



SOMERSBY EQUESTRIAN CLUB INC.
MINUTES FROM THE AGM MEETING
Held on 27 November 2015 at Il Cadore

Present: Elinor Ireland, Pia Cartwright, Paula Kerslake, Helene Brassier, Robyn Stones, Duncan Knight, Anna Lockwood, Bill Barrett, Sue Barrett, Jackie McDougall, Maxine Cummings, Fione Taylor, Amelia Coates, Kay Coates, Mykeala Cornish (joining committee).

Apologies: Lita Hernandez, Kate Butler, Rhiannon Moulds, Michelle Moulds

Opened 7.20pm Meeting opened and everyone welcomed by Elinor.

1. Business arising from previous AGM minutes

Nothing raised

Moved by Elinor
Seconded by Paula

2. President's Annual Report

Taking up the position last year was a bit of a shock but I am so glad I did as it has been a fantastic year, I've met some wonderful people. Everyone has been very supportive.

Unfortunately the weather gods were very unkind this year! We did try to catch up on cancelled comps but Il Cadore can be difficult to catch a free date.

We are very excited that we got such fantastic sponsorship for the Champs, Michelle Moulds did a fantastic job and it looks like 2016 will be wonderful with major sponsorship from Mitavite.

We have all put a lot of hard work into the club and the committee has diminished. Someone leaving us is the VP who is standing down as of the AGM and we have lost one of our coordinators who has decided with work commitments and travel she has had to bow out.

This means that we have some vacant positions and we offer these out to others to volunteer some time. Many hours go into making the comps a success and we would value anyone who wishes to join the team.

I am very proud of our committee and thank them for being great fun, very supportive and know how to keep me on my toes.

Moved Elinor
Seconded by Anna

3. Vice President's Annual Report – Carolita Hernandez

Nothing to report

4. Treasurer's Annual Report – Anna Lockwood

| Month | Income \$ | Expenditure \$ |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance 1 July 2014 | 16,269.53 | |
| July 14 | 0.00 | 809.45 |
| Aug 14 | 4,136.97 | 1,756.75 |
| Sept 14 | 65.00 | 4,332.14 |
| Oct 14 | 4239.33 | 6,293.77 |
| Nov 14 | 0.00 | 488.23 |
| Dec 14 | 315.00 | 29.95 |
| Jan 15 | 360.00 | 74.95 |
| Feb 15 | 4,927.32 | 3,226.90 |
| Mar 15 | 120.00 | 1212.15 |
| Apr 15 | 270.00 | 92.64 |
| May 15 | 150.00 | 29.95 |
| Jun 15 | 0.00 | 29.95 |
| Total | +\$14,583.62 | -\$18,376.83 |
| Assets declined by | | \$3,793.21 |
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| Balance at 30 Jun 2015 | \$12,476.32 | |

We started July 2014 \$16,269.53 in bank and closing in Jun 2015 at \$12,476.32 with a loss of \$3,793.21 over the year. The reason for the decline is due to the cancellation of 2 comps throughout the year due to the weather. Regardless of whether we hold a comp or not, the club still has overheads to pay eg EA membership, insurance, website etc. Let's hope the weather is kinder this year and we can increase the balance.

All in all we had very successful comps which boosted the balance, just not enough to break even. We did double our membership on last year which puts us in a very positive position for the year to come and total revenue from membership over the last financial year came to \$2,210.

Moved Elinor
Seconded by Robyn

5. Secretary's Annual Report – Robyn Stones

Nothing to report

Moved by Robyn
Seconded by Elinor

6. Other Committee Reports

Member Secretary - Paula Kerslake

Memberships – this has come close to doubling and it's due to adjusted member's fees. We scrapped the joining fee and introduced an early bird membership. Total of 81 members, last year was 44.

Pointscore – wasn't run this year due to being light on comp days and there were

regulations on those who could qualify. We didn't have the manpower on the committee and we are hoping this can be reinstated for the coming year. We still have prizes from last year that haven't been collected despite contacting them on several occasions, so it seemed a bit of a waste of money. It was suggested tonight at the AGM that owners are responsible for registering for the pointscore...this will ensure we only award those that are truly interested – committee will discuss this at our next meeting.

We all put a lot of work in to run the comps and we need some additional members to assist.

Amateur Owners – those who aren't professional riders but still compete in official comps. It wasn't very successful, again the weather didn't help, but if you are a competitor in any other club you can contribute these points to the AO trophy.

We have winners in categories tonight & we will recognise them but we are hoping for better promotion next year. Other clubs are running their own AO separate classes in amongst other classes. It's a really good incentive for the lower levels, the professionals don't ride in the lower classes to win, but they have to compete to bring their horses up the ranks and this gives the AO chance to be successful.

Moved by Paula Kerslake
Seconded by Elinor

Judges Coordinator – Rhiannon Moulds (not present)

Elinor recognised Rhiannon's role. It is a very difficult job, we had a comp with 9 judges booked and only 2 were left, Rhiannon rallied round and as a result the comp still went ahead.

Rhiannon has done a wonderful job and gets in early to book the judges.

Discussion followed re comp levels, judges & EA rules:

The EA has now introduced that from beginning of Jan, to qualify for state finals, 2 out of your 3 tests must have 2 judges. This is something we need to look into and whether we follow this. It is a big expense and it can be hard to find judges. I would like to throw it to the meeting attendees, do we try to provide 2 judges?

Mykaela - Could we do 2 comps that are not t-shirt days, can we offer 1 or 2 comps per year rather than at every comp?

Maxine is attending a seminar in the next couple of months to find out more info. They have not addressed the lack of judges at all, the last nationals they upgraded 2 judges. This has been coming for the last 10-15yrs and more than 50% thought it was too hard – it became very expensive as a club (aprox \$1500) – getting A level judges is incredibly difficult. We had to make 2 classes unofficial on the day as we couldn't get 2 judges.

Anna - Example for 2 A level judges – we spent nearly 1400 on 8 judges for the October Championship day. Does this drive attendance? It depends on the dates and the last couple of months in the season everyone is fighting to get to comps with 2 judges.

Jackie – shouldn't we be lobbying the EA?
Elinor – we have but it's early days yet.

Elinor - It seems Sydney doesn't accept that there are clubs out in regional NSW. At the end of the day, the comps consist of the bulk being every day riders, families and individuals and we need to promote this – we are the family friendly club.

Should we just run unofficial comps and have one official comp a year? We can then have closed restricted classes and the t-shirt days were the most financially viable. It is much easier for the committee. How many professionals are supporting the club?

We may just hold the Champs as an official comp. We are not really supporting the unofficial competitors. This is a point of difference from CCDA.

Amelia – Somersby is a lot like Northside which is a good thing.

Do you want more t-shirt days? We can be a lot more supportive, I want to support the juniors more. We will attract more people and the pressure is off. The committee has more time and can put a lot more energy into the other comps.

To a vote:

Show of hands for:

- stick to usual format 3 competitive and 2 unofficial - 0
- All unrestricted comps - 0
- 4 t-shirt days & one official Championships – **15 unanimous decision**

Can we develop a partnership with other clubs who may be struggling? This is something that can be done and we can discuss with CCDA. A committee member has said they will put in a submission for EA providing small grants for upgrading sporting facilities. Our Treasurer will continue to progress this idea.

Duncan - Do CCDA get a discounted membership for this club? No, CCDA is cheaper but their comps entries are more expensive. We should do a comparison?
Elinor happy to talk to Michelle Oakley.

For insurance purposes, you can either be an EA member or SEC member.

Elinor Moved
Paula Seconded

Pencillor Coordinator – Pia Cartwright
Nothing to report

7. Nomination of Committee Members 2015/16

Bill Barrett chaired the committee member's elections.

Executive Committee (those in green text are new committee role members)

| Position | Status | Elected |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | Existing | Elinor Ireland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | New | Jackie McDougal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | Existing | Anna Lockwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | Existing | Robyn Stones |

General Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Competition Secretary | Vacant | Elinor Ireland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judges Coordinator | Existing | Rhiannon Moulds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Coordinator | Existing | Paula Kerslake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencillor Coordinator | Existing | Pia Cartwright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roster Coordinator | TBC | Kathy Payne (nominated but not present at AGM) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions Coordinator | Existing | Michelle Moulds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Coordinator | Existing | Michelle Moulds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Editor | Deleted | Superseded by Media Coord. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary | Deleted | Not required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media Coordinator (Face Book/Website) | New | Mykaela Cornish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officer | Existing | Anna Lockwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Point Score Secretary* | Existing | Paula Kerslake |

*How about making the Pointscore for members submit their own entries for just the t-shirts days. Another suggestion is to have volunteers must do so many hours per year to qualify for the pointscore. If someone is happy to volunteer to do the job of checking volunteers against the pointscore then we can go with it – no volunteers found at AGM.

We agree pointscore is the responsibility of the members – use the website and facebook to promote – PDF form to be developed by Mykaela.

Moved Elinor
Seconded Robyn

8. Other Business Arising

Front of house has been struggling so hopefully getting someone else in to do it will alleviate some of the stress at front of house.

Maxine – if you have good sponsors, as a competitor I like to thank them individually – on each sponsor prize, provide the name and contact details for the sponsor to contact them and thank them. Put it to competitors to ring the sponsors and thank them.

The Champs – in fairness to the sponsors competitors should wait around for presentations in the middle and at the end of the day – photos, news articles, it's a credit to the sponsors. Have 2 breaks in the day (for all, competitors, judges and committee) to allow for presentations to take place.

February Clinic – Those who attend t-shirt days don't always know how to warm up ready for a comp. How to navigate a space in the warm-up and then use the afternoon like a protocol session. Megan Joerg – will be hosting it and there will be incentives for members. Mykeala and El to have a chat about advertising it.

Kate Taylor-Wheat – Amelia to follow up – possibly March but details needed asap to secure. There is Karingal as an alternative venue also if Il Cadore is unavailable.

Jumping indoors – this is another spot where we could branch off from the other clubs – our concern is the ground. The Coates may be able to host something (with their jump coach) – they will have a better idea early next year.

2016 Competition dates

Pre comp committee meetings occur approximately 7-10 days prior to a comp and all are welcome, just respond to our notification emails to note your attendance.

21 Feb T-shirt day (prior committee meeting date 11/2/16 tbc)

24 April T-shirt Day (prior committee meeting date 14/04/16 tbc)

19 June T-shirt Day (prior committee meeting date 9/06/16 tbc)

21 Aug T-Shirt Day (prior committee meeting date 11/08/16 tbc)

16 Oct Champs (prior committee meeting date 6/10/16 tbc)

9. Presentation to Committee Members & amateur owners

Amateur Owners

Prelim - Paula Kerlake

Medium/Advanced – Anna Lockwood

Thanks to all of you who have attended this evening.

Meeting Closed 9pm

Signatories (to be completed at next committee meeting Thurs 11 Feb 2016)

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| Elinor Ireland | Chairperson/President | Date |
| Robyn Stones | Witness Signature | Date |
| Paula Kerlake | Witness Signature | Date |
| Anna Lockwood | | Date |

Witness Signature