



**2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 6th October 2020**

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) Incorporated held in the Ocean Foam Room, First Floor, State Equestrian Centre, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**1. Welcome and address by EWA Chair Mr Ron Fleming.**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

***Present:***

**Board Members:** R Fleming (Chairperson), W Newton Wordsworth (Vice Chair), R O'Halloran (Finance director) A Avery, Anne Wilkins, Neil Ozanne, G Edwards (SEC special project)

**Members:** D Pedlow (CEO), D Fleming, D Bennit, M Tenger, N Foster, S Keys, S Simons, T Barber, K Gianatti, V Mayger, N Murray, S Squire, P Sharp, L Baxter, G Dick, S Dick, A Krulatz, E Dagnall, D Andrews, C Shore, H Magill, W Barker, R Ellis, J Reid, C Magill, L Galovicova, P McLachlan

**2. Apologies:** , A Marchesani (Board Member), J Odgaard, K Wilson, P Huntington

**3. Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual General conducted on 2nd May 2019.**

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held on 2nd May 2019 are a true and accurate record of the meeting with the following correction.

*Amend the minutes **Item 4** – Correction "Denise Geldard" corrected to "Denis Geldard"*

Moved: V Mayger

Seconded: D Bennit

Approved by all

**4. To receive, and if thought fit, adopt the 2019 Annual Report**

Annual Report complete with annual accounts were published on the EWA Website from 03/09/2020 and notice of meeting emailed to all members 04/09/2020.

The Chairperson Ron Fleming delivered a presentation of the Annual Report making special note of two members former EWA Chairperson David Mills and World Games Para Equestrian Carol Wells both of who had passed away in 2019. Acknowledgement of Dressage WA's very successful Carl Hester master class.

The reason for the delayed AGM due to Covid was also stated.

Moved: L Baxter

Seconded: D Fleming

Approved by all

**5. To receive, and if thought fit, adopt the 2019 Financial Statements including the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.**

Financials presented by Roslyn O'Halloran

Roslyn O'Halloran spoke to the Subsequent events, going concern statements, the effect of Covid, EA administration and corrections to the fixed asset register. Questions were raised in regard to cash at hand 2018/2019 the difference due to timing of events. The value of EWA owned lot 33 was asked and is identified in the accounts. It was explained that investment in assets and improvements to the SEC results in these being assets of the City of Swan the SEC owner unless they can be removed.

Moved: L Baxter

Seconded: K Gianatti

Approved by all

**6. To appoint the Auditor for 2020 Financial Year.**

Proposed that auditors DB Yagmich & Co. Midland be reappointed as EWA auditor for 2020

Moved: R O'Halloran (Director Finance)

Seconded: J Reid

Approved by all

**7. Notice of Motions.**

The Chairperson noted that no motions had been tabled for the meeting.

**8. Close of meeting.**

Ron Fleming thanked all present and thanked them for attending and acknowledged the support that Lisa Baker had provided to EWA in the past 2 years.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

Next AGM scheduled for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Following the meeting the EWA Board and CEO provided additional information and a short overview of future options for new management and governance structure for the SEC.

Ron Fleming mentioned the EA administration and the EA SGM and thanked the many members who had contacted the Board supporting their actions in the matter. He also raised concerns about the issue of a small number of members that behave and speak inappropriately towards the EWA staff, particularly on the phone. He reminded members that EWA and SEC are to be spoken to politely, and if they have an issue or complaint about something it should be raised with the CEO.

D Pedlow presented a power point on four options being considered for new management and governance structure of the SEC that discussed the main pros and cons of each, this included a member engagement process to enable the Board to make a decision on the future structure. The importance of the support that DGLSC has provided in the past 14, and the next 12 months to ensure that the SEC remains operational was explained.

Questions raised included, why continue to fight for the SEC, is it worth it, is there value to keep investing in the SEC if the future is uncertain, is the Indoor arena sustainable and of value. The importance of receiving external funding for operational, asset management and redevelopment was explained as essential for the security of the SEC in the future.

The importance of the SEC for the sport was identified.

**Close of discussion.**

The Chairperson closed the discussion at 9.20pm. and invited members to join the Board for light refreshments.