**MINUTES**

**2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE:** SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2019

**VENUE:** DUBBO RSL

**TIME:** AGM opened at 10am

**President, Board members and SEO in attendance:**

Arch Anderson, Corey Ireland, Gary Stevenson, Kaylene Wilson, SEO- Vicki Grant.

**Apologies from the board**: Catherine Bennett.

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Name | Zone | Del. | Name | Zone | Del. |
| Tracey Stevenson | CW | Y | Cameron Swan | SWR | No |
| Mel Davis | HV | N | Toni Davidge | SH | Y |
| Sara Grills | SWS | Y | Colin Parkinson | HV | Y |
| Dinah Hayes | SH | Y | Jim Davidge | SH | Y |
| Raymond Hudspeth | WD | N | Glen Hull | NNE | Y |
| Ian Sampson | SWR | N | Louise Hull | NNE | Y |
| Christie Hunt | NWP | N | Sandra Weston | SWS | N |
| Charlie Grills | SWS | Y | Laughlin Ross | WD | N |
| Narelle Spinks | WD | Y | Ben Sykes | NNE | N |
| Russell Anthony | SWR |  | Andrew Rose | HV | Y |
| Mark Wilson | NWP | N | Chris Hull | WD | N |
| Julie Hickson | WD | N | Bones Faulkiner | NWP | N |
| Mick Jones | WD | N | Graeme Elford | NWP | Y |
| David Mortimer | NWP | Y |  |  |  |
| Paul Myburgh | NSW del to PAA | |  |  |  |

**Apologies:**

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| Name | Zone | Name | Zone |
| Belinda Cosgrove | SH | Carol Garland | NNE |
| Ray Davis | HV | Catherine Bennett | Board/SH |
| Jo McFayden | HV | Elissa Koch | SWS |
| Libby Ward | SWS |  |  |

1. **Minutes of previous AGM be accepted**

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| **Moved** | Dinah Hayes | **Seconded** | Charlie Grills |

1. **Annual Reports**

**President’s Report -**

The President’s report was read out by Arch Anderson and is attached.

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| **Moved** | Arch Anderson | **Seconded** | Dinah Hayes |

**Treasurer’s report-**

Kaylene Wilson presented statements from Anthony Kirk the outgoing Treasurer. Unfortunately, the full financials are not ready for the AGM.

Issue have been identified with uniform/merchandise account which could not be finalised prior to the AGM.

Kaylene moved that the audited statements be circulated to the Council once they are finalised and received. Council can then send their written approval once received.

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| **Moved** | Kaylene Wilson | **Seconded** | Graeme Elford |

**Coaching Director’s Report-**

Christie Hunt did not have a written report but provided a verbal report.

Christie has been collecting feedback/information on carnivals for 2-3 years now. The player survey forms that are being completed at the end of representative events provide feedback from players and information for Christie to use when making selections for coaches and managers for particular representative teams. It is really important that these are filled out by Coaches and Team Managers, for all critical information that may occur or has happened. Christie urged all players to participate in these surveys and provide as much helpful information as possible.

It is an important record keeping tool for both coach/team manager and the State Coaching Director. These reports are confidential and are only viewed by the State Coaching Director unless they are needed when issues arise. Christie thanked all the coaches and team managers, for the effort and dedication they put into Polocrosse. Christie also stated that the log book system is not working for recording of coaching hours. State practice prior to Nationals in Ballarat is essential and this has been a point raised in surveys.

The Coaching Panel would like more development for coaches and managers as we at this stage are not educating and developing our coaches. We need to provide tools for improvement and mentoring. Christie would like to see a change to the structure of the coaching arrangements to make the geographical spread more consistent. Christie due to her geographical location does not have the opportunity to interact as much with the more Southern Zones and as such she does not get as much feedback from the them. She would like this to improve for everyone’s sake.

A system similar to the state umpire’s approach where there would be the Coaching Director, then representatives from the north and south and then Zone representatives as well was suggested by Christie Hunt. Adding a level under the SDC where there are northern and southern directors would provide better geographical spread and more consistency.

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| **Moved** | Christie Hunt | **Seconded** | David Mortimer |

**Chief Umpire’s Report** –

Charlie Grills spoke on how successful the new system of having northern and southern umpires has been with Charlie then dealing with Kent Wells after he has consulted his other umpires. He also commented on how difficult it has been to select an umpire of the year as there were three very close contenders. The 2018 Umpire of the Year is Luke Saul.

Four NSW umpires and Gary Stevenson from the Board attended a National Umpiring Conference in Brisbane at the end of 2018. The PAA National Umpires Committee (the NUC) is now comprised of the SDU from each state. Charlie felt that the explanation from (National Director of Umpiring) NDU regarding the rule changes at Nationals which caused a lot of confusion and friction was not satisfactory. The explanation did not provide answers as to what happened regarding the rules in Perth. However, all agreed it should not happen again.

Charlie also mentioned a new rule change whereby, after the awarding of a free goal for an infringement, the team getting the free goal will recommence play with a free throw from the centre point of the field.

Victoria has already made these changes and believe there is a lot of merit in this rule it has already helped to clean the game up.

**NB: This is not a trial rule, it has been implemented.**

Charlie also mentioned that he is trying to organise an umpire’s course at Sydney carnival. He then said that he thought basically Kent was doing a good job. Also that the rule book is in the process of being updated and reprinted.

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| **Moved** | Charlie Grills | **Seconded** | Col Parkinson |

**State Grading Officer’s Report** –

Jo McFayden not present today. It was indicated that a meeting with other state grading officers is to be held at Warwick to try and get some consistency with gradings in the states. Kaylene requested that Zones need to talk to clubs and have grades sorted and updated for Jo prior to this meeting in Warwick.

It was agreed by several members at the AGM, that consistently Queensland players seem to be under graded, particularly in women’s teams compared to NSW teams.

**State Draw Committee-** No report

**Youth Development Officer-** See half yearly minutes

**Horse Welfare Officer Report** - See half yearly minutes

Sara advised that NSWPA have been advised that PAA are printing a horse vet out book that will be at every carnival. NSW has tried to include this as a part of an electronic incident reporting system but the PAA has indicated that they will not fund the electronic version.

Sara needs more information on every club and zone horse welfare officer’s names.

Also the physical address of all fields/grounds needs to be recorded eg Holbrook Showground is not enough information, the street address needs to be included. The name of the person responsible for the grounds needs to be recorded as well. The horse welfare officer for carnivals needs to record when a horse is vetted out at carnivals. This does not happen.

NSW recognise that Horse Welfare is a serious issue and that we need to continue to be at the forefront of education and policy implementation. We need to be proactive in looking after our horses. This includes being careful with the use of social media and photos and the circulation of the same.

Ben Sykes commended the Board and the Sara on the work done in horse welfare and taking the lead. Sara is the driving force in horse welfare. NSW members need to be

better educated on how to look after their horses. There needs to be a balance between the requirements of elite and lower grade grass root participation. We need education for high level players and horse welfare officers. Ben Sykes further recommended that some guidelines should be developed to assist players.

Kaylene mentioned that a new digital communication platform (which will be discussed in the Council Meeting) will be a tool to send out information for our members and this is an ideal topic to have perhaps “guest” articles on.

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| **Moved** | Sara Grills | **Seconded** | Christie Hunt |

**Equipment Officer’s Report-**

Mark Wilson said that NSW have enough good sets of saddlecloths, brow bands etc. for Barastoc, as we only have 6 teams participating. Unfortunately, at Nationals, some of the saddle cloths were not in an appropriate condition, but because of the number of teams they had to be used. However, it should be remembered that NSW did win the trophy for the best turned out state at the Perth Nationals last year.

Mark is looking to phase in new saddle clothes etc. for Ballarat Nationals, he has sourced a supplier for replacements. Sara Grills has a supplier who will provide a quotation. Mark emphasised that making saddlecloths is a very labour intensive process and this puts the costs up.

**Uniform Officer’s Report-**

Libby Ward was an apology for the meeting, referred to her half yearly report but had given a verbal update to the SEO.

Libby has been sourcing new suppliers of the dress uniform. She has found new trousers for the men which are the same colour but a different cut. She has also found

a new supplier of the blazers who can supply at a more competitive price in the future. She has been in contact with Western Australia and Victoria, who have the same coloured pants and skirts and she is looking into sharing product orders with other states.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**- 2 positions

The two board member nominations were accepted and elected by council

Catherine Bennett SH

Kaylene Wilson HV

**REVIEW OF HONOURARIUMS**

There was a discussion concerning the Honorariums. It was decided by the Council that they remain the same.

**Honorariums for 2019:**

* Board Members $1000 (Arch Anderson, Catherine Bennett, Corey Ireland, Gary Stevenson, Kaylene Wilson)
* State Coaching Director $2000 (Christie Hunt)
* State Director Umpiring $2000 (Charlie Grills)
* Grading Officer $500 (Joanne McFayden)
* Equipment Officer $500 (Mark Wilson)
* Uniform Officer $2000 (Libby Ward)
* Horse Welfare Officer $500 (Sara Grills)

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| **Moved** | David Mortimer | **Seconded** | Charlie Grills |

**Patron:**

Laughlan Ross raised the issue of PA NSW having a Patron. He suggested Joy Poole be approached. PA NSW is to write to Joy to ask her if she would accept the position of Patron of PA NSW.

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| **Moved** | Toni Davidge | **Seconded** | Sara Grills |

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018 (Distributed to the meeting)**

Treasurer Kaylene Wilson

Book Keeper Belinda Cosgrove

Coaching Director Christie Hunt

Director of Umpiring Charlie Grills

International Liaison Arch Anderson

State Grading Officer Jo McFayden

State Draw Committee Linda Drynan, Kaylene Wilson, member from the host club

Youth Development Lucy Grills

Officer

Horse Welfare Officer Sara Grills

Uniform Officer Libby Ward

Equipment Officer Mark Wilson

Coaching committee Christie Hunt, David Mortimer, Sandra Weston

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER**

Mick DeBritt

**NOMINATION OF AUDITORS**

LATERALS GLP

**DELEGATES TO THE PAA**

All 5 board members to be delegates to the PAA only three to vote.

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| **Moved** | Charlie Grills | **Seconded** | Mark Wilson |

**SELECTORS**

**Sub Juniors**

Graeme Finlayson

Dorothy Hughes (confirmed after meeting)

Kaye Stevenson

Angus Stuart

Mark Wilson

**Juniors**

Robert Finlayson

Lucy Grills

Rachel Hughes

David Mortimer

TBA

**Intermediates**

Matt Davison

April Leggett

Wayne Stevenson

Brad Wamsley

Will Weston

**Womens**

Toni Davidge

Pat French

Sara Grills

Jane Melbourne

Andrew Rose

**Mens**

Jim Davidge

Terry Donnelly

Charlie Grills

Col Parkinson

Graham Wilson

**CHAIRS OF SELECTORS**

Sub Juniors- Rosie Turnbull (confirmed after the meeting)

Juniors- Rachel Amey

Intermediates- Linda Drynan

Men’s- Laughlan Ross

Women’s- Tracey Stevenson

The meeting was reminded that selectors are elected from Nationals to Nationals.

**Meeting Closed:** 11:40am