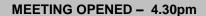
# PHAA 2015 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Caboolture RSL Club, Cnr Beerburrum Rd



ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ATTENDANCE: Malcolm Hume, Fred Burton, Grea Allchin, Craig Dengate, Kerri-Anne Hobbs. Nicole Steinberger, Gary Steinberger, Jeffery Hall, Leanne Hall, Lauren Elkins, Chris Burton, Dennis Sullings, Michelle Boldizsar, Robert Brumm, Maxine Albury, Mark Bellinger, Jackie Bellinger, Helen Bentley, Duane Bergman, Dale Bergman, James McLean Helen McLean, Trevor Page, Annette Page, Gillard Family, Kristy Trigg, Steve Thake, Anne Thake, Shirley Sommer, Sharon Gillard, Ross Gillard

**Proxies**: 31 proxies received (See list Attachment 1)

Counters: Kerri-Anne Hobbs and Ross Gillard

Timekeeper: Nicole Steinberger

#### **APOLOGIES**

Marilyn Shelton, Graham Thornton, Rose Thornton, Jodie and Gail Ward, Sharron Moore, Carol Rushby, Steven Conn, Joy Conn, Sandra Buckingham, Jan Biddle, Marion Worley, Ben Dunn, Lynette Dunn, David Egan, Leanne Prime, Melissa Carmichael, Sally Mcphee

### ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 25th April, 2014

Minutes of last AGM from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 presented to the meeting. MOTION: Minutes from 2014 AGM are accepted as correct

Moved: Greg Allchin Seconded: Chris Burton

In favour: All - CARRIED

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

MOTION: To accept the President's Report as presented Moved: Greg Allchin Seconded: Garry Steinberger

In Favour: All - CARRIED

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT** 3

Greg Allchin read the Company Secretary's report to the meeting (see Attachment 3).

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

Moved: Dennis Sullings Seconded: Leanne Hall

In Favour: All - CARRIED

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Malcolm presented financial reports from the Auditor. The 2014 Financial review has been completed by the auditor (Peter Singh from Christies) and has been signed off by the President and Company Secretary. The report was presented to the meeting for consideration. (See attachment 3). The 2014 PHAA Financial review figures show a profit of \$22,136

Malcolm advised property information will be posted on the web site Monday if not by next week. Lee Ann Hall asked 'Were the financials put up on the web site 2 weeks prior to the AGM' which Malcolm advised he would look into it. Lee Ann Hall inquired in regards to merchandise loss are we getting anything back, Malcolm advised that merchandise is making a return.

#### 4 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

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

Moved: Jeffery Hall Seconded: Leanne Hall

In Favour: All - CARRIED

#### 4 NOTICES OF MOTION

## 4.1 Motion 1: PHAA Memorandum of Association & Articles of Association

Article 14 currently reads:

- 14. The election of members of the Board shall take place in the following manner:-
  - (a) Sixty (60) days at least before the Annual General Meeting the Company Secretary shall send to all financial members of the Association a notice specifying the names of the Board members who are retiring and the respective geographical area represented by each retiring member and any two (2) financial members of the Association shall be entitled to nominate candidates for election in which each such candidates resides. All Nominations must be in writing signed by the nominating members and by the person nominated as consent to their nomination and all nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer, who must be an independent third party, not less than forty five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Notice of Motion to change to read:

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MOVED: Malcolm Hume | SECONDED: Vicki Hume

**Comment from Proposer's -** The amendment will bring the articles of the association into line with the PHAA solicitor's recommendations.

**Comment from BOD** - *The* BOD's support this motion as the amendment brings into line the PHAA's Articles of Association with the solicitor's advice received.

Comments at AGM – General discussions about registered mail

Concerns about the motion, can a second original be posted out if the original one is lost.

Malcolm to check with solicitors to see if we can send a replacement if original is lost.

Shirley Sommer - About registered mail can become a cost. Over kill about registered mail.

Ross Gillard – About emailing the Directors Nominations. Why can we not use email instead of post. Leanne Hall is against the motion as it has worked fine over time and had not had a problem like this before, so why change the rule.

Greg Allchin is for the motion with changing times we need to consider emails.

Leanne Hall – What happens, do you hold up the AGM's while you are tracking the registered mail?

Moved Amendment – Traceable mail not registered

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 36 - Against: 10 - Abstentions: 9 - Motion: Amendment carried

Motion 1

In favour: 39 - Against: 24 - Abstentions: - Motion: Carried

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### 4.2 Motion 2: Change to Futurity Guideline Incentives

Reference - Futurity Guideline Rule 20

Delete "exception" - The Board of Directors reserves the right to allow provision to reallocate an amount of prize money within a futurity to offer incentives to the competitors in that event.

Replace - No prize money can be used by the Board of Directors or PHAA to promote any incentive within a Futurity. All incentives/promotions should come from within the portfolios of "geldings" "amateur", funded by the PHAA or a subcommittee of the respective portfolios.

#### MOVED: Fred Burton | SECONDED: Lauren Elkins

**Comment from Proposer's -** All prize money generated in each futurity belongs to those who participate and not the PHAA or Board of Directors. Only trophies, garlands, judging fees & arena hire proportioned should be deducted for each Futurity.

**Comment From the BOD** - *The* BOD's do not support this motion. The members proposed these incentives through a motion at an AGM and subsequently the motion was carried. The members of course have the right to reverse this if they choose by carrying this new motion.

#### Comments at AGM - Greg Allchin in Favour of motion

Chris Burton – Should give to Halter Futurities, Craig said that the Halter Futurities is Limited AO. Kerry Hobbs against the motion.

Shirley Sommer agrees with Kerri-ann we need to concentrate on the AO as it is the backbone of the Association.

Kristy Trigg was asking about how much funds.

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 23 - Against: 41 - Abstentions: - Motion Not Carried

#### 4.3 Motion 3: Paint Horse Advertising

The PHAA Board shall budget for, and set aside, a minimum of five thousand dollars per annum for the regular promotion of Paint Horses and the Paint Horse breed in "outside" publications such as Horse Deals and any other All-Breed magazine or E-zine as will provide exposure to non members.

This should include (but not be restricted to) advertisements in Horse Deals Stallion issues with details (and photos if available) of all the stallions whose services have been donated to the YISC.

#### MOVED: Carol Rushby | SECONDED: Sharon Gilkison

**Comment from Proposer's -** A very large amount of the Association's annual budget is now taken up in the production of the Paint Horse Journal, which is only distributed to members. (Preaching to the converted). However "outside" advertising/promotion of the Paint Horse breed has fallen by the wayside and there is very little being done to promote our breed and introduce new buyers and members. This oversight needs to be corrected if our Association is to grow and prosper.

**Comment from BOD** - The BOD's do not support this motion. The BOD's allocate funding to advertising as is seen pertinent at the time. To lock in \$5000 on an annual basis may seem viable when the PHAA is on a sound financial footing but is not an annual expense the BOD's is currently prepared to commit to. The BOD's are happy to receive recommendations from members for relevant advertising campaigns and would decide each one on its merits and the current financial situation.

**Comments at AGM** – Ross Gillard suggested something more needs to be done just not \$5000.00. Craig Dengate advised the BOD will allocate funds on a case by case basis. Kerri Ann Hobbs commented by not locking in to \$5000.00 the board could look at promotion in other ways, maybe writing and submitting articles.

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 0 - Against: All - Abstentions: - Motion Not Carried

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#### 4.4 Motion 4: AGM in Conjunction with National Show

The Board shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the Association complies with all the legal requirements to ensure that the AGM shall continue to be held in conjunction with the PHAA National Show. (As has been the case for the last nine years)

Such legal requirements regarding the issuing of Directors Nominations and voting forms, Notices of Motion, Proxy forms, and the appointment of a qualified person to count the votes etc shall be undertaken in a timely manner to ensure that there shall be no need for the postponement or change of venue for the AGM.

MOVED: Carol Rushby | SECONDED: Sharon Gilkison

**Comment from Proposers** - *Many* years ago members voted for the AGM to be held in conjunction with the National Show to allow for the maximum possible member attendance. The variations that had to be made to ensure we complied with Corporate and Taxation Laws etc have now been in place for 9 years and there should be no reason for the Association not being able to comply

**Comment from BOD** - The BOD's do not support this motion. The BOD's where possible agree the AGM should be held in conjunction with the National Show but maintain the right to shift the dates as is seen to be best suited for the Association. The 2015 AGM was postponed due to legal advice and the proposed amendments to the articles if passed (motion one) should avoid such action in the future. The Association cannot be locked into a set date for an AGM and still meet its corporate responsibilities in an unforeseen circumstance.

**Comments at AGM** – Carol did want to pull this out but has not done at the time of the AGM. No Comments

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 3 - Against: All - Abstentions: - Motion Not Carried

#### 4.5 Motion 5: PHAA National Show

The PHAA National Show shall never be combined with or run in conjunction with any other breed show.

MOVED: Carol Rushby | SECONDED: Sharon Gilkison

**Comment from Proposers** - *The* PHAA National Show is the showcase of our Paint breed and the prestige of this show and the "identity" of the Paint Horse would be seriously degraded by combining with any other breed. Besides being unworkable in execution it would be totally confusing to the onlookers.

Comment from the BOD - *The* BOD's do not support this motion. The BOD's is committed to providing the best National Show possible to its members. As the costs of conducting the event increase so must the prices to its membership (the competitors). This is an ever increasing burden. While the BOD's would where possible continue to hold a singular event, if a proposal was put forward for a combined show that saved its members (the competitors) a significant sum of money, thus reducing attendance costs, the BOD's would be derelict in its responsibilities if they did not investigate the options. The National Show should be run as a cost neutral event (or as close as possible to cost neutral). The BOD's would not conduct a joint show without canvassing the membership for their views prior to a decision being made as was the previous case. An example is that in the future there may be opportunity for a complex to provide two covered arenas thereby providing the ability to run two shows at the same time with minimal conflict. An example is if AELEC had two covered arenas and where the current hire agreement is for the whole facility, more than one Association could use the facility for no additional cost to the hirer effectively halving the cost to competitors while continuing to utilise a world class venue.

#### **Comments at AGM** – No Comments.

Shirley Sommer was asking about what insurance would cover if we joined the shows, which association will cover which arena/area?

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Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 1 - Against: All - Abstentions: - Motion Not Carried

#### 4.6 Motion 6: Amendment to PHAA Financial Year

The Board of Directors be vested the authority to investigate the viability of amending the Associations Financial Year to be August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> annually. The Directors be vested the authority to act and implement a change of Financial Year if found to be viable and approved by ASIC. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in accordance with time frames as specified by ASIC.

MOVED: Lee Ann Hall | SECONDED: Jeffrey Hall

**Comment from Proposers** - *To* move the financial year to coincide with the activities of the Association. To allow the AGM and High Point presentations to be held at an earlier date. To allow the AGM to be held in different locations.

**Comment from BOD** - The BOD's do not support this motion. The BOD's note that the financial year has already been amended to its current dates to suit the membership's view. The BOD's believe that the most suitable time to hold the AGM is when most of the membership has the opportunity to attend whether they are to be part of an active debate on a motion or just to view the proceedings which is their prerogative. While the BOD's is cognisant that the High Point Awards are held later than would be perfect, it again allows for more members to be present at the presentation event.

**Comments at AGM** – Leanne Hall likes the AGM done at the National show but would like to have the ability to change date and locations. State to State has been done in the past and it has worked well.

Vote called for and taken.

In favour: 29 - Against: 37 - Abstentions: - Motion Not Carried

#### 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.

NSW/ACT Two (2) Directors 2 Filled elected Jeffrey Hall

David Egan

VIC/TAS/WA/SA Two (2) Directors 2 Filled unopposed Malcolm Hume

Kerri-Ann Hobbs

QLD/NT Two (2) Directors 1 Filled unopposed Nicole Steinberger

Fred Burton

INTERNATIONAL/OTHER One (1) Director 1 Filled unopposed Laurel Lee Wear

Craig Dengate remains on the Board as Immediate Past President

.Leanne Prime – moved Kerri-Ann Hobbs

Second Leanne Hall

Fred Burton – moved by Garry Steinberger

Second Dale Bergman

Ross Gillard - moved by Dennis Sulling

Second Robert Brumm

A secret ballot was called for. Successful candidate from the vote was Fred Burton.

5	NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

6	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
	Appointment of Auditor for 2015
	Greg Allchin has suggested that we look at getting a new accountant for the office as he said the office staffs are too close to Christies Accountants.  In Favour: 10 Against: 16  Leave as is at the moment but look into other possible accountants.
7	MEETING CLOSE
	Meeting closed 6.15pm.