



## **2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MEMBER ACCEPTANCE**

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Time & Date	7:45pm on Monday 30 November 2020
Location	Virtual meeting via Vero

Peter Dingwall, as Chair opened the meeting at 7:45pm.

With a quorum present, the AGM proceeded.

Apologies were noted.

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD ELECTIONS**

Bruce Farrar, as Secretary and Returning Officer, announced that there had been three Board positions available and seven valid nominations were received. 343 valid votes were cast and the following Directors were elected: Brad Frankum, Coco Miles and Alexandra Townsend, for terms of two years.

### **2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### **Horse and Rider Safety and Welfare**

- Equestrian NSW assisted the Olivia Inglis and Caitlyn Fisher coronial inquiry.
- The families were intimately involved and conducted themselves with grace and dignity.
- 31 recommendations were made with most implemented.
- Eventing horse falls, as a proxy for serious rider injuries, had reduced by 50%.
- COVID-19 impacts and recovery had been a significant challenge.
- Bullying and harassment, especially on social media, needed more attention.

#### **Membership Services**

- Membership remained stable at 8,400.
- 2019-20 Memberships were rolled over until 30 Sep 20.
- 500 new Members since June 20.
- Club support increased by 50%.
- Discipline support increased by 18% to \$392k.
- Member survey results will be used to guide planning.
- National Interschools with Australian Jumping Teams League and JumpOff televised on free to air.

#### **Finance and Governance**

- Income - \$2.627m, Expenses \$2.499m, Surplus \$0.128m.
- Assets \$1.658m, Liabilities \$0.821m, Total Equity \$0.838m.
- Net Cash \$0.943m, excluding pre-payments and ASF related funds.

- \$123k was received from the Federal and NSW Governments for COVID-19 assistance, including Jobkeeper \$70k, Cash Flow Boost \$43k and Small Business Support \$10k.
- Equestrian NSW contributed \$40k, through Agrifutures, to help the University of Queensland develop a point of care rapid Hendra virus test, with trialling due to start in mid 2021.
- NSW Fair Trading increased the limit to be an incorporated association to \$5m, so transition to being a company now not required.
- The future structure and role of Equestrian NSW will be considered under the Equestrian Australia reform process.
- The Equestrian NSW Board supports governance reform and will not apply a veto to constitutional changes, as long as the preferred model is based on proper due diligence and broad member consultation.

### **Education**

- Spend on Officials education - \$35k.
- Coaching NSW Committee conducted three update clinics in Tamworth, Sydney and Canberra.
- The syllabus is being reviewed by the Equestrian Australia Coaching Committee.

### **High Performance**

- Equestrian NSW invested \$80k in the NSW High Performance squad, with \$22k from Equestrian Australia for Eventing.
- NSW athletes make up 50% of the Equestrian Australia High Performance squads.

### **Looking Forward to FY2022**

- Embed Inquest recommendations.
- Recover from COVID-19 with significant government assistance.
- Engage in the Equestrian Australia governance reform project.
- Improve communication to Members.
- Supports Clubs, Coaches and Officials as the foundations of our sport.
- Get the basics right, on time.

The CEO thanked the Board and staff for their contributions, especially Peter Dingwall. as outgoing President.

## **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Motion: To approve the Financial Reports of Equestrian NSW Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Motion carried.

## **4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Motion: To appoint Ross Fowler and Co as the auditor for FY2021, then invite tenders for FY2022.

Motion carried.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Questions were received from Members with answers provided on the Equestrian NSW web site.

**Meeting closed at 9:00pm.**