**Annual General Meeting**

**Queensland Polocrosse Association Inc.**

**Venue:** Alan Cunningham Room

 Burke & Wills Hotel

Ruthven Street Toowoomba

**Date:**  Saturday 14th December 2019

**Meeting Opened:** 9.15am

**Official Business:**

I declare that we have: 9 postal votes from 5 clubs, 42 delegates from 24 clubs for this meeting.

**Call for nominations for Scrutineers** – Tom Cobon, Susie Rose, Samantha Darcy

**Nominated** Alex Reid **Second** Leonie Girdler **Carried**

**Present** as per the attendance register

**Apologies**: Edwina & Phil Keating, Robert & Lessette Hoffman, Murray Sturgess, John O’Sullivan, Jacqui Strahley, Christine Franklin.

**Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 8th December 2018 -**

**Moved:** John Mullins **Seconded**: Jamie Bredhauer **Carried**

**Business arising from previous minutes: Nil**

**Reports**

* **President’s Report:** Presented By Lou Raiteri **Moved**: Lou Raiteri **Seconded**: Stewart Neal
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Penny Kelly **Moved**: Penny Kelly **Seconded**: Michelle Smith
* **Appointment of auditors:** Penny Kelly

**Motion**: moved that Super Audit Specialists - Claire Muller Toowoomba to be appointed as QPA Auditors for the coming financial year and moved that the audit report be accepted.

 **Moved**: Penny Kelly **Seconded**: Betty Raiteri **Carried**

* **Cattle Committee Report:** Presented by John Mullins **Moved**: Stewart Neal **Seconded**: Robyn Cooper
* **Chairperson of Senior Selector's Report:** **Moved**: Mike Williams **Seconded**: Chris Franklin
* **Chairperson of Junior Selector's Report:** **Moved**: Terry Kerr **Seconded**: John Mullins
* **State Director of Umpiring’s Report:** **Moved**: Paul McGrath **Seconded**: Stewart Neal
* **State Director of Coaching's Report:** **Moved**: Russell Davison **Seconded**: Chris Franklin
* **State Director of Youth Development Report:** **Moved**: Jamie Bredhauer **Seconded**: Kate Davison
* **State Director of Managers Report:** **Moved**: John Knights **Seconded**: Leonie Girdler
* **State Director of Player Gradings:** **Moved**: Jamie Bredhauer **Seconded**: Kate Davison
* **State Director of Horse Welfare:** **Moved**: Terry Kerr **Seconded**: John Mullins
* **Women’s Committee Chairperson report:** **Moved**: Mirella O’Sullivan **Seconded**: Kate Davison
* **Director of Governance Report:** **Moved**: Louie Raiteri **Seconded**: Terry Kerr

Copy of all reports in the office.

**Special Business**

1. Election of Office Bearers

**Patron** – Howard Hobbs

**President two (2) year term** – Mike Williams

**Management Committee**

Four (4) positions declared vacant as per rotating two (2) year term

Nominations received prior to the meeting.

**James Bredhauer (Chinchilla)**

**Matt Hardy (Warwick)**

**Mirella O’Sullivan (Dirranbandi)**

**Nominations called from the floor for remaining (1) position:**

**Ronnie Stephens** – **Nominated by** Lisa Johnson **Seconded** Kate Davison

**Charlie Brook** – **Nominated by** Cameron Shepherd **Seconded** Les Fraser

**John Knights** – **Nominated by** Steven Hall **Seconded** Helen Taylor

**2 year term – Ronnie Stevens - Elected**

**Management Committee (Casual Vacancy 1 position to fill 1 year term)**

**Nominations received prior to the meeting:**

Charles Brook (Warwick)

 John Knights (St George)

 Gerard O’Sullivan (Chinchilla)

 Alex Reid (Alton Downs)

**1 Year Term Gerald O’Sullivan – Elected**

**State Director of Umpiring** – Paul McGrath – Elected Accepted

**Appointment of Selectors**

**Seniors**

Damien Gould

Lisa Johnson

Chris Franklin

Paul McGrath

John O’Sullivan

**Juniors**

Edwina Keating

John Mullins

Sally McGrath

Kylie Dunstan

Lauren Sillitoe

**Club Affiliation Fees for 2021** – Penny Kelly Moved that the 2021 club affiliation fees

**Seconded** Nicole Wills **Carried**

**Member Registration Fees for 2020** – Penny Kelly – still waiting for fee structure from PAA. Once received we will put this forward.

**First Aid Subsidy:** – Penny Kelly **moved** that the first aid subsidy proposal be accepted and available for 2020 season. **Seconded** Lou Raiteri All in favor. Carried

**Motions on Notice (Attached)**

* 1. Gold Coast Club – Russell Davison **Moved** **Seconded** Louie Raiteri – vote Declined
	2. Clifton Club – Mike Williams **Moved Seconded** Bill Taylor – Vote Approved
	3. Wandoan Club – Kylie Myers **Moved Seconded** Stewart Neal -Vote declined

**State Club Championships 2021** – Location & 3rd, 4th & 5thh September 2021

* 1. EOI Wandoan, no further nominations. Wandoan to host in 2021. **Carried**

**QPA Zone Championships or Zone Challenge – Terry Kerr addressed the Meeting.**

Rules and guidelines to be firmed up and Fine-tuned as it goes along.

**Terry Kerr moved** - a motion that we run the QPA Challenge in 2021 **Seconded** – Clay Colless **Carried**

**QPA Zone Championships or QPA Challenge 3rd & 4th July 2021 & Location**

EOI from Alton Downs & Called for other nominations

 Tansey have expressed interest hosting the QPA Challenge. It was suggested that we open EOI up until the new year given it was now determined that the QPA Challenge be run in 2021

**Motion Moved:** Given that we have just confirmed the competition can we delay confirming the location until the new year. EOI be called for the state challenge to be determined by the delegates.

**Moved** John Mullins **Seconded** Stewart Neal. **Carried**

**Motion from the floor**: “That ballot papers be destroyed.”

**Moved:** Robyn Cooper **Second:** Meg Doyle **Carried**

**General Business**

**PAA Update**,– Susie Rose

**Blue Bandage at all carnivals** – Penny Kelly

MC Moved to make it compulsory to hold blue bandage unless exemption received.

**Discussion was held re Reciprocal members** – did this work? It suits a lot of younger age group who have the opportunity to travel. Can the PAA reconsider bringing this rule back in. QPA have ideas to streamline the paperwork. We believe that it did work. Can we refine it and give it another go. It was discussed that the NUC committee may be able to find a solution to make this easier.

PAA – trialed for 12 months, biggest problem was the expense with running the reciprocal rule. Looking at the transfer system to see if we can facilitate people/players.

**Umpire discussion**

**NSW Narrabri Carnivals** – umpire to junior challenge

Trying to get nonplaying umpires to attend the nationals.

QPA Upgraded 130 umpires in the state in 2019.

NUC committee looking into setting up a lady umpire committee in conjunction with SCU.

Will be looking at zero tolerance to umpire abuse and bullying on and off the field.

Blood rule has become very tough – horse welfare.

Line ups ongoing issue. Umpire assessment sheets are given to zone umpires, you may be assessed randomly at carnivals. Probationary tickets have been handed out within the zone. Club Umpire coaches are encouraged to start doing more in there clubs. Horse welfare forms to be done through the clubs. Booklet received from VIC polocrosse that need to be assessed prior to attending the nationals. Each state to deal with separately.

**Motion hold the meeting in Toowoomba on the 12th December 2020**

**Moved:** Louie Raiteri **Second** Kate Davison **Carried**

**Mike closed the meeting.**

Thankyou to our outgoing president Christine, she’s done a fabulous job. Mike does make a commitment to attending to every zone in 2020. In the new year we will be looking to appointing a new administrator. Mike believes that the office doesn’t need to be open 5 days a week. The MC will decide in the new year and will advise. The next 12 months will be very tough, due to the drought it will make it hard for clubs to run. What do you want to achieve, for mike its about players enjoying polocrosse at all levels. Thanks to Steph and Penny for organising this meeting. I wish to welcome the new members of the MC. To Louie you’ve kept us honest. Thank you for your work with the P&P over the past few years. John thanks to you also, thank you for keeping managers for teams in line. we will be preparing early in the new year for Ballarat with a carnival being held at Tara. We look forward to attending Bauhinia for our State Champs in the middle of the year. Please note there are more MH carnivals toward the back of the season due to our new trial date for the state champs.

**Next AGM date and location**:

Date – Saturday 12th December 2020

Location: Toowoomba.

Venue: TBA

Meeting Close: 1.35pm