



Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd

Victorian Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE RIDING PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIA) **HELD ON SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 2017 AT KYNETON BOWLS CLUB, KYNETON VIC** **MEETING OPENED AT 2.35 PM**

1 PRESENT

Robert Cockram, Tara Kirk, Rosie Metherall, Maryjane Mitton, Paul Morath, Sally Morphy, Lisa Kellock, Rosemary Parker, Caroline Parker, Nicole Parsons, Trudi Jones, Nirelle Somerville, Scott Somerville, Emma Richardson, Susan Bufton, Debbie Taylor Thies, Di Aumann, Jack Good, Elizabeth Carlile, Lyn Clohesy, Michelle Feldtmann, Helen Burns, Kyle Babeth, Gladys Grentell, Susan Gorst, Peter Gardiner, Lorri Mansell, Graeme Cameron, Kaye Thomson, Sarah Redpath, Susy Stewart, Amanda Gilberd, Annie Williams, Mitch Fox, Margaret Gillies, Christine Chafer, David Ross, Robert Ralston, Sandra Donovan, Greg Jamieson, Sandy Jamieson, Dean Matthews, Chris Willmott, Melanie McGuire, Sheila Stanbury, Jeremy Roberts, Fiona Buckland, Pauline Alker, Annie Coxon, Ray Butler, Jenny Aitkin, Rob Allen, Milvia Allen.

APOLOGIES

Marlene Hart, Joan and Stephanie Bell, Fiona Bracken, Russell Bracken, Cath Bradley, Robyn Cuzens, Doyle Dertell, Kate Dertell, Judy Ivory, Carole Lindeman, Christie Thompson, Jan Langley, Kerry Dunstan, Paul Dunstan, Sue De Crespiny, Kim Humphreys, Loris Kellock, Sally Belcher, Katrina Metherall, Darren Telford, Greg Gerry, Helen Leslie, Peta Plozza, Lisa Smith, Lorraine Smith.

Chairperson Robert Cockram welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that this meeting is a properly constituted meeting of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 28th May, 2016

Motion – To accept minutes of previous meeting held on 28th May, 2016.

Moved Paul Morath, Seconded Liz Carlile. Carried.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 28th May, 2016

There was no business arising.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Robert Cockram reported the following;

Welcome everyone to the Victorian RPSBS Meeting of Members.

A big welcome to our very good and very much appreciated sponsor Rob and Milvia Allan of Equinade who have been supporting Victoria for around 16 years or more, we cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

It's so good to see so many of you again supporting Victoria and the committee that have worked so hard to give you six shows this year.

We started with the Equinade Riding Pony Youngstock Show in November running back to back with the welsh show, we had to have a change of judge due to a broken ankle so we were in luck to get the expertise of Kaye Thomson who we owe a big thank you for stepping in, and for taking our probationary judge at the time as well, the show was not huge in numbers but quality very high, now members can get their foals ready for this year's Youngstock Show again at Tatura on 5th November 2017 again back to back with the welsh young stock show.

Next was the Equinade Riding Pony Pageant on 26th November just for the ridden exhibits, this again was a great show and no hire of a marquee this time so expenses were less but a judge from Port Lincoln meant a double flight, our great judge was Sally Lawrie who had good numbers forward and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Then came the Equinade Riding Pony Masters at a new venue Elmore, this proved a valuable lesson as a different area gave new and old members that felt distance from them was a problem a show to attend before the Christmas rush.

We had four rings and our judges Susy Stewart, Russell Bracken, Di Aumann and Chris Willmott all got a very good turnout in their classes and did a great job with enjoying the show despite the bit of wind and dust from the sand arena's. As always our Hospitality Catering Manager Marlene Hart did the catering and sent it up with Sally Morphy on the morning, Natalie Elliot was great to come in and look after our judges and stewards.

Elmore had great things to offer but the dust did put a few people off. We have booked Tatura for the 16th Dec 2017 if the Committee agree to the date and will let you know on the National web site via our Victorian state link.

Equinade RPOYS was next on the agenda Jan 14th 2017 this was held outdoors which members had asked for at previous annual meetings, this show was run in conjunction and with the Breeds Spectacular Show run by WPNEC.

Two riding pony rings were well supported with judges from QLD, Mike Smith and Jill Best both rings ran with good numbers again although youngstock could have been better supported but as the years go on breeders will know the shows are there to get them out to.

A bit of a windy day and my heart was in my mouth wondering if there would be a gazebo standing for our judges to have lunch in, however all worked out well in the end, we just managed to keep things nailed to the ground.

A huge thank you to all who sponsored, as without it we could not afford the rugs and ribbons that we give out, it is a huge expense but we held our heads above water once again.

We will go again with Werribee Park for our RPOYS 2018, which holds the 2017 RPOY Newcomer finals, and I believe it is 13 Jan 2018.

Barastoc held a great show for everyone, and alongside the breeds we held our 5th show, the Summer Festival with two rings and had the luck of getting two UK judges Sally Harfield and Barbara Evans both experienced judges who ran their rings and enjoyed their first riding pony appointments in Victoria. Barastoc EV has asked if we would like to run our show again and the answer is yes so we will be on the Saturday 10th Feb 2018.

Last but not least of our six shows was the Foal Show held 13th May 2017 at Tatura, back to back with the welsh show, all ran well with our judge Judy Ivory starting at 9am, this may of not helped as the welsh started at 10 am and this seemed to throw part welsh and other breed exhibitors out an hour but good quality animals were forward and happy people went home with ribbons and flowers. A great donation for our raffle was bales of lucerne donated by Bradley Lucerne from Stanhope, raffles helped raise funds to go towards our catering.

A big thank you to the committee who have put up with six shows this year, they have run well, and this year was smother now we know the pattern of how things work.

Our volunteer stewards, some dear friends who are not even members, have been called up to help, they have stepped in and now so experienced I can leave them to their jobs and not worry, thank you.

Winter and Taylor Isuzu Geelong have printed your magazine the Rosette the last few times at their cost, the postage which does mount up to \$450 has to be found by us, Sally Morphy is at the helm putting it together with Robyn Cuzens who we thank for her photos and time.

There has been a calling for nominations for the committee and Marlene Hart has come back onto the committee, along with myself putting in an early nomination to ease up nomination places for next year.

We have lost two stallions from Silkwood this season Jackets Blue Bird and Deanhills Benjamin they will be sadly missed.

Congratulations go to Katrina Metherall and her family on the birth of her baby and I believe all is going great with a proud and beaming Rosie Metherall as Grand mum.

Good luck to all that have animals qualified for the Nationals whether they have riding pony registrations or not it is a great achievement to get there.

Do remember the National AGM 17th June 21017 Best Western Motel, Attwood, commencing 4pm, info on National web site.

Special thanks go to Mary Jane Mitton's husband Al for making the ring number stands in steel a big job and looks great.

All judges are asked to look at the new National web site and check their details are correct on the judges list and if not please notify the office.

Victoria acknowledges the passing of Dexter Boyd who with his wife Norma were well know breeders and exhibitors and on our judges panel for many years our condolences go to Norma and her family.

Robert Cockram, Vic Chairperson AMM 2017

Motion – To accept Chairperson's Report

Moved Maryjane Mitton. Seconded Paul Morath. Carried.

5 FINANCIAL REPORT (circulated)

Treasurers Report for Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd Victorian Branch for year starting 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

Presented by Paul Morath (Honorary Treasurer)

The closing bank balance as of 31st March 2017 was a healthy \$28,175.00, an increase of \$3,385.00 on last year's balance of \$24,790.00

The P&L statement reflect a profit for 2017 of \$2,625.00 this is a positive response to the 2016 loss \$2,355.00.

The income for 2017 of \$30,299.00 reflects a decrease on 2016 of \$1629.00 this is mainly a result of the Federal Rebate being down from \$16.50 per member to \$10.00 giving us a deficit on 2016 by \$2,263.00. Areas of growth were Show Entries, Fund Raising/Donations.

The overall expenses were down on 2016 by \$6,609.00 this was mainly due to the streamlining of the events that were run and due diligence of keeping expenditure under control.

In conclusion the Victorian state's financial position is on the improve and because of the efforts of the hardworking committee there is no reason for this to change in the future.

Paul Morath

Motion: To accept Financial Report

Moved Kaye Thompson, Seconded Sandy Jamieson. Carried.

6 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE REPORT

6.1 Newsletter

Robert asked for submissions for the Winter Newsletter such as ponies out with dressage or at pony club but they must be registered members of the Society. He asked for feedback with a view to improving the Newsletter.

6.2 Website

Robert Cockram stated that the site is in the process of changing over to a National platform with each state website being accessed via the main site. All programs are on the site and once vicridingpony.com.au disappears, all will be through the Federal site.

Motion: To accept the Newsletter/Website Report

Moved: Paul Morath, Seconded: Annie Williams. Carried.

7 SHOWS AND SCHEMES

The running of six shows was successful but the Committee is yet to agree on keeping the Pageant on the calendar although it is hoped it would remain. Sarah Redpath asked if there have been any plans for a National Show, with Robert saying it is being looked into.

8 OPEN FORUM

There were no submissions from members.

Robert Cockram asked the members to please forward any questions or ideas onto the Committee whenever they arise during the year and that any assistance from those not on Committee are more than welcome.

Raffle Drawn – Rug – Greg Jamieson

Meeting closed at 3.28 pm.

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