



**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
& SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 7pm 6 MAY 2021**

MINUTES

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) Incorporated held in the Bond Connell Arena, State Equestrian Centre, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon at 7.00pm on Thursday 6th May 2021.

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

Present:

Board Members: R Fleming (Chairperson), A Marchesani (Vice Chair) W Newton Wordsworth R O'Halloran (Finance director), Anne Wilkins, G Edwards, R Hovell

Members: D Pedlow (CEO), M Tenger, N Foster, L Schwinghammer, D Bennit(Life member), V Mayger(SHWA Chair & Life member), J Reid, S Keys-Fernihough, P Hotz, R Inglis, K Wilson, L Baxter, E Greene, S Botten, G Botten(EWA Coaching Chair), A Kippin(JWA Chair), J Karmelich, D Fleming, G Simms, A Avery, K Gianatti, T Barber, S Simons(DWA Chair), W Ryan, J Odgaard, F Jones, A Johnson, P Collier, V McLaughlan

Guest: R Henderson City of Swan councillor, H Saunders Perth Polocrosse

2. Apologies: N Ozanne proxy given to D Pedlow

3. Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual General conducted on 6 October 2020.

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held on 6 October 2020 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: A Avery

Seconded: V Mayger

Approved by all

4. To receive, and if thought fit, adopt the 2020 Annual Report

Annual Report complete with annual accounts were published on the EWA Website and social media from 07/04/2021 and included in the weekly EWA Enews leading up to the meeting from 8 April.

The Chairperson Ron Fleming delivered the Annual Report stating that it had be circulated and all members have had the opportunity to read the report. He thanked the EWA Board for its support and work during a difficult year that included Covid and the EA Voluntary Administration and made special note of thanking Roslyn O'Halloran (Finance director) for her support of the CEO in the submission for Lotterywest Covid funding.

The Chair also thanked the Sport committees for their work in supporting the return to sport after Covid lock down and that all Championship were held in 2020. He thanked the loyalty of

members in their overwhelming return to competition post Covid. He also thanked the EWA office team for their hard work during a difficult year.

The Chair also stated that with the support of the ATO through Job Keeper, CashBoost and the Lotterywest grant EWA has finished the year in a strong cash position.

The Chair asked that the Annual report be accepted.

Moved: L Baxter

Seconded: F Jones

Approved by all

5. To receive, and if thought fit, adopt the 2020 Financial Statements including the Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020.

Financials presented by Roslyn O'Halloran

Roslyn O'Halloran spoke to the Subsequent events, going concern statements, the effect of Covid, EA administration. She explained the support received by the ATO, DLGSC and City of Swan and that the ongoing costs of the SEC are been partly met by grants. This gives time for the future SEC operations to be decided, that EWA had applied for \$10 million in funding from the Federal Government Building Better Regions fund.

The Chair asked that the 2020 Financial Statements be accepted

Moved: D Bennit

Seconded: J Reid

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 2021

Moved: R O'Halloran (Director Finance)

Seconded: A Avery

Approved by all

7. Notice of Motions.

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

8. Close of meeting.

The Chair thanked all present and thanked them for attending and requested that all remain for the Special General Meeting that will immediately follow the AGM.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:14pm.

Next AGM scheduled for Thursday 28th April 2022.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

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

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open at 7.15pm.

2. Special Business –Amendment of the Constitution.

The Chair stated that the only business of the SGM was the motion to introduce By-Laws for the establishment of rules for Committees and that the Constitution be amended to reflect this.

The business of SGM was communicated to all member with the notice of AGM & SGM, 7 April 2021.

The Chair explained the reasons as outline in the notice of meeting. It was noted that concerns had been raised in regard to the tenure of committee members and how this might affect current members. It was noted that the Board has the power to extend tenure if identified as appropriate and that the Board will assist the Sport committees with any transition requirements

The Chair asked for any question;

J Reid asked what the current tenure is. CEO/RF responded that it was also 9 years but currently allows for a break then the committee member can serve another 9 years.

The Chair stated that the meeting could accept the proposed changes as one or individually.

The Chair asked all present to vote by a show of hands for the acceptance on the proposed changes in its entirety. All voted in favour.

The Chair asked if there were any objections no objections were raised.

The EWA Committee By-Laws were passed together with the required changes to the Constitution.

3. Close of meeting.

The Chair thanked all present and thanked them for attending.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

The Chair offered to answer any general questions from the attendees

The Chair commented on:

- The SEC Lease extension with the City of Swan until December 31 2021.
- EWA request to DLGSC and City of Swan re the need for funding agreement by August 2021.
- That the Indoor is at end of life.
- The City of Swan grant for \$111,000 for dust suppression trial to save water.
- DLGSC grants.
- EA VA process
- Membership is currently back to 2016 levels and the Interschools entries was also highest since 2016.

P Collier stated that the EA Coaching committee had met with 2 EA Board members and that EA Coaching committee felt supported.

H Saunders from Perth Polocrosse requested to speak as a EWA non-member, she also reported that membership was up in her club. She raised concerns about uncertainty of the SEC lease and sub leases and why EWA was not proceeding with lease negotiations the Chair and CEO responded that it was difficult to start when we did not know if EWA could continue operating the SEC without funding. That EWA was do all it can to find support for the SEC. She asked if EWA would have objections to the Swan fields' area being removed from the lease the Chair responded that it had not been raised at a Board level.

Close of discussion.

The Chairperson closed the discussion at 8pm.