

SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25/07/2009

SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2009 – RAILWAY CLUB HOTEL, PORT MELBOURNE 6PM

Present: Tony Norris (Chair), Nicole Morrison (Minutes), Jill Goldsmith, Dianne Worboys, Elia Lom, Rebecca Richards, Beverley Richards, Claire Centra, Sarah O'Connor, Jamie Carson, Jeremy Roberts, Wayne Loughnan, Rosemary, Loughnan, Robert Mummery, Robert Breeschoten, Warren Worboys,

Attendance book completed.

Apologies: Trish Mailard, Warren Mailard, Dianne McDonald, Tony Bailey, Lisa Dainty, Dianne Spiteri, Sharon Tipping, Miranda Connaughton, Carol Linderman, Caroline Kuhn.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 6th September 2008 where tabled.

Previous Minutes Moved: Jill Goldsmith

Seconded: Dianne Worboys

Business Arising:

Nil

Presidents Report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Saturday 25 July 2009

July 2008 saw the SHCV enter the new financial year without a Secretary and with several Committee positions vacant. Fortunately, with the 2008 HOTY looming, we were able to convince Nicole Morrison to come on board as the Show Secretary. The Secretary's role is a large enough task on its own without adding the responsibility of coordinating entries, insurance waivers, and the endless questions and the enquiries that go along with managing and coordinating of HOTY applications. By separating the two roles, Nicole attacked the role of Show Secretary with a degree of commitment that deserves considerable praise. Nicole's ability to quickly grasp the terms and conditions of our entries was much appreciated by the Committee and competitors, alike. In early 2009, Nicole agreed to join the Committee and immediately assumed the role of Secretary.

Given that we did not host our HOTY event in 2007 due to EI, the coordination of the 2008 Hygain Masters HOTY appeared a larger task than normal. With the unknown impact of EI upon our entry numbers, the organisation, leading up to the HOTY, felt disjointed and more stressed than normal. There were important sponsorship issues to be resolved in the weeks leading up to 29 & 30 November 2008: the utilisation of new software specifically designed to meet our needs; and a larger-than-normal Programme to coordinate. For the first time, the SHCV invited the HRCV to host a Show in conjunction with our event on the Sunday. Although the HRCV numbers were not as great as expected, the Committee rallied and successfully delivered the largest HOTY to date, with the event considered a huge success by all. My congratulations and thanks go out to each and every member of the Committee, to our valuable sponsors, and to all of our volunteers and competitors.

Unfortunately, Hygain has decided not to continue with their support and sponsorship of our annual HOTY. Hygain has been associated with the Show Horse Council of Victoria since 2002, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hygain for their commitment to our flagship event. The SHCV continues to work behind the scenes in seeking new sponsors to join our existing sponsors in 2009.

Training weekends were again held at Tatura in May and at the Werribee NEC in June 2009. Numbers were slightly down, which may be the direct result of the increasingly tough economic times. As we push to host more regional events over the next twelve months, a training day has been coordinated to be held in Horsham in August 2009.

As the membership year comes to an end, the biggest issue facing the Committee is the decision by the SHCA to obtain national 24/7 Personal Accident insurance for its members. Whilst I recognise this decision is a significant step forward, the SHCV Committee is extremely concerned about the impact of the lack of choice will have upon our membership numbers, given that most already have 24/7 personal accident coverage with other societies. However, the SHCV has been left with no alternative other than to accept this decision, although the SHCA was formally advised of our disappointment with the lack of choice. Consequently, over the next 12 months the Committee will be faced with a number of challenges as we work hard to retain and encourage membership during a period of economic uncertainty.

TONY NORRIS
PRESIDENT

Treasurers Report:

2009 TREASURERS REPORT

On Behalf Of The Committee I would like to present the SHCV Treasurers Report as at 30/06/2009.

We are pleased to report that the SHCV are in a sound financial position and have shown an operating profit of \$4564.

This has been made possible partially through our continuing membership growth.

The major event held for the year was once again the SHCV Hygain Masters Show which last November ran at a small loss of \$1813. We put all income from the show back in to it and our aim is for a break even result.

We extend grateful thanks to all of our sponsors whose generosity makes it possible to run the event each year.

Again thanks must go to David Osbourne of Shepard, Webster and O'Neill for the preparation of the financial statements this year – in fact every year since the SHCV's inception.

Copies of the Financial report have been distributed and I invite any questions relating to these.

JILL GOLDSMITH
TREASURER

Refer to attached Financial Statement.

Correspondence relating to AGM:

Nil

Election:

Tony Norris declared that all positions are vacant and Robert Breeschoten was requested to take the chair for the Election of Council.

Nine (9) nominations for council positions were received and there being Nine positions vacant all duly nominated persons are elected to the council.

Council Members – Tony Norris, Dianne Spiteri, Jill Goldsmith, Dianne Worboys, Lisa Dainty, Nicole Morrison, Sharon Tipping, Miranda Connaughton & Robert Breeschoten.

Robert Breeschoten called for nominations for President:

J. Goldsmith / D Worboys nominated Tony Norris. As there were no other nominations, Tony Norris was declared President.

Robert Breeschoten stepped down from the Chair and Tony Norris took the Chair for the remainder of the elections and the AGM.

Vice President: TBA

Secretary:

Dianne Worboys / Tony Norris nominated Nicole Morrison. As there were no other nominations, Nicole Morrison was declared Secretary.

Treasurer:

Dianne Worboys / Tony Norris nominated Jill Goldsmith. As there were no other nominations, Jill was declared Treasurer.

Public Officer: Tony Norris will remain the Public Officer for the 2009 / 2010 year.

Constitution Alterations:

Information regarding inconsistencies in our Constitution were issued to members 31 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Discussion took place at this Annual General Meeting in regards to these inconsistencies as listed below :

1) *Amend the constitution so as the number of office bearers is consistent throughout the document.*

Part IV (4)

Clause 1 – reads

“the Council shall consist of 8 councillors who are financial members of the Council and 17 years of age and over at the date of nomination” this is inconsistent with the next sentence, that reads “ The 9 Council members shall be elected at every second annual general meeting as prescribed in this part”

Further more it is inconsistent with the following clauses:

IV (5) - The office bearers shall be elected by and from the 9 councillors following their election as Councillors. The election of office bearers shall take place at a meeting of the Council immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected. The order of election of the five office bearers shall be (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, (5) Publicity Officer. The remaining councillors will form the committee. The election of office bearers shall be by verbal nomination. Election shall be by a majority of votes on a show of hands by all councillors excluding the nominee. Prior to voting one Councillor shall be nominated to take the chair to conduct the voting for office bearers and that nominee shall make a written record of the result of each office bearer’s election and give that written record to the elected Secretary to be placed in the minutes of that meeting. At that same meeting the councillors shall elect, in the same manner as for office bearers, a delegate to the Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. A nomination may be made for a delegate from any of the 9 councillors. Should a council member vacate the position of any office bearer during the period for which he or she was elected, either temporarily or permanently, the Council may elect a replacement office bearer in the same manner as herein before prescribed for the period of that vacancy.

IV (6) - The election of the 9 councillors shall take place at the first general meeting of financial members of the council to be held no later than 30 September. All following elections of councillors shall take place at every second subsequent Annual General Meeting of the Council.

IV (8) - Nominations of candidates for election as one of the 9 councillors shall:

- a) be made in writing on the prescribed form provided at Appendix 2 and duly signed by two financial members of the Council and the nominated candidate
- b) be lodged with the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the set down for the Annual General Meeting at which election of councillors was to take place

VII (d) - the election of the 9 councillors (at every second Annual General Meeting as prescribed in these rules)

It is proposed that the clause IV (1) shall read
“the Council shall consist of no less than six (6) and no more than nine (9) councillors who are financial members of the council and 17 years of age and over at the date of nomination”.

The Council members shall be elected at every second Annual General Meeting as prescribed in this part.

After discussion the above was:

Change (1) Moved: Tony Norris
Seconded: Beverley Richards
ALL IN FAVOUR

2) *Amend the constitution to bring Financial Year into line with Membership Year.*

In order to be consistent with clause 4 part 1 it is proposed that the reference to the numeral 9 in the following clauses be removed – part 4 clause 5, part 4 clause 6, part 4 clause 8 & part 7 clause d. It is proposed that the reference to the convening of the Annual General Meeting be changed from May to July each year.
Part 9

It is proposed that the financial year of the Council shall be moved from 30th April each year to 30th June each year. The expiry of membership will also expire on 30th June each year.

After discussion the above was:

Change (2) Moved: Tony Norris
Seconded: Dianne Worboys
ALL IN FAVOUR

3) *Amend the constitution to add the following appendances.*

It is proposed that the following appendances be adopted as part of the constitution;

- Appendix 1 Membership Renewal Form (as attached)
- Appendix 2 Nomination Form for Council (as attached)
- Appendix 3 Proxy Form (as attached)

After discussion the above was:

Change (3) Moved: Tony Norris
Seconded: Sarah O'Connor
ALL IN FAVOUR

MEETING CLOSED: 7.30PM