

**Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held 26th March 2011 at the Australian Equine & Livestock Events
Centre in Tamworth, NSW.**

At 7.15pm the required quorum of 50 Financial Members had not been reached, Conny Barry, President, adjourned meeting for 10 minutes.

At 7.25pm the required quorum had been reached.

Present: As per membership List

Apologies: Don Clare, Terry Northey, Don Northey, Dave Coldwell, Tania Mather, Mark O'Brien, Lana Denteith.

Conny Barry, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Item 1 – To consider amendments and confirm the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting.

Conny Barry read the minutes of the 2010 AGM and the Amendments, as supplied by Debera Ebbett, to the meeting.

Motion: To accept the Minutes, with the amendments, of the 2010 AAA Ltd AGM.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell

Seconded: Adam Thompson

Carried.

Item 2 – To receive and consider the report of the Board.

Conny asked the meeting if anyone had any queries with regards to the Report of the Board.

Motion: To accept the Report of the Board.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Bob Scott

Carried

Item 3 – To receive and consider the Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditor's Report.

Conny asked the meeting if anyone had any queries on the Financial Report.

John Maher: As a member of approx 30yrs, personally disappointed at another loss and would like to know what the Directors are going to do to address it?

Ron Gordon: Responded and explained what the Auditor's thoughts were and what the next steps are to address this issue, Ron also pointed out that there is at least a 2 year window if the Association was to continue this way.

Bob Scott: Queried why the National Show was moved from Dubbo to Tamworth?

Amelia Leeman: Responded advising that the vote that was taken at the 2009 AGM held in Dubbo on the National Show Venue and the vote was 1/3 split between Dubbo, Sydney & Tamworth.

Debbie Pearson: Explained that this National Show has been well budgeted for all through the organisation process and the saving to members by returning to Dubbo is only \$40 per horse.

Bob Scott: Asked why were the figures so different?

Conny Barry: Advised what savings have been made on this years Show.

Sharon Coldwell: This National Show is the first time that the Board have been supplied with detailed information from the National Show Director at each Board Meeting.

Bob Scott: Queried the costs supplied at the 2009 AGM in Dubbo.

Sharon Coldwell: Advised that the costs supplied were not correct.

Debbie Pearson: Explained that costs for both venues and cancels each other out.

Bob Scott: In his opinion members don't worry about \$40.

Ben O'Sullivan: Had spoken to Ron Gordon on the previous day about the membership figures being up but the financial side is down and would like the meeting to hear Ron's answer.

Ron Gordon: Explained that this has happened due to have the Complimentary Membership available to new members who have transferred or registered

horses that they have purchased has increased the numbers but not the revenue.

Conny Barry: Asked if anyone else had any further questions?

Glen Allen: Congratulated the Board on the quality of the Magazine but asked are there other avenues to generate more revenue to help cover the cost of it.

Conny Barry: Explained that the magazine portion of the membership had been increased as from 1st August 2010, which will in the next 12 months, together with advertising, will cover the cost of the magazine.

Glen Allen: Asked was the membership fee increased to cover these costs?

Sharon Coldwell: Advised that the Magazine is approx \$11.00 per issue, the Magazine Subscription hasn't increased since 2004 and our publisher has worked extremely hard to get more advertising and the idea of putting it on shelves to sell is a great idea but unfortunately not a viable option due to the small market. Other options, like sharing with another breed, etc, are being investigated to increasing sales and reduce costs of the magazine.

Glen Allen: Why not have Magazine Subscription cards?

Sharon Coldwell: This is a great idea that we are also investigating along with exchanging advertising with other magazines. Our magazine is a work in progress which we continually look at to increase revenue.

Conny Barry: Asked for further questions.

Motion: To accept the Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditor's Report.

Moved: Michelle Harris

Seconded: Bob Scott

Carried.

Item 4 – To appoint Margaret van Aanholt of North West Audit Services Pty Ltd as auditor for the ensuing year.

Conny Barry: Advised that Tenders had been sought for the next three (3) years and Margaret van Aanholt was the only respondent.

Motion: To accept Margaret van Aanholt of North West Audit Services Pty Ltd for the ensuing year.

Moved: Andrea Brewer
Seconded: Debbie Pearson

Carried.

Item 5 – To confirm the results of the Ballot for Election of the Board of Directors.

Conny Barry called on Kiara Le Cerf, as Returning Officer, to read out the results of the 2011 Board of Directors Election.

Kiara Le Cerf read the Election Report

A total of 614 Ballot papers were distributed to Financial Members of AAA Ltd. Of these, a total of 147 Ballot Envelopes were received by the closing date. No Ballot Envelopes were deemed invalid.

Votes were as follows:

Sharon Coldwell	89
Debera Ebbett	42
Joanne Green	88
Marsha Lewis	54
John Maher	86

A total of 4 Ballot papers were deemed to be invalid due to not being numbered correctly.

Sharon Coldwell, Joanne Green & John Maher were duly elected to the Board of Directors for three (3) year terms.

Conny Barry: Welcomed the new directors, Joanne & John, and Sharon on being elected and thanked Marsha and Ron for their time on the Board.

Item 6 – To consider the Notices of Motion as circulated.

Conny Barry: Advised that only one (1) Notice of Motion had been received and read out the Notice of Motion as had been circulated in the Annual Report. As mover of the Motion, Conny explained why the motion had been put forward.

Conny Barry: Open the floor for any one to speak against the motion.

As no one had responded, Conny asked for a show of hands vote.

Votes counted in the room:

For: 44
Against: 1
Abstained: 1
Votes received by Proxy Form:
For: 28
Against: 6
Total Votes for Notice of Motion:
For: 72
Against: 7
Abstained: 1

Conny Barry declared the Motion had been passed by the required 75% of the voting members.

Item 7 – General Business

Conny Barry opened the floor to the meeting for General Business

Norm Barry: Offered ideas for the AAA to raise money, i.e. Donation of Stallion Services and High Point Horse for those who compete at Regional Club Shows.

Amelia Leeman: Requested that Norm put his ideas forward to the Australian Appaloosa Breeders Association (AABA).

Norm declined Amelia's offer.

Conny called for any further General Business.

Robyn Smith: Requested that the Futurities be reviewed and suggested that Penalty fees be dropped.

Ben O'Sullivan: Requested that the magazine be made electronic instead of being posted out to members to try and reduce the costs.

Conny Barry: Advised that the issues with the magazine will be reviewed at the Board Meeting.

Kevin Peatey: Business owners are finding it tough to continue to advertise and new options for the magazine need to be looked at.

Sharon Coldwell: All members need to be asked for their input, not just those who are attending the Nationals.

Norm Barry: If the magazine were to be made electronic only, not all members will or have the resources to be able to look at and read the magazine.

Glen Allen: Asked for an indication from those present at the meeting for their thoughts on making the magazine electronic.

In favour: 21

Against: 33

Selener Lindley: Asked can a compromise be made between an electronic and printed version and perhaps produce a larger book at the end of the year.

Sharon Coldwell: That option has and is still being investigated.

Robyn Smith: Requested to know what was being done regarding the speakers in the Stables.

Conny Barry: We have brought this to the attention of AELEC and have been advised that due to OH&S issues they can't fix the problem whilst there are horses occupying them.

Norm Barry: Requested that it be noted that he doesn't agree with the Nomination fee on End of Year High Point Awards.

Conny Barry: Called for any further General Business.

As there was no further Business, Conny thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them of the Hall of Fame and High Point Presentation that would take place at the immediate conclusion of the meeting.

Conny Barry: Declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.