



## **2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MEMBER REVIEW**

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Time & Date	7:30pm on Monday 06 February 2023
Location	Virtual meeting via Vero

### **1. MEETING ADMINISTRATION**

#### **1.1 Open Meeting**

Board President Brad Frankum opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

#### **1.2 Quorum**

With a quorum of 43 present, the AGM proceeded.

#### **1.3 Apologies**

38 apologies were noted.

#### **1.4 Welcome to Country**

A welcome to country was delivered by Belinda Munro.

### **2. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

In addition to the written report Brad Frankum reported:

- Conditions have been very difficult for our members particularly with respect to the rains and flooding across the state impacting member's homes, clubs and competitions and financially. ENSW has and will continue to support our members and clubs. The good news is that events are now in full swing across the state with good participation across all disciplines.
- ENSW CEO Bruce Farrar resigned at the end of 2022 and the board would like to acknowledge and thank him for his many years of hard work and faithful service. Bruce was tireless in his passion for Equestrian sport in NSW and we wish him well in his future endeavours.
- Vireena Peacock has been appointed as Interim CEO, transitioning from the Education Manager role. Her work in Education made it obvious to the board that she would make an effective Interim CEO. Vireena has started the role well and brings both a corporate and education background to the role.
- Alexandra Townsend decided not to re-apply as a member of the board for this term and the board would like to acknowledge her service to ENSW.
- The relationship with the State Government and State Office of Sport is important. It has been acknowledged that the relationship between the Office of Sport and ENSW has been damaged. Vireena and I will meet with Karen Jones from the Office of Sport on the 15<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the relationship. The need for upgrades to the arenas at SIEC has already been flagged.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD POSITIONS**

The Board are all part way through their two-year term. There is one vacant position and the board is seeking suitable candidates to fill the position. The Board encourages people from all disciplines to consider standing for the Board to ensure continuity and diversity.

### **4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **2021 Annual General Meeting**

One typing correction needs to be made changing Robyn Parked to Robyn Parker.

Motion: to accept the 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Motion carried.

### **5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Acting) OFFICER'S REPORT**

In addition to the written report Vireena Peacock reported:

- How difficult the past year has been for event organisers, competitors and the equestrian community.
- Had the opportunity to visit the Central West during the floods and saw the devastation of the area and the challenges faced by the rural communities as well as the resilience of the people.
- Was able to attend many events last year with the highlight being the coaching day at SIEC with the focus on discipline cross training. It was great to see people from all disciplines working together for our communal love of the horse.
- Education sessions were held across NSW with the focus on helping equestrian clubs with risk management. The highlight was being able to meet the many people who run our clubs and make our sport work.
- The NSW Member Services team are a very committed group of people, working a lot of hours. Vireena thanked each member of the team for their work throughout 2022.
- The Board spend a lot of time guiding ENSW and they are all volunteers. Vireena thanked each of them for their commitment and for the opportunity.

### **6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS**

Vireena Peacock presented the Finance Report, noting:

- There was a deficit of \$95,000 for the F22 Financial year. Impacted by COVID and Floods.
- Membership fees were reduced for the financial year to assist members manager.

Brad Frankum also noted:

- Membership numbers have remained strong despite the disruption to competition.
- There were substantial legal bills to pay with respect to a long standing member complaint and the parliamentary enquiry into the SIEC surfaces.
- The goal is to use our funds to the betterment of the sport.

## Questions & Comments

- Sally-Ann Barbera requested that the terminology around coaching be updated in the reports. Noted.
- Helene Brassiere commented that there is substantial volunteer fatigue that needs to be addressed.
  - Brad Frankum responded that this can be discussed at the forthcoming ENSW Board Strategic Planning Meeting.
  - Vireena Peacock commented that she had been in contact with both Volunteers Australia and the Duke of Edinburgh Program to look at different ways to approach and attract volunteers
- Anthony asked whether ENSW had insurance coverage to cover executives and could this have been used for the legal costs discussed.
- Brad Frankum responded that our insurer declined the claim and ENSW paid the legal bills. EA did not support the claim. This has caused the Board to scrutinise the insurance criteria more closely.

6.1 Motion: to approve the Financial Reports of Equestrian NSW Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Motion carried.

## 7. Motions from Members

No motions were received from Members

## 8. Appointment of Auditor

Brad Frankum reported that:

- A new auditor was appointed - DFK Laurance Varnay, for a term of three years, and the performance of the Auditor was assessed as satisfactory by the ENSW Board.

8.1 Motion: to approve DFK Laurance Varnay, for the next year

Motion carried.

## 9. General Business

No general business was raised.

## 10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 7:57 pm.

## **Appendix – Attendees and Apologies**

### **Attendees**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Member Number</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Member Number</b>
Amy	4011776	Jo	2501043
Amy	2104895	Joanna	2110350
Amy	2302611	John	2101855
Angela	2115522	Jon	1023388
Annette	2116550	Jose	2102188
Annyka	2106639	Kay	2108691
Anthony	2104973	Kerrie	2027766
Brad	2034254	Linda	1030068
Bruce	2103515	Lisa	2300568
Cathie	2033213	Mark	1018202
Coco	2100567	Mary	2110499
Dee	3099388	Rachael	2082918
Fiona	2110147	Sally-Ann	2010724
Gillian	2115192	Susie	2054027
Giorga	2107100	Suzanne	2065317
Helen	2101694	Tina	2200456
Helene	1031454	Toni	2076319
Imogen	2114862	Trevor	2109669
Jane	2110277	Vicki	2102129
Jane	2041661	Vicky	2017802
Jenny	2075352	Vireena	2113991
		Wendy	2038551

### **Apologies**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Member Number</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Member Number</b>
Ananda	1041722	Linda	2111827
Andrea	1027203	Lucinda	2117952
Anthony	2200049	Lucy	1020835
Anthony	2200972	Mahiraj	2200539
Belinder	2112520	Manuel	1013631
Bree	2302822	Melinda	1045046
Caroline	1025782	Melissa	2112321
Derek	2112717	Michelle	1027885
Derek	2102009	Prudence	2024361
Ella	2500039	Rachael	4005177
Emma-Kate	1036994	Rena	2103707
Fiona	4002612	Robyn	2111680
Jacqueline	1039121	Ruth	1029068
Jane	2115220	Samantha	2010432
Julie	2046022	Sidney	2102410
Kelly	2103884	Susan	2015781
Kerrie	2027766	Suzanne	2113068
Kerrie	2115164	Wendy	2102503
Laurie	2109500	Wendy	1042821

