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MINUTES

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, 13 February 2016

VENUE: "Jacaranda Room" Dubbo RSL, Cnr Brisbane Street & Wingewarra Street Dubbo

SUBCOMMITTEE

Meetings: 8:30am - The following Subcommittee meetings were held:

Selectors
Horse Welfare Officers

TIME: AGM opened at **10:20am**

ATTENDEES:

Council Members

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Zone</i>
Gary Stevenson Kevin Stevenson	Central West
Melissa Davis Colin Parkinson	Hunter Valley
John Grills Phillipa Grills	Northern New England
David Mortimer	North West Plains
Toni Davidge Dinah Hayes Wendy Barlow	Southern Highlands
Ian Sampson	South West Riverina
Charlie Grills Elissa Koch	South West Slopes
Cameron Hill Narelle Spinks	Western District

MEMBERS

Christina Honeyman	Ray Davis	Rodney Gee	Sam Halsted
Chris Bunny	Tracey Stevenson	Belinda Smith	Kim Whiteley
Sam Amey	Kevin Hartley	Russell Anthony	Scott Richardson
Simon Turnbull	Carolyn Garland	Keith Godfrey	Sara Grills
Tanya Mulligan	Sandra Weston	Christie Hunt	Murray Thomas
Julie Hickson	Marg Garnsey	Raymond Hudspeth	

APOLOGIES:

Brian Johnson	Bill Bleechmore	June Bleechmore	Jo McFayden
Rob Finlayson	Brad Wamsley	Andrew Rose	Jason Smith
Kellen Le Mesurier	Linda Drynan	Greg Davidge	Ross McIntyre
Will Weston	Yolanda Spinks	Louise Parkinson	Ann Anderson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GM

Moved	<i>Mellissa Davis</i>	Seconded	<i>Charlie Grills</i>
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BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

ANNUAL REPORTS

President (attached) – moved as presented

Moved	<i>Laughlin Ross</i>	Seconded	<i>Elissa Koch</i>
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Treasurer (attached) – There was an error in the audit that was initially distributed. The corrected version was submitted for Council's consideration. Council was given the opportunity to peruse the new audit prior to moving it, but they unanimously agreed to move the report.

Moved as presented

Moved	<i>Charlie Grills</i>	Seconded	<i>John Grills</i>
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Coaching Director (attached) – moved as presented

Moved	<i>Christie Hunt</i>	Seconded	<i>Toni Davidge</i>
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State Chief Umpire (attached) – moved as presented

Moved	<i>Sam Halsted</i>	Seconded	<i>Dinah Hayes</i>
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State Grading Officer – No Report

State Draw Committee – No Report

Junior Development Officer – No Report

Intermediate Development Officer – No Report

Horse Welfare Officers –

The new Zone horse welfare officers have received the minutes of the last horse welfare committee meeting. They have devised a Grounds Questionnaire, for clubs to complete. This will provide an indication of the issues confronting Clubs, how they are trying to rectify them and what type of support they may need.

South West Slopes advised that they have incentive grants to help clubs with their grounds. The HW committee would also like to implement a survey to players in relation to fields, water, draw etc so that they can get a players perspective on what areas need improving.

A question was asked as to what whether a HWO can approach an umpire to stop a game if they see a horse welfare issue. Sam Halsted (State Chief Umpire) advised that it was passed at the PAA NUC meeting that the State Chief Umpire can stop a game. Everyone has a duty to care. If someone sees something that is worrying they can, approach the time keeper to call a time off, however whenever possible they should alert the State Chief Umpire first.

Sara Grills ask that the HWO Committee consist of a Chair and the 8 Zone Welfare Officers. This was approved by the Board and Sara Grills will Chair this committee

Outcomes/Actions: The State will forward the Grounds Questionnaire to Clubs for them to complete.

Moved	<i>Sara Grills</i>	Seconded	<i>Elissa Koch</i>
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Uniform Officer – moved as presented

Moved	<i>Libby Ward</i>	Seconded	<i>Wendy Barlow</i>
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Equipment Officer - moved as presented

Moved	<i>Donna Weston</i>	Seconded	<i>John Grills</i>
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Board Report – moved as presented

World Cup Levy – Correspondence was received from a member in relation to the World Cup Levy and its benefit to the sport generally and ordinary players. This was forwarded to the PAA, to which they replied. This reply was read to council.

Rodney Gee (PAA representative) advised that a certain amount of money needed to be raised to run the World Cup. It was discussed by the PAA that states could provide the funds through a levy on players, it was agreed that the amount of \$10 would be imposed on all players so it was all fair and equitable.

Anthony Kirk advised that not all information had ben provided to NSW (including the Board) prior to the National AGM where the levy was voted in.

Levy funds will be returned to the States if the World Cup makes a profit.

The question was raised as to whether Sub Juniors and Juniors should be exempt from this levy. Rodney Gee advised that he would bring the concerns up with the PAA Board.

Outcomes/Actions Request a full financial audit be provided to the States for the running of the World Cup.

Moved	<i>Laughlin Ross</i>	Seconded	<i>Charlie Grills</i>
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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – Three Positions

The following members were elected to the Board.

Arch Anderson – Hunter Valley

Chris Bourke – Northern New England

Stewart Sutherland – Southern Highlands

It was agreed by Council that in future Nominees will be required to provide an Application/resume with their Nomination.

Outcomes/Actions Nomination forms to be updated to include this requirement.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Arch Anderson

Arch Anderson and Anthony Kirk thanked outgoing President Laughlin Ross for his commitment to Polocrosse and the effort he has put in to the Board over the last 15 years. It has been a wonderful effort and a great contribution to Polocrosse.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016

Treasurer – Anthony Kirk

Book Keeper – Belinda Cosgrove

Coaching Director - Christie Hunt

Director of Umpiring – Sam Halsted

International Liaison Officer - David Lyall

State Grading Officer – Pip Grills

State Draw Committee – Ashlee Keating (Chair) and Steffi Lilliebridge

JDO - Lucy Grills

IDO – Alison Mathie

Horse Welfare Officers – Sara Grills (Chair). All 8 Zone Horse Welfare Officers will be part of the Horse Welfare Committee.

Uniform Officer – Libby Ward

Equipment Officer – We have been advised that Donna Weston will resign from the position of Equipment Officer after the 2016 Nationals. We will be looking for a nominee to take over this position

APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER – TBA (previous Public Officer Stewart Sutherland has now been appointed to the Board)

NOMINATION OF AUDITORS - John Little

DELEGATES TO THE PAA – Currently all 5 Board members.

CLOSE AGM 11:50

MINUTES

2016 Council Meeting

OPEN: 12.36pm

1. Presentation of Yearly Awards

Administrator of the Year – Tracey Stevenson

Umpire of the Year – Colin Turner

2. Minutes from previous Council Meeting – as circulated

Moved	<i>Sandra Weston</i>	Seconded	<i>Wendy Barlow</i>
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3. Business Arising

4. Reports from Subcommittees

a. Selectors

There was discussion on eligibility criteria for NSW selection. This was not resolved. Alternative wording will be developed for consideration at the next council meeting. The intent will be to encourage players to remain in NSW, and not disadvantage players who have genuinely moved to or intend to play for NSW in the future.

Moved	<i>Cathy Bennett</i>	Seconded	<i>Colin Parkinson</i>
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b. Umpiring – no report

c. Coaching – no report

d. Grading – no report

e. Junior Development – no report

f. Intermediate Development – no report

g. Horse Welfare

Moved	<i>Sara Grills</i>	Seconded	<i>Kevin Stevenson</i>
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Sara Grills expanded on the grounds questionnaire.

The issue of safe grounds is an issue all Zones face, Kevin Stevenson asked if there was a place to seek assistance on what we should be doing to ensure we have safe grounds. Charlie Grills advised that they sought the assistance of a grounds keeper to see what they needed to do to their grounds to bring them up to scratch. Belinda Smith advised that the John Kohnke website shows a graph on safety zones for the least amount of injury for horses on fields. This would be a good start to see where grounds need to be. Professional advice could then be sought on how to accomplish this.

SWS have invested in an aerator, which has been beneficial to their grounds. Other zones may like to look and investing in one that could be rented out to Clubs for their use to help improve their grounds. It was suggested that the State could look at incentive scheme to help Clubs bring their grounds up to scratch.

5. Notice of Motion:

Notice of Motion received from Central West:

“That PANSW regulates the zone fee monetary value in accordance with the member size of each individual zone”

Rationale: Currently each zone is billed the same dollar amount each, not taking into consideration the amount of members in each zone

Our smallest zone has approx 30-40 members and our biggest has 300 plus members we should be helping our smaller zones stay operational

This motion was carried.

Outcome/Actions The PANSW Board will look into this further to come up with a fair and equitable fee for all zones that is proportional to the number of layers in each Zone.

Moved	<i>Tracey Stevenson</i>	Seconded	<i>Cameron Hill</i>
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6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence was received

7. General Business

First Aid Mellissa Davis

Mellissa Davis delivered a highly professional and comprehensive submission to the meeting regarding First Aid Provider requirements in NSW and formulated criteria for future paramedic providers to meet. This will lift the standard of medical support at carnivals by requiring it to be provide by qualified paramedics. In time, there may also be the opportunity to seek tenders for individual zones or regions.

After discussion, the Council and Board unanimously endorsed Mellissa’s recommendations which will include a minimum requirement and for any interested Service Providers to complete an Application form and produce the necessary documents to confirm it complies with the legal requirements of Paramedic.

Outcomes/Actions All the current and potential service providers will be invited to be credentialed by PA NSW. The Providers that comply with the required standards will be placed on the PANSW website. Clubs will only be able to use these providers at their carnival. These will be listed on the website.

Insurance

David Mortimer addressed the meeting in regards to the accident with his son, Rhys. He raised the issue of what Polocrosse insurance covers. They had 2 ambulances and a helicopter attend the scene, which due to their personal health insurance was all covered. David was concerned about people that did not have his level of insurance maybe left out of pocket.

Anthony Kirk advised that Polocrosse is a blanket insurance across the whole of Polocrosse to ensure they have a minimum coverage. Players are always encouraged to also take out their own private health insurance and especially their own ambulance cover as the Polocrosse insurance covers up to \$5,000.

Members should consult the insurance information on the NSW website to ensure they are aware of what is and what is not covered by polocrosse insurance.

State Umpiring Committee – Sam Halsted advised that the State Umpiring Committee will consist of himself, Chris Bourke and Wendy Barlow.

9TH CHUKKA

Council discussed the 9th Chukka. Various issues were raised including:

- it should be limited to being an eBook to reduce costs
- It should be used as a tool. For example having a State Umpires articles on rules. It is a record of our history
- Kevin Stevenson suggested a marketing strategy such as offering a 10% return on advertising engaged for the 9th chukka.

It was suggested that it may be worth considering engaging a Marketing Officer

Overall there was no actionable outcome. Zones wanting to alter the nature of the 9th Chukka are requested to put forward motions to that effect.

NATIONALS

Report from Elissa Koch on Nationals: Preparation for the Nationals is progressing well, however they are needing help on the following:

Bar staff- Must hold an RSA certificate and be able to be contacted at short notice
Canteen Staff; and **Selling of merchandise**

Outcomes/Tasks: A notice will go out in the Newsletter/Facebook page seeking volunteers.

Wild Colts , who do the Landmark sale will be doing the live video streaming of the Nationals. Thoughts are still in progress as to how the games will be sold.

We need to be proactive in forward thinking to the next NSW Nationals. Who will host the next one and what needs to be put in place to achieve this?

OPM

The re-worded OPM will be sent out to the Selectors and membership and will be voted on in September. We are currently working under Version 5 which was agreed upon by Council at the AGM in 2015.

Replacement Players

There were discussions on replacement players, if a player has to retire from a team during the competition. If you are replacing a player in a team the replacement player must be of the same grade or less of the player going out as per the Rule Book.

Half Yearly Council Meeting suggested date 24 September 2016

CLOSE: 2:36PM