

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday 4th August 2009
at AELEC, Tamworth, NSW

Meeting commenced at 10:25 am, Susan Camfferman in the chair.
84 members were present; apologies were received from Leanne Bartlett and Darren Simpson.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circularized. Robyn Schiller was listed twice in the names of Board members. This should have read Errol Thomas.
With this alteration, the minutes were confirmed as a true record.
Moved Cherise McLaughlin, seconded Tania Powell. Carried

President's Report

Susan used a power point display to present her report.
Items highlighted were:
Affiliation with EA
Sponsorship
Promotional DVD
AQHA Q10 event next April
Constitution being looked at by a Sports Lawyer

Secretary's Report

Barry highlighted membership (20% increase) and the need for members to present correct information to Show Secretaries.
Moved Kim LePlastrier, seconded Rob Lawson That report be accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Cherise reported on the Income and Expenditure amounts for the previous twelve months.
There was a deal of discussion on the method of presentation.
The meeting was reminded that the Board consists of volunteers and if a member thinks they could do a better job, there is always the opportunity to nominate for a position on the Board.
Moved Lee Thomson, seconded Kim LePlastrier That the report as presented be accepted conditional on the discussions held. Carried

Sub-Committee Reports

Martin	Disciplinary sub-committee
Warren	Gold Buckle
Debra	Sire & Dam Merchandise
Errol	Promotion
Warwick	Grassroots Media
Robyn	EA / FEI Liaison Judging
Kim	Slider

For the past few years it has been difficult to fill 12 positions onto the Board and difficult to gain a good split from each State.

Proposed Change:

Reduce Board members from 12 to 9. Moved Graham Hargraves, seconded Todd McCormick
That the number of Board members be reduced from 12 to 9. Carried

Change minimum requirement of 2 Board members per state to a suggested minimum. If not available, can be filled from another state.

After discussion this proposal was removed.

Introduce a ruling to have no more than one half of the Board members retire from office each year.

Moved Todd McCormick, seconded Kim LePlastrier That we accept that proposal. Carried

Add Clause (f) to Constitution – Office Bearers

Moved Susan Camfferman, seconded Kim LePlastrier That the outgoing president becomes the Immediate Past President with no voting rights. Carried

Election of Reining Australia Board for 2009-10

One current Board member remains for her second term – Leanne Bartlett.

Eight nominations were received to fill the vacancies.

The Board for 2009-10 will comprise the following members:

Errol Thomas – President

Barry Humphries – Secretary

Darren Simpson

Martin Larcombe

Greg Campbell

Leanne Bartlett

Sandy Dods

Lee Thomson

Debra Versluis

Positions of Treasurer and Vice President still to be decided

Susan Camfferman – Immediate Past President

A vote of thanks to the previous Board was moved Shelley Peters, seconded Tania Powell Cd.

The motion by Kim LePlastrier, seconded Lynda Gray to clarify the agreement RA has with NRHA was defeated.

Moved Rob Lawson, seconded Gail Shaw That we elect a member to represent RA on the NRHA Board. CARRIED

Susan is our current representative. Rob thanked Susan for her efforts.

Moved Rod Shaw, seconded Rob Lawson that the motion on teleconferencing be rescinded. Cd

Moved Greg Campbell, seconded Rick Paff That the Board of Reining Australia prepare a dwtailed report examining the benefits and costs of the NRHA affiliation, and that the report be issued to the membership no later than 30th November 2009. Carried

The motion by Greg Campbell, seconded Greg Peters That the overall structure and governance of Reining Australia be considered for the betterment of the association, was removed for later consideration.

Moved Todd McCormick, seconded Lynda Gray That the Futurity class be moved to run concurrent with the AQHA Nationals and include a limited number of ancillary classes. Defeated

Moved Todd McCormick, seconded Rob Lawson That the RA National & Continental Championship Show be moved to October. Defeated

The motion put forward by Rick Paff re disciplinary system was withdrawn.

Moved Rob Lawson, seconded Lynda Gray That the Board look into the introduction of a disciplinary system to deal with excessive and unnecessary cruelty. Carried

Moved Steven Gibbs, seconded Graham Hargraves That we introduce an IT network database for RA and NRHA paperwork. Defeated

Moved Susan Camfferman, seconded Errol Thomas That we introduce a two-tier membership system – Reining Australia only, \$120; NRHA membership an additional US\$95. Youth membership to be \$45. There would also be a Levy of \$5 for every entry form at a Show with \$1 being retained by the affiliate. Carried

Moved Kim LePlastrier, seconded Gail Shaw That Reining Australia Ineligibility Levels be bought closer in line with NRHA and updated to allow for increased prizemonies. Carried

Category 1 Classes

Limited Open – Earnings less than \$5000 lifetime in all categories except 3, 7 and 9.

Rookie Professional – Earnings \$2000 or less lifetime. No NonPro card.

Intermediate Non Pro – a Non Pro who has earned less than \$3000 in all categories except 3, 7 and 9 over the previous three years. (\$1000 three year average)

Limited Non Pro – a Non Pro who has earned less than \$1500 in all categories except 3, 7 and 9 over the previous three years. (\$500 three year average)

Novice Horse Level 2 - \$10000 or less lifetime except categories 3, 7 and 9.

Novice Horse Level 1 - \$1000 or less lifetime except categories 3, 7 and 9.

Prime Time Non Pro – Non Pros 50 and over from 1st August.

Category 2 – Aged Events

Level 4 Open Aged Event – any rider with valid ticket

Level 3 Intermediate Open Aged Event - \$15000 or less in all category 2 and 6 over the past three years (\$5000 three year average)

Category 3 – Youth

Birthdate changeover date August 1st in each youth division

Category 4 – Breed Restricted Classes

No changes

Category 5

Rookie Level 2 – a Non Pro who has earned less than \$500 lifetime; must also offer Rookie Level 1.

Rookie Level 1 – a Non Pro who has earned less than \$200 lifetime; must also offer Rookie Level 2.

Category 6 – NRHA Closed Aged Events

No change

Category 7 – Affiliate Championship Classes

Requires qualification through the NRHA Affiliate Championship Program to enter.

Category 8 – FEI including CRI's

No change

Category 9 – Freestyle

No change

Susan thanked everybody for their attendance and contributions.

Meeting Closed 2:20pm