

Queensland Polocrosse Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2014

Call to order

Eric Beresford called to order the AGM of the Queensland Polocrosse Association at 9:25am on March 1, 2014 at the Toowoomba City Golf Club.

Attendance

As per the attendance register

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. Presidents Opening Address

Eric Beresford declared the meeting open and welcomed all delegates and guests including thanking them for their efforts in attending. Call for any business arising out of 2012 minutes.

2. Apologies

Bill McCutcheon, Libby Wells, Ken Shepherd, Clayton Sargood, Ian Stewart, Moira Thumm.

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

NIL

4. Acceptance of the Minutes

Request that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd March 2013 be confirmed as a complete and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved that the minutes are accepted: Eric Beresford. Seconded: John Girdler

CARRIED

5. President Report

Eric Beresford read his report as submitted

- Clubs seeking Sponsorship please keep in touch with the QPA Office.
- Clubs need to get onto the Database and update their details to keep the communication line between the QPA Office, Secretaries and Members.

Moved that the Presidents Report be accepted: Eric Beresford. Seconded: Kent Wells.

CARRIED

6. Treasurers Report:

Kim Bowman referred to the Financial Information Available for Collection at the AGM.

**Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Kim Bowman. Seconded: Simon Ruddick
CARRIED**

7. Cattle Manager's Report:

Murray Sturgess read the Cattle Report as per attached on behalf of Ron Byriel.

**Moved that the Cattle Manager's report be accepted: Murray Sturgess. Seconded: Stewart Neal.
CARRIED**

8. Selectors Report:

Chairman of Senior Selectors Report:

Murray Sturgess read his report as per attached.

**Moved that the Senior Chairman of Selectors report be accepted: Murray Sturgess. Seconded:
Chris Franklin. CARRIED**

Chairman of Junior Selectors Report:

John Knights read his report as per attached.

**Moved that the Junior Chairman of Selectors report be accepted: John Knights. Seconded:
Rodney Geppert. CARRIED**

9. Director of Umpires Report

Stewart Neal read his report as per attached.

**Moved that the Director of Umpire's report be accepted: Stewart Neal. Seconded: Rodney
Geppert. CARRIED**

10. Director of Coaching Report:

Charlie Brook read his report as per attached.

**Moved that the Director of Coaching Report be accepted: Charlie Brook. Seconded: Simon
Ruddick.
CARRIED**

11. State Horse Welfare Officers Report:

Wayne Austin Read his report as per attached.

Moved that the Director of Horse Welfare Officers Report be accepted: Wayne Austin.

Seconded: Clay Colless.

CARRIED

12. Website Report:

Christine Franklin read the Website report as per attached on behalf of Wendy Sturgess.

Moved that the Website Report be accepted: Christine Franklin. Seconded: Paul O'Leary.

CARRIED

13. Rodney Geppert Insurance and Rule Book Presentation:

Insurance:

- This year QPA had a very good year insurance wise.
- Insurance costs each year are increasing.
- Loss ratio of 60% for 2013.
- Everyone is doing a great job at doing the right thing at Polocrosse. Whenever you see something you think is wrong, it usually is wrong so do something about it.
- Alison Mathie is doing up some stats for QPA claims regarding insurance.
- Issue with people approaching QPA Management, QPA Office and Rodney about what they are covered for under the QPA Insurance, e.g., fundraising, etc.
- We can't have campdrafts, breaking in clinics, etc and use QPA insurance.
- PAA have \$10 000 excess on public liability.

Question: Kim Bowman brought up Horsemanship Schools in relation to QPA insurance?

Answer: If you are a registered QPA member, you are covered. Facilitators are not covered, they need a professional indemnity policy. QPA Coaches that are a financial QPA member are covered. Coaches or Umpires can be a social member and still be covered, but players have to be financial to be covered.

Rodney Geppert- presented a slideshow on the new Rule Book.

- New Rule book has not been finalised as yet and is not available to distribute to members.

Kent Wells- President of the Queensland Horse Industry Alliance- presented a slideshow about issues impacting the horse industry.

- Hendra Policies
- Bio-Security Plans and Tool Kits. Every club should have a Bio-Security Tool Kit, and also attend a class to learn how to put on all the safety equipment, etc. The Bio-Security Plan and Tool Kit information is available on the QPA Website for clubs to use.

Special Business

- **Election of Office Bearers**

Current sitting Management Committee members not for re-election were: Simon Ruddick, Stewart Neal, Murray Sturgess, Wayne Austin, Kim Bowman.

Scrutineers: Lea-Anne Geppert, Judy McDiarmid, Carol Reid

President for 2014 will be Eric Beresford.

Senior State Selectors Pre Vote:

Russell Davison	Elected
Ashley Sutton	Unsuccessful

Junior Sate Selectors Pre Vote: 4 nominated, 5 needed. One person needed to come off the floor.

Duncan Scobie nominated	Barry Dawson (Muttaborra Club)	Unsuccessful
Chris Franklin nominated	Steven Hall (Quilpie Club)	Elected

**Moved by Eric Beresford that voting papers are destroyed. Seconded Lea-Anne Geppert.
CARRIED**

Management Committee: (Need 4)
(4 Nominated)

Mr. Charles Brook (Warwick Club)
Mrs. Christine Franklin (Gold Coast Club)
Mr. John Knights (St George Club)
Mrs. Jackie Sargood (Tansey Club)

Senior Selectors:

Mr. Charles Brook (Warwick Club)
Mr. Gordon Moloney (Longreach Club)
Mr. Chris Franklin (Gold Coast Club)
Mr. Alex Hall (Wandoan Club)
Mr. Bill Taylor (Bauhinia Club)

Junior Selectors:

Mr. Clayton Sargood (Tansey Club)
Ms. Robyn Cooper (Cunningham Club)
Mr. Steven Hall (Quilpie Club)
Mr. Luke Grills (Chinchilla Club)
Mrs. Jess Duncan (Warwick Club)

Patron:

Hon. Howard Hobbs MP

Auditor:

Barlows Accountants Pty Ltd

84 Grafton Street, Warwick 4370

Jessica Duncan read Samantha Speedy's NZ Exchange Report.

- **Notices of Motion**

Capricornia Zone- “The Capricornia Zone as a whole requested that the QPA move the AGM around the State as per a previous motion”.

- Background: Terry Kerr explained the motion further.
- Comments: Simon Ruddick explained that Management researched that moving the motion was never a policy but it was discussed.

Eric Beresford announced that the Management Committee moved a motion that the next AGM would be in Rockhampton.

**Moved that the motion be withdrawn: Terry Kerr. Seconded: Kim Bowman
WITHDRAWN**

Eric Beresford announced at 12:50 pm that the meeting would break for Lunch.

Eric Beresford announced at 1:58 pm that the meeting was resumed.

Gold Coast Polocrosse Club- “The Queensland Polocrosse State Championships be moved from the first weekend in September to the first weekend in July and that the Queensland Polocrosse bi-annual Zone Championships be moved to the first weekend in September”.

- Background: Christine Franklin explained the motion further.

**Moved that the motion was defeated by a show of hands vote: Eric Beresford.
DEFEATED**

Quilpie Polocrosse Club- “Where clubs have insufficient playing junior or intermediate team members to form a team at any level, permission be granted for players of those clubs to combine with other junior or intermediate members within their own zone to form a team eligible for all open competition not restricted to pool competition”.

- Background: Steven Hall explained the motion further.

**Moved that the motion is defeated by a show of hand vote: Eric Beresford.
DEFEATED**

Eric explained that the Management Committee will discuss this issue further.

- **Club Affiliation Fees for 2015**
Moved that the Club Affiliation Fee's for 2015 stay at \$600.00: Jim Neill-Ballentine.
Seconded: Barry Dawson. CARRIED
- **Member Registration Fees for 2014 for ratification as per approved by the QPA Management Committee.**
Moved that the Member Registration fees for 2014 be accepted: Stuart Sillis.
Seconded: Colin Bloomfield. CARRIED

QPA Constitution

Background: Eric Beresford discussed the QPA Constitution and moved that the Constitution be carried

The new QPA Constitution was accepted by a unanimous show of hands vote.

State Championships (2015) – Nominations

- Cunningham Club will nominate for 2015
- Wandoan withdrew their nomination prior to the AGM due to Cunningham's 60th year.
- No other nominations were raised.

Cunningham Club was the only club nominated and was dually accepted by a show of hands.

State Zone Titles (2015) - Looking for Nominations

- Eric Beresford asked clubs and zones to start nominating if they would like to host the next State Zone Titles.

Venue for next AGM

- Eric Beresford stated that it had already been decided that the next QPA AGM would be held in Rockhampton.

General Business

- Justin Hafey believes that it should be the Management Committee that picks the QLD State Selectors. He said that the members should be able to nominate, than the Executive take the nominations and then make the decision. If we trust them to run Magic Stone, the QPA Cattle and funds, we should trust them to pick our State Selectors. Members shouldn't be able to pick who selects them.
- Terry Kerr asked to be explained the protocol for changing carnival dates.
- Terry Kerr asked to be explained what happened to the Junior Trials for Nationals.
- Les Fraser wanted to show his support for Justin Hafey's idea about the Management Committee picking the State Selectors. He stated that it was in the new Constitution, and then was dropped out. We are the only sport that let our players pick the Selectors. Les explained that if things go pear shaped in the QPA, it falls back onto Management, so they should have a say. He stated that the new constitution should be re-visited. It should be Players nominated and The Executive Naming.
- Maree Keioskie asked why is there a one week time frame now for player fee's to be paid before you play or practice.
- Karen Hall wanted to know if 'Come and Try Days' can be held on a different weekend.
- Eric Beresford stated that in regards to Justin Hafey and Les Frasers comments about the Selectors- the Management Committee will discuss this throughout the year.

Eric Beresford closed the meeting at 3:28pm

Next AGM: December 2014

Venue: Rockhampton