of Directors other than by election of the members (standing unopposed "from the floor" etc) shall only hold office for a period of 12 months or the remainder of the 12 month term at the time of coming to the position. The person is entitled to stand for the Board again at the expiration of the 12 month term or the remainder of the 12 month term at the time of coming into the position.
- 12. (e) Where two Board members are elected to the Board unopposed from the nominations received by the closing date from one geographical area as listed at Article 12. (a) (ii) then to maintain continuality on the Board only one of those members would be required to stand down after the 12 month period the other being permitted to serve a two year term. The decision as to who stands down will be decided by the Board of Directors vote.

MOVED: Malcolm Hume | SECONDED: Vicki Hume

Comments from proposer:

Currently the Article calls for five of the seven Directors to stand down in 2016. No company would change this amount of Directors in one year and see it lose continuality and corporate knowledge vital to the company's ongoing stability

Comment from the BOD - The BOD's support this motion

The BOD's support this motion as it make good corporate sense and stability in the running of the PHAA

This motion requires over a 75% majority to pass

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: ALL - Against: 0 - Abstentions: 0 - Motion Carried

4.3 Notice of Motion 237 – 2 (iii)

Rule 237 – 2 (iii) Currently Reads

237. AMATEUR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Refer also rules 217(h) and 228(b)

QUALIFICATION: To qualify as an Amateur exhibitor with the PHAA, and individual must meet the following requirements:

- 2. **Remuneration restrictions**. Please note this includes their period competing as a Youth member, where applicable.
 - iii) Prize money is not to be considered remuneration. Payment of entry fees and expenses, by any person other than the person's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s), sister(s), shall be considered remuneration.

Notice of Motion to change to read:

Insert new heading and allocate sub paragraph numbering to existing

The Payment of Stabling for a Horse being loaned to a non family member by that Youth is NOT considered remuneration.

MOVED: Rosena Fyfe | SECONDED: Frances Bear

Comment from Proposer:

This is in support of our Youth, Amateurs loaning horses should not be penalized for supporting the riders of tomorrow.

This motion requires over a 50% majority to pass

LeeAnn Hall spoke against the motion on the grounds that they should be submitted at a board meeting, that if rules are changed at an AGM then they can only be changed at another AGM.

Malcolm requested that Rosie formally withdraw her motions for presentation at the next Board Meeting.

Rosie Fyfe formally requested that her 3 motions (3, 4, 5) be withdrawn from the AGM and tabled at the next Board Meeting.

Suggestion from LeeAnn that we publish in journal Rosie's thoughts for comment for the Board to Consider at their next meeting.

Vote called for and taken. - Not needed.

4.4 MOTION 4 – Notice of Motion 236 and 237 (a) (b)

Rule 236, 237 Currently Reads:

237. AMATEUR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Only current financial members are eligible for PHAA amateur status. All exhibitors in amateur classes are required to hold a PHAA amateur card. All horses shown in amateur classes must be registered with the PHAA. All horses shown in amateur classes must be registered with PHAA in order to obtain association points and awards.

Any Horse exhibited by an Amateur in Amateur or Open classes, must be owned or leased by the contestant or by contestants spouse, parents, de-facto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s). Horses owned by anyone other than listed above, do not fulfil the ownership requirements under the PHAA Amateur rule. An Amateur may not exhibit a horse owned by anyone other than the Amateur or their immediate family as specified above. The minimum Lease period for any horse for any Amateur competitor will be 12 months.

237 (B) MASTERS AMATEUR

PHAA members who qualify under Rule 237 as an Amateur, will be eligible to apply for Masters Amateur endorsement from the date of their 50th birthday. Proof of age will be required on application by providing a copy of Drivers License or Birth Certificate. All rules pertaining to Masters Amateur eligibility and criteria will be according to rules used for PHAA Amateur Program

Financial members of the PHAA who are current Amateurs may apply for Masters Amateur endorsement. Masters Amateur endorsement entitles an Amateur to compete in Masters Amateur classes once a fee has been paid and the application processed.

Masters Amateurs must not compete on a different horse at the same show in the same category in Amateur classes.

A separate Points sheet is to be submitted for Masters Amateur classes.

Masters Amateur points earned with Paint Bred horses shall remain in a separate Honour roll.

A Masters Amateur cannot compete as an Amateur in the same class at the same show. E.g. Masters Amateur Trail cannot compete in Amateur Trail as well. A Masters Amateur choosing to compete in any category at a show (for example Masters Trail) is not confined to Masters Amateur in other classes (eg Masters Hunter Under Saddle, and Masters Western Pleasure).

Points gained in Masters Amateur classes or Select Amateur classes will be tabulated for Masters Amateur Honour Roll and High Point Awards. Masters Amateur Points will not be added into calculations for PHAA open Amateur Honour Roll and Awards.

Refer also rules 217(h) and 228(b)

Rule 236 Currently reads

236. PHAA YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

- i) Only points gained in youth classes are eligible, and youth must be financial members of the PHAA in order to have points tabulated.
- ii) A separate Official Show results form for youth performance is to be used. Youth competing with a Rider Exemption Card will be eligible to obtain the following awards.
- *iii)* Points are accumulative towards PHAA Youth Champion, Superior All-Round Youth, Youth Versatility, Register of Merit, Distinction, Superior and Century awards on any number of horses over any length of time.
- iv) Points toward PHAA High Point Youth of the Year Award, High Point Youth of The State, Top Ten Youth, Youth Honour Rolls and High Point Youth Awards at approved shows are calculated on a one horse/one rider basis. Where a youth shows different horses in youth events then those horses' points will be tallied individually.
- v) Deleted was Rule 237(iii) AGM 2013 Motion 5)
- vi) Refer also rules 217(h) and 228(b)
- vii) Classes that are open to age groups that include but exceed 18 years and under will not gain youth points
- viii) Limited Youth Membership. A reduced membership fee will be allowed for Junior youth (10 years & Under) with limited showing rights of Showmanship, Youth Walk/Trot & Youth Walk/Jog and leadline. The membership card will be noted accordingly. Effective 1st August 2011. (Immediate rule changes June 2011 BOD Meeting)

Notice of Motion to change to read:

Insert new heading and allocate sub paragraph numbering to existing

Two horses may be shown by Youth, Amateur and Masters Amateur competitors in individually judged events e.g., Trail, HSAA Horsemanship and Dressage

MOVED: Rosena Fyfe | SECONDED: Frances Bear

Comment from Proposer:

This will bring the PHAA in line with showing rights within the AQHA Rules. This gives people a chance to bring new horses in slowly. There is no disadvantage as high points are allocated on a one horse/rider combination.

Motion Withdrawn

4.5 MOTION 5 – Notice of Motion 229

Rule 229 Currently Reads

229. HIGH POINT HORSE OF SHOW

It is not mandatory for a High Point Award to be made at an approved show, however, if such an award is

designated, the following scoring system shall be used to determine the winner.

- (a) To be eligible for all round honours, a horse must compete in at least three (3) approved performance events
- (b) Horses placing in the top six will be allotted points as set out in the HSAA Rule Book.
- (c) No points are to be awarded to a disqualified horse regardless of the number in the class.

Notice of Motion to Change to read

Insert new heading and allocate sub paragraph numbering to existing

No points from feature events will be awarded toward high point awards eg Classic's or Futurities

MOVED: Rosena Fyfe | SECONDED: Frances Bear

Comment from Proposer:

This makes it more fair for those competing only in their age events, as it currently means specialized horses can accumulate 2 lots of points from one event.

I feel that High point should be about recognizing the all round horse/rider combination.

This motion requires over a 50% majority to pass

Motion Withdrawn

5 NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS The Chairman advised the meeting of the results of the election for the Board of Directors. The following directors were appointed. Insert the directors Acceptance of company auditors. Crowe Horwath have been appointed for this and that Malcolm moves and NS seconded

7	MEETING CLOSE
	Meeting closed 7.45 pm.