



Summary of Business

Excerpts from the Minutes of the EWA Board of Directors meeting

**held at 6.30pm on 18 January 2022
via Zoom**

ATTENDANCE: G Edwards (Chair), A Wilkins (Vice Chair), R O'Halloran (Finance Director), R Hovell, R Fleming, PA Huntington

Apologies: Nil

In attendance: D Pedlow CEO

Disclosure of Interest

Updated 7 December 2021

Geoff Edwards 2022-2024	Daughter is a Jumping competitor and a members of WASJA and Swan River Showjumping Club, EA Fees & Levis Committee
Anne Wilkins 2021-2023	President, Moora & Districts Horsemen's Assoc Member, Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club
Rosalyn O'Halloran (Finance Director) appointed 2022	Member Perth Dressage Club
Ron Fleming 2020-2022	Dressage competitor Member, Perth Dressage Club, Brookleigh Dressage Club, Employee of Racing & Wagering WA Partner is Dressage competitor, EA Coach, CE
Rory Hovell 2021-2023	Showjumping Competitor CEO & Manager Yalambi Farm Stud (Breeder) Yalambi Jumping Classic Show Organiser Member of Equestrian Australia National Jumping Committee Equestrian Coach
PollyAnn Huntington 2022-2024	WAYER Organising Committee (OC), FEI Official

Acknowledgement of country

General Business

Equestrian Australia

The Chair updated the Board on EA matters including the rescheduled AGM and the difficulties this caused EWA members in voting. The EA Nominations committee decision to find 5 out of 6 candidates for the EA Board unsuitable.

A letter to members to be sent on these topics., Letter to be approved by Board.

Chair attended meetings with States, EA Chair and EA CEO, EA Discipline committee chairs. EA stated they had legal support for their actions. EA was not willing to defer vote on directors.

Concern re EA nominations deemed not suitable and no reason communicated. Should there be a ranking via the skills matrix. It was noted that candidates had the opportunity for feedback. Question raised if the EA Constitution needed review to avoid this situation.

Equestrian Western Australia

- Awards night all in place. CEO clarified it was important for the Board to attend if possible as on the evening they are seated with VIP and Sponsors.
- Strategy review forum agreed to run as a series of Zoom meetings.
- Board Governance review DSR, CEO met with DSR and are waiting on them to proceed.
- Para Equestrian Panel approval given for panel members: V Mayger, L Baker, S Jarvis, E Green, Rider's rep to be advertised.
- Staff changes Tess Drennan Events (OTT) resigned and will remain for hand over. S Key-Fernihough has been appointed to this role and she will now work full time: 0.6 Reception & 0.4 Events (OTT). SEC Caretaker Danny Boeser working out well.
- Succession planning to begin.
- Approval granted on Dressage WA appointed members Georgia Grose, Paula Zammit and Emily Symonds

State Equestrian Centre

GE tabled terms of reference for SEC Redevelopment Committee. Committee member names to tabled for Board approval. Need for clarity on what is operational and strategic. Chair to ensure that the project is coordinated. Need to include stakeholders. Resolved to proceed.

TBB report:

Chair to circulate final proposal re SEC concept master plan.

Paxon report:

CEO stated that DSR had hoped to find significant savings in the SEC but this was not identified in the report.

Forrest:

Chair to follow up

City of Swan:

6 month lease has been signed, waiting for copy from CoS. Might EWA still be able to get funding as two councillors had indicated that other sporting clubs receive grants.

Equestrian Australia

Chair asked who attended EA AGM

RF gave report, and was concerned that normal AGM protocol was not followed e.g. asking members to accept Report, Audited accounts and appoint Auditors for next year. No directors elected. Meeting was not closed and questions time opened which went on for long period.