

**AMATEUR DIVISION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Lecture Theatre AELEC Tamworth, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.40pm

**Present:** Terry McSweeney, Peter Bellden, Paula Balgera, Carol Ahern, Kerry Blackaller, Steve Blackaller, Annette Boyd, Lynda Cavallo, Fran Christian, Carla Cox, Carol Elliott, Glenna Davidson-Finnie, Maxine Finnie, Pam Jones, Steve Leggett, Paul Lorimer, Carolyn Riley, Simone Robinson, Rebecca Salt, Robyn Smith, John Steel, Wendy Ullett, Janette Wallace, Joseph Wallace & Toni Ross Office Manager (Minutes).

**Welcomed by:**

Paula Balgera - President

**Apologies:** Leonie Gorski, Yasmin Lee-Steer, Glenys Ham, Jade Thomas-Spicer, Victoria Aldridge & Rachel Elliott.

**Acceptance of 2015 AGM Meeting Minutes:**

**Moved:** Kerry Blackaller

**Seconded:** Carol Elliott

**All in Favour**

**Business arising from 2015 minutes**

Terry McSweeney stated his request in the 2015 was incorrect and it needs to be amended to:

Terry McSweeney advised he was going to request an additional \$1 from the amateur levy.

**Moved:** Terry McSweeney

**Seconded:** Kerry Blackaller

**Acceptance of the Presidents Report:**

**Moved:** Paula Balgera

**Seconded:** John Steel

**All in Favour**

**Acceptance of the Secretary's Report:**

**Moved:** Paula Balgera

**Seconded:** Glenna Davidson-Finnie

**All in Favour**

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:**

**Moved:** Paula Balgera

**Seconded:** Carol Ahern

**All in Favour**

**Declaration of Amateur Division Committee's Election Results:-**

**Nominations Received:**

Jodi Jakubenko

Leonie Gorski

Carol Ahern &

Rebecca Fatchen

**Standing Down from their positions:**

Paula Balgera

**Remaining with 1 more year term:**

Yasmin Lee-Steer

Jade Thomas-Spicer

Carol Elliott

**Nominations received from the Floor:**

Carla Cox

Nomination by Annette Boyd

Seconded: Robyn Smith

The remaining position on the committee could not be filled and will remain vacant. The committee will consist of 8 members.

## **The Amateur Division elections of office:**

### **President**

Leonie Gorski

Nominated by Paula Balgera

Seconded: Carol Elliott

### **Vice President**

Carol Elliott

Nominated by Paula Balgera

Seconded: John Steel

### **Secretary**

Jade Thomas-Spicer

Nominated by Paula Balgera

Seconded: Kerry Blackaller

### **Treasurer**

Yasmin Lee-Steer

Nominated by Paula Balgera

Seconded: Janette Wallace

### **The general committee members are:**

Jodi Jakubenko, Carol Ahern, Rebecca Fatchen, & Carla Cox

### **General Business:**

P Lorimer asked what the goals for the division are and believes the clinics have been a success but the division needs to get back to the social side of the division.

P Jones suggested the AGM be changed to a fun night to encourage the members of the division to participate and it be scheduled for smaller competition day during the Nationals.

S Leggett suggested increasing the amateur levy by \$10 to be used for the social nights.

R Smith said the division could use the money in the Amateur Division account from the levy paid by the members to finance the social event requests.

T McSweeney stated the levies collected only are returned to the top showing amateurs and not all amateurs receive the benefits. He suggested instead of increasing the levy as previously suggested, reduce the levy for 1 year to give something back to all 850 amateurs.

S Leggett said this would not accomplish nor fund the requested social events.

T McSweeney said we need to re-invest in our amateurs.

S Leggett believes it should benefit those amateurs that attend.

C Cox agrees with the discussion but believes if people want to be part of the division/ team that this can be achieved through the free clinics, marketing and believes this is the way forward.

A Boyd said the clinics had been beneficial in the past however they are very expensive to organise and run. Instead of the full expense she believes it should be subsidies for the attendees not free. A first year amateur could receive an incentive of the first clinic free and then subsidies for the following clinics from AQHA.

S Leggett thought the clinics were good for the industry by encouraging learning and providing tuition.

P Lorimer informed the members that the Board are reviewing the Novice program.

F Christian and A Boyd believe that a youth that has obtained a ROM should not be eligible for the Novice Amateur. This is not morally what the novice was designed for.

A Boyd thought a 3 year rule should apply. That if no points have been gained in a 3 year period then the member maybe eligible to come back as a novice. P Jones agreed.

C Elliott said it may need to be 3-5years out of showing. The flip side is it should include Select e.g. if they have been out of showing for ten years then they should be eligible to come back through as a novice.

A Boyd before any rule changes are made to novice all aspects need to be considered.

M Finnie suggested the AQHA adapted the same rules as AmQHA. This needs to be considered by AQHA. This may assist in the clarification of the rules.

C Elliott congratulated the success of the Trans-Tasman team and this should inspire the new members for the 2017 Trans-Tasman team.

A Boyd & C Ahern believe the eligibility is limited by showing at National level as this is not achievable by all of the amateurs.

T McSweeney said there is a special circumstance clause available if you are unable to show at the nationals.

A Boyd & C Ahern: Could the selection process for Trans-Tasman be looked at and include State or National shows. This would provide more opportunity for selection and it would be available to more amateurs.

The expense for some competitors if too great to attend Nationals K Blackaller stated it costs them \$10,000 to attend from Western Australia and that is not an option available to everyone.

P Bellden informed the members that their concerns should be addressed by submitted to the Amateur subcommittee to make a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

C Elliott the selection process for Trans-Tasman needs to be listed for the next subcommittee meeting for consideration. The members voted unanimously for this to occur.

Jo Wallace requested that the minutes be published by the Amateur Division on the webpage and Facebook. The members want to be kept informed.

Janette Wallace believes the minutes from tonight's meeting need to be considered by the new Amateur Division committee and the points raised at the AGM need to be addressed at the next committee meeting.

Paula Balgera was thanked as outgoing President of the division.

T McSweeney thanked the Directors and Office staff for attending.

**Meeting Closed at 9.25pm**

