

**AMATEUR DIVISION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

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**Amateur Division Members Meeting  
Tuesday 11th April, 2018  
Lecture Theatre, AELEC Tamworth 2018**

**Meeting Commenced:** 5.55pm

- 1. Welcomed by:** Kate Elliott
- 2. Attendances:** Kate Elliott (Amateur Director), Kim Johnson (President), Carol Elliott, , Krystee Muscat, Carol Ahern, Susan Gittus, Tanya Muscat, Janette Wallace, Lee Wallace, Rebecca Salt, J. Gregory, Judy Johnston, Rachel Elliott Robyn Smith, Justine Jones, Nikita Noakes and Toni Ross (minute taker).
- 3. Apologies:** Leonie Gorski, Yasmin Lee-Steer.
- 4. Acceptance of 2017 AGM Minutes**

**Motion:** That the 2017 Amateur AGM Minutes are accepted.

**Moved:** Joe Wallace

**Seconded:** Krystee Muscat

**All in Favour**

**Carried**

**5. Business arising from 2017 minutes**

**6. Presidents Report:** read by Carol Elliott in Leonie Gorski's absence.

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), Rebecca Fatchen (SA), Yasmin Lee-Steere (Vic), Carla Cox (NSW), Carol Ahern and Jodi Jakubenko (QLD).

The Committee is all 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 Toni Ross, Directors and all the AQHA Staff that is 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.

1. Amateurs are confidently using the 'Survey Monkey' communication system.
2. Running exceptionally successful Amateur Clinics in Queensland, Victoria and Queensland.
3. Running Amateur Teams Challenges at the WA, SA, QLD and Vic State Shows. Vic alone had 14 teams competing, 42 Amateurs joined in the fun.
4. 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.
5. Comments from the Survey were sent to the AQHA, allowing every Amateur to give individual feedback to our association.
6. 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 responses 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:

1. Amateur Clinics to be run in all States.
2. Complete the Amateur Team Challenge at Q18, NSW and QLD State Shows.
3. Encourage and support every Amateur to join in the Amateur Teams Challenge event, leave no rider to stand-alone.

Good luck to the Amateurs riding in the Q18, make sure you take part in the Amateur Division Teams Challenge.

The Amateur Division Committee sends their best wishes to our members in QLD.

Looking forward to 2018 and 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!!

**Motion:** That the Presidents report is accepted.

**Moved:** Janette Wallace

**Seconded:** Kim Johnson

**All in Favour**

**Carried**

## 7. Treasurer's Report: read by Carol Elliott

**Motion:** That the Treasurers report is accepted.

**Moved:** Kim Johnson

**Seconded:** Judy Johnston

**All in Favour**

**Carried**

**8. Carol Elliott declared all Amateur Division Committee positions vacant**

**Up for re-election:** Leonie Gorski, Jodi Jakubenko, Rebecca Fatchen, Carol Ahern and Carla Cox

**Committee members with 12 months remaining on their term:** Carol Elliott and Yasmin Lee Steere

**Nominations AQHA received:** - Carol Ahern, Leonie Gorski and Jodi Jakubenko

**9. Nominations received from the Floor: -**

**Self-Nominated:** Krystee Muscat

**Seconded:** Rachael Elliott

**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, Jodi Jakubenko, Carol Ahern, Carol Elliott, Yasmin Lee-Steere and Krystee Muscat

**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:**

Justin Jones: NSW Amateur Clinic could they relocate NSW Amateur Clinics or alternate between Sydney & Dubbo every second year? If the division did this she would be more than happy to assist the committee running the clinic.

Joanne Gregory: stated that she resides in NSW but her horse is located in Victoria. She only received an invitation for the NSW Amateur Clinic. She would like the Amateur Division to investigate this problem.

Carol Elliott: said this could be addressed by the division if this type of information is provided through survey monkey

**Meeting Closed: 6.16pm**