



## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**VENUE:** Phillips Lounge, Rockhampton Leagues Club  
Cambridge Street, Rockhampton, Queensland.

**DATE:** Saturday 13th December, 2014.

### Call to order

Chairman Eric Beresford called to order the AGM of the Queensland Polocrosse Association at 8:50 am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at the Rockhampton Leagues Club.

### Attendance

As per the attendance register

#### 1. Presidents Opening Address

Eric Beresford declared the meeting open and welcomed all special guests and dignitaries. Call for any business arising out of 2014 March meeting.

#### 2. Apologies

Jess Osborne, Robert Ogle, Phillip & Adele Hughes, Robyn Sargood, John Thompson, Wayne Austin, Geoffrey and Leanne Hartwig.

#### 3. Business Arising Out of the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014

- Rodney Geppert explained that in his presentation notes in the previous minutes, it said QPA not PAA that has \$10 000 excess on public liability.
- Need to get the loss ratio back to 60%.

**Moved that the minutes of the AGM held 1 March 2014 be accepted:**

**Rodney Geppert**

**Seconded: Eric Beresford**

**CARRIED**

#### 4. President's Report

**Eric Beresford**

Eric Beresford read his report.

- Thanked Sponsors, Management Committee, Hayley, Kim, PAA, Players and Members.
- Explained that the QPA is rock solid and never been stronger.

**Moved that the Presidents report be accepted:**

**Eric Beresford**

**Seconded: Kent Wells**

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

**Kim Bowman**

Kim Bowman read his report and tabled the 2014 QPA Financials.

- Kim explained that we have run at a pretty big profit this year and it's been a 9 month period so all the figures won't quite match up.
- 97 head of cattle sold this year. Average \$55 000 a year in cattle sales over the past 4 years.
- Rental house on Magic Stone, Optus tower on Magic Stone are extra little incomes that we have coming in.
- We didn't spend much on Magic Stone this year.
- Russell Street Offices- we had a change in tenants this year.



- Down nearly \$30 000 in player fees this year due less members.
- Government Grant. We are very lucky to have our \$95 000 a year over a 3 year period. We are generally spending money on coaching, umpiring, youth development, rep teams.
- Merchandise and Uniforms is displayed wrong on the books. Looks to see that its running at a loss, however it's because things are categorized wrong.
- Nationals cost us about \$50 000 and we are hoping the QPA contribution is well received.
- Sponsorship, nice amount came in this year and it's a great help
- Running at a \$104 000 profit this year. Reduced our overdraft to about \$70 000 per year.
- Kim explained that the Management Committee had proposed to start a QPA investment fund. Start with \$25 000 and put money aside annually.

**Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Kim Bowman**

**Seconded: Charlie Brook**

**CARRIED**

### **QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE FINANCIALS**

Libby Wells – Cattle expenses. Are all of the people who have cattle selling the cattle for free?

Kim Bowman replied that the QPA are pretty well looked after in that respect.

Libby Wells- \$13 000 junior athlete development? Why the rise this year?

Kim Bowman replied that it was nothing specific. Most of it was spent on Albury, NZ Scholarship, Muswellbrook Show team and Nationals.

Discussion was held.

Les Fraser- What's the difference in PR Gear, Merchandise and Uniforms?

Kim Bowman replied that it's just the coding in the books.

Les Fraser - Rent on the office next door. Is it time to move on for future development? Sell the offices and move into a bigger better office in a better location.

Kate Beresford: Has QPA thought about owning their vehicle?

Kim Bowman said that there is no need for that.

Discussion was held.

### **6. Cattle Manager's Report:**

**Ron Byriel**

Ron just explained that Eric and Kim pretty much summed up everything with cattle  
The cattle committee are privileged and happy to be a part of it.

Lea-Anne Geppert asked how the cattle committee are thanked.

Eric explained we do help them with feed and freight bills, however we give them a few free tickets here and there and that we wish we could do more however they do not wish for more.

Lea-Anne Geppert suggested that we could maybe put them in the next magazine for recognition.



7. **Chairman of Selector's Report:**

**Chairman of Senior Selectors Report:** Murray Sturgess

Murray read his report.

**Moved that the Senior Chairman of Selectors report be accepted: Murray Sturgess**

**Seconded: Chris Franklin**

**CARRIED**

**Chairman of Junior Selector's Report:** John Knights

John Knights read his report.

-John tabled his new process on junior selection which was in the minutes of one the past Management Committee meeting minutes.

**Moved that the Junior Chairman of Selectors report be accepted: John Knights**

**Seconded: Lea-Anne Geppert**

**CARRIED**

8. **State Chief Umpire's Report:** Stewart Neal

Stewart Neal read his report.

Congratulated Chris Franklin (Umpire of the Year) on his efforts this year.

**Moved that the Director of Umpires report be accepted: Stewart Neal**

**Seconded: Kim Bowman**

**CARRIED**

9. **State Coaching Director's Report:** Charles Brook

Charlie read his report

**Moved that the State Coaching Directors report be accepted: Charlie Brook**

**Seconded: Murray Sturgess**

**CARRIED**

Morning tea Break at 10:00am

Meeting re-opened at 10:32am

10. **State Horse Welfare Officer's Report:**

Eric Beresford presented Wayne Austin's report.

**Moved that the State Horse Welfare Officer's report be accepted : Eric Beresford**

**Seconded: Stewart Neal**

**CARRIED**

11. **Admin report** Hayley Carroll

Hayley read her report.

**Moved that the Administrators report be accepted: Hayley Carroll**

**Seconded: Lea-Anne Geppert**

**CARRIED**



Gill Mathie – President of the PAA addressed the members.

**12. Insurance & PAA update**

**Rodney Geppert**

- Rodney addressed the members on insurance: we are sailing close to wind but its improving.
  - \$1.843 million in claims.
  - Very good year this apart from the unfortunate 1 fatality
  - 92% loss ratio- 46% last year
  - Average cost of claim is \$7231.00
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- Rodney addressed the members on the PAA
    - SA World cup prep on track
    - Australian team will play at Barastoc and Albury
    - Jnr squad will be taken to Albury and given an elite level of coaching.
    - The PAA have developed a competition for U21 that have not represented at a state level. Designed for players who are nearly there but haven't quite made it in a team yet. They will also be given some coaching.
    - The PAA are close to closing a deal with Pallentine promotions for a Polocrosse promotion dvd- Filmed at Albury, Barastoc, etc.
    - Invite from Germany to send an Australian team to horse Equitana in Germany. Team selected by PAA board.
    - Test team every year for the next 5 years is the plan.
    - Program to try assist Australian team Managers.

Bettina Speedy asked- Is income protection part of insurance? If you can't produce a pay slip, is it true you can't get wage protection?

Rodney Geppert replied- FALSE, if your self-employed its capped \$700 per week.

Bettina Speedy asked if Polocrosse is possible at Pony Clubs again?

Rodney Geppert replied- We have insurance they don't. They don't have a National insurance scheme.

Discussion was held.

**13. QHIA- Kent Wells**

- Kent thanks PAA, QPA and Howard Hobbs.
- DPI are currently doing a new Biosecurity Bill.
- Tick Movements- working on reforms on tick movements.
- Hendra- have to learn to live with it. Hendra Vaccination is the Single most affected way to protect your horse.
- Ensure you have a Bio-Security plan at your event. Hendra is about work place health and safety now.
- If you have a sick horse- do not bring It to Polocrosse.
- If there is a Hendra outbreak at an event all vaccinated horses can go home. All others have to stay and ride it out.



## Special Business

- 1. Election of Office Bearers** 24 votes off the floor and 8 postal votes

**Scrutineers:** Karen Hall, Lea-Anne Geppert, Judy Nobbs, Gil Mathie, Tanya Dawson, Rodney Geppert

**i. Management Committee-**

**Current sitting Management Committee members not for re-election were:** John Knights, Christine Franklin, Jackie Sargood, Charlie Brook

**Justin Hafey, Penny Kelly and Terry Kerr were successful and will be the new members on the Management Committee.**

**Kim Bowman will be the Treasurer for 2015**

**Howard Hobbs will be the QPA Patron for 2015**

**Stewart Neal will be the State Chief Umpire for 2015**

**ii. Senior Selectors**

Selected: Chris Franklin, Gordon Moloney, Alex Hall, Charlie Brook, Bill Taylor

**iii. Junior Selectors**

Selected: Kylie Dunstan, Jess Duncan, Luke Grills, Clayton Sargood, Frank Taylor

**Moved that all ballot papers are destroyed: Christine Franklin**

**Seconded: Penny Kelly**

**CARRIED**

Eric explained to members that we use Barlow's as auditors every year and that we would like to try and source a new auditors because we use MYOB and they don't etc.

Eric asked if anyone would have any objections if we changed auditors.

Discussion was held and all were in favour.

**Motion: That we will source a new Auditor.**

**Moved: Les Fraser**

**Seconded: Alex Reid**

**CARRIED**

**1. Club Affiliation**

- Kim Bowman explained that Club fees are \$600. The Management Committee made a decision to keep club fees at \$600.00

Recommendation from MC to stay the same

- **Show of hands showed all were in favour to keep the club fees the same.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Member Registration Fees for 2015 (to be accepted)**

- Keep ahead of game, PAA levy goes up about \$2 each year.

- o **Show of hands support for fees**

**CARRIED**

**3. State Club Championships (2016) – Expression of Interest from Wandoan Club**

- The 2016 State Club Champs will be held in Wandoan won.

**CARRIED**



#### 4. State Zone Titles (2017) Calling for Nominations

-Bill Taylor- Bauhinia club would like to show their expressions of interest

Discussion was held

- Eric explained the QPA Management Committee recommendation for a couple of zones to amalgamate if they wanted.

Discussion was held in regards to the zones

- **The 2017 Zone Championships will be held in Bauhinia**

**CARRIED**

#### General Business

- Rodney Geppert recommended that the QPA upgrade the QPA sign at the Russell St office.
- John Knights thanked Robyn Cooper for her efforts as Junior Selector over the time.
- Steven Hall recommended that we could perhaps join the Club captain and MPIO positions together within the clubs.

Discussion was held.

- Howard Hobbs congratulated all clubs for their efforts and it is shown through those who nominated for positions today.
- Barry Dawson questioned grading within zones. Bring to the attention that players who leave the game and come back in as a 1 isn't fair.

Discussion was held.

- Venue for the 2015 AGM

Bill Taylor- Nominated Townsville

Charlie Brook- Nominated Toowoomba

**Show of hands – Toowoomba**

**CARRIED**

Closing Address – President closed the meeting at: 12:31pm