

# Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Queensland Incorporated held at 6.30 PM on Wednesday, 22 March, 2023 at Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton and via ZOOM

## 1.0 Attendance and Apologies

Alana Allard	in person	Melinda Robinson	via Zoom
Anita Barton	via Zoom	Naomi Lockhart	via Zoom
Brett Cantle	via Zoom	Renee Holzinger	via Zoom
Cathi Collier	in person	Sara-Jane Seery	via Zoom
Darryn Fedrick	via Zoom	Susan Austin	via Zoom
Dave Holland	in person	Tarni McCormack	via Zoom
Felicity St.John	via Zoom	Tatiana Dorofeeff	via Zoom
Graeme Watts	via Zoom	Trevor Hyatt	via Zoom
Hayley Somerset	via Zoom	Trudy Dougall	via Zoom
Isabella Marks	via Zoom		
Karim Cham	in person		
Kerri-Lee Ryder	via Zoom		
Lyndal Roos	via Zoom		
Mandy Ballard	in person		
Nicholas Ballard	in person		

#### **Apologies**

Irene Bakels-Noreen Jenny Rykoff
Alexandra Toft Penny Toft
Peter Toft

#### **Proxies**

1 proxy received.

# In attendance

Samantha Duffy Briston Toft

## 2.0 Welcome by Equestrian Queensland Chair

The meeting was opened by Equestrian Queensland Chairperson, Nicholas Ballard who thanked all members for their dedication to the sport and acknowledged the resilience of the equestrian community in 2022. In his address, Mr Ballard provided an overview of the organisations achievements and highlights for 2022.

Mr Ballard was pleased to report that the sport and membership continues to grow and that in 2022, Equestrian Queensland deployed additional funding to support the education of volunteers and officials as well as delivering multiple safety and pathway initiatives across the sport.

Mr Ballard extended his sincere appreciation to Directors Naomi Lane, Gary Lung, Dave Holland and Alana Allard for their support, trust and contributions over the past 12 months. He also acknowledged the significant contribution made by Naomi Lane, who after one term has decided not to renominate for the Board due to work and other commitments. Mr Ballard also acknowledged the significant contributions made by Tracey-Anne Sexton, Karen Morgan and Jo Uppington who after serving two full terms are required in accordance with the Constitution of Equestrian Queensland to stand down from their respective Sport Committees.

## 3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Equestrian Queensland held on March 30, 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read.

#### Motion 1: -

"That the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Moved: C Collier Seconded: D Holland CARRIED: 22.AGM.01

## 4.0 Presentation and Adopting of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements

The Equestrian Queensland Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Briston Toft presented the Financial Statements of Equestrian Queensland for the year ending 31 December 2022. The 2022 Audited Financial Statements were circulated to members on 20 March 2022.

Total income for 2022 was \$2.25m which represented an increase of 4.1% (2021: \$1.6m). The increase was mostly attributable to the recommencement of sports as well as continued growth in memberships and horse registrations.

The consolidated result for the year was a deficit of just under \$85,000. The deficit was associated with the planned expenditure to support the education of officials and coaches and deliver improved equestrian facilities in Queensland.

Despite the deficit, Equestrian Queensland continues to maintain a strong balance sheet backed by cash reserves of \$1.55m. Equestrian Queensland remains in a comfortable position to continue its activities including further investment in the sport for 2023 as well as maintaining its long-term sustainability as a member-focused organisation.

Mr Toft, welcomed any questions from members about the financial statements. No questions were asked from the members in attendance.

#### Motion 2: -

"That the 2022 Audited Financial Statements of Equestrian Queensland be approved."

Moved: D Holland Seconded: M Ballard CARRIED: 22.AGM.02

# 5.0 Presentation and Adoption of the 2022 Annual Report

Chairperson, Nicholas Ballad tabled the 2022 Annual Report and noted inclusion of reports including the Chair, Treasurer, CEO and each of the seven Equestrian Queensland Sport Committees and Advisory Groups.

CEO, Briston Toft provided an overview of the Annual Report and invited members to ask any questions they may have. There were no questions from the members present regarding the Annual Report.

#### Motion 3: -

"That the 2022 Annual Report of Equestrian Queensland be received and adopted."

Moved: A Allard Seconded: M Ballard CARRIED: 22.AGM.03

# 6.0 Special Resolution

Pursuant to Clause 17.3 of the Equestrian Queensland Constitution, it is recommended by the Board of Equestrian Queensland that Honorary Life Membership is conferred to members that have represented Australia at a World Equestrian Games or the 2022 World Equestrian Championships in the sport of equestrian who are not already recognised as an Honorary Life Member of the association.

The AGM notice and papers included a motion for Honorary Life Membership to be conferred to the following members for the distinguished and special service to equestrian sport:

First Name	Last Name	WEG or WEC	Discipline	Year
Alexandra	Toft	WEG Normandy	Endurance	2014
Alexis	Hellyer	WEG Tryon	Dressage	2018
Anna	Betts	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Billy Raymo	Raymont	WEG Tryon	Jumping	2018
	·	WEC Herning		2022
Brook Samp	Sample	WEG The Hague	Endurance	1995
		WEG Aachen		2006
Carlee	Roberts	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Chelsea	Higgins	WEG Normandy	Para Dressage	2014
Chris	Forrester	WEG The Hague	Endurance	1994
David	Waller	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Emily	Kleier	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Emma	McNab	WEG Tryon	Eventing	2018
Gayle	Holmes	WEG Rome	Endurance	1998
Gregory	Watson	WEG Stockholm	Eventing	1990
Jayden	Brown	WEC Herning	Dressage	2022
Jean	Betts	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Jerri	Dixon	WEG Tryon	Vaulting	2018
Lucy	Betts	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Melanie	Fleming	WEG Stockholm	Vaulting	1990
Michelle	Lang-McMahon	WEG The Hague	Jumping	1994
	-	WEG Rome		1998
Morgan	Spary	WEG Normandy	Vaulting	2014
Nicholas	Hartog	WEG Rome	Vaulting	1998
Penelope	Toft	WEG Jerez	Endurance	2002
		WEG Kentucky		2010
		WEG Normandy		2014
_		WEG Tryon		2018
Peter	Weston	WEG Stockholm	Dressage	1990
Peter	Toft	WEG Aachen	Endurance	2006
Rachel	Barlow	WEG Tryon	Vaulting	2018
Shannon	Parker	WEG Rome	Endurance	1998
Susan	Crockett	WEG Jerez	Endurance	2002
Tor	Van Den Berge	WEC Pratoni	Driving	2022
Warren	Backhouse	WEG Kentucky	Reining	2010

**Motion**: That Honorary Life Membership is conferred for athletes distinguished and special service to equestrian sport passed by ballot of members. **CARRIED: 22.AGM.04** 

#### 7.0 Election of Office Bearers

As per the notice issued to Members on 31 January, 2023, nominations for the Equestrian Queensland Board and the Sport Committees closed on Friday 10 February, 2023. Elections are only held for the Board and/or Sport Committees where the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies.

Nominations for the Show Horse Queensland Committee exceeded the two (2) vacancies available and were subject to an election.

Voting for the elections closed on Monday 20 March at 4.30pm.

#### **Show Horse Queensland**

There were four (4) nominations for Show Horse Queensland.

Diana Bradley and Toni Harper-Purcell were elected to Show Horse Queensland for a three-year term.

In consultation with the Show Horse Queensland Committee all other candidates may be invited to be part of the Show Horse Queensland committee to fill casual vacancies.

## **Equestrian Queensland Board**

There was one (1) nomination for the Equestrian Queensland Board.

Karim Cham was elected to the Equestrian Queensland Board unopposed for a three-year term.

## **Interschool Queensland**

There were three (3) nominations for Interschool Queensland.

In consultation with nominees, Nicole Doogue and Patrick Lowe were elected to Interschool Queensland for a three-year term. Sarah Hoolihan was appointed to Interschool Queensland to fill a casual vacancy for a two-year term.

#### **Dressage Queensland**

There were two (2) nominations for Dressage Queensland.

Kristy Battista and Sally Devlin were elected unopposed to the Dressage Queensland committee for a three-year term.

# **Eventing Queensland**

There was one (1) nomination for Eventing Queensland.

Kirani Heereman was elected to the Eventing Queensland committee unopposed for a three-year term.

#### **Jumping Queensland**

There were three (3) three nominations for Jumping Queensland.

In consultation with nominees, Terri Langdon and Lyndal Roos were elected to Jumping Queensland for a three-year term. Hayley Somerset was appointed to Jumping Queensland to fill a casual vacancy for a two-year term.

# **Vaulting Queensland**

There were two nominations for Vaulting Queensland

Karan Foran and Lily Tamai were elected unopposed to Vaulting Queensland for a three-year term.

## **Driving Queensland**

There were two nominations for Vaulting Queensland

Corby Cunnington and Fiona Strachan were elected unopposed to Driving Queensland for a three-year term.

Outstanding vacancies on Equestrian Queensland Board and Sport Committees may be directly appointed by the Equestrian Queensland Board with consultation with relevant sport committees.

Moved: C Collier Seconded: A Allard CARRIED: 22.AGM.05

#### 8.0 Appointment of Branch Auditor

#### Motion 6: -

"Moore Australia, be appointed as the Equestrian Queensland Branch Auditors."

Moved: N Ballard Seconded: A Allard CARRIED: 22.AGM.06

## 9.0 Closure

The Chairperson, Nicholas Ballard thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm.