

## ABHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Time: 7.00pm

Meeting Type: PHYSICAL/ZOOM (LINK EMAILED TO SENIOR FINANCIAL MEMBERS)

Location: LECTURE ROOM – AELEC, TAMWORTH NSW

Chairperson ABHA President – Matt Burns

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Item **Welcome:**

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President Matt Burns opened the meeting at 7:15pm and welcomed all in the room and zoom members.

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Item **Parties Present:**

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Matt Burns, Leslie Moore, Maree Prow, Rahni Ryan, Justin Gill, Julie Campbell, Sandra Martin, Cathrina Hutton, Maree Fannin, Jayne Lilley, Susan Keenan, Danielle Foster, Cathy Henderson, Clair Neaves, Sam Ferrari, Chris Mallon, Sarah Williams, Dani Quinsee, Tierney Jasper, Jacqui Burns, Emily Melville, Tayla Jackson, Michelle Ballard, Tess Gealy, Jamie Riggs, Jorden McColley, Katie McColley, Tilly Austin, Hayley McCormack, Emily Robinson, Jaimee-Lee Prow, Ella Prow, Megan Prow, Kirsty Doyle, Hope Doyle, Savannah Halley, Georgie Perry, Suzie Bone, Sarah Gale, Jodie White, Taleah Kurver, Lacey Hutton, Melanie Goldman, Tammy Cooper, Rachael Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Brooke Simpkin, Dusty MCPhee, Amelia Scanlon, Sharyn Simpkin, Tabatha Austin Sly, Sharon Welsh, Emily Paxton, Pat Collins, Amber Patteson, Karen Labuschewski, Tayla Draper, Kathy Haley, Emily Pritchard, Addi Draper, Kim Caine, Hayley Caine, Tarni Caine, Bethany Gudgeon, Robyn Ritchie, Emily Badior, Javell Badior, Ava Emery, Deb Moroney, Shona Tribe, Chelsea Longney, Liza Longney, Jennifer Bone, Marie Crisp, Judy Badior, Brittany McVicar, Helen McVicar, Adele Edwards, Kerri Badior, Rebeca Osborne,  
Zoom Attendees: Lacey Miller, Cheyanne Becker-Stevens, Naomi Bennett, Tina, Maree, Elley, Rach, Arialle, Lana, Davrac, Nicole, Bec, Banjo

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Item **Apologies:**

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NIL

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**Approval of the 2021-2022 Minutes:**

Matt Burns read the previous minute:

Amendments to minutes:

- 1/. Amend Sandra Hutton to Sandra Martin
  - 2/. Amend Maree Proud to Maree Prow
  - 3/. Shellie Miller accepted to Maree Prow accepted
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4/. An un-audited copy of the financial statements was presented at the 2022 AGM, the Board then proceeded to have the financials statements prepared and audited as per ABH Constitution which was presented and passed at a Special General Meeting 9/6/2023 and lodged with Fair Trading NSW.

Previous 2022 Minutes were passed with noted amendments

Moved: Cathrina Hutton    Seconded: Shona Tribe

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Carried: Yes

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**Item 5    Presidents Report:**

The 2022-23 ABHA season has been a very successful year for the association.

We have experienced a growth in new affiliates with an increase of 14 and a large number of affiliates returning to the ABHA in particular in QLD.

We have 835 Senior, 677 Junior and 21 non competing.

We had 118 events Australia wide and have 86 current affiliates.

The 2022 Equitana event was a huge success and production and due to the crowd response, I am excited to announce that barrel racing will feature for two days at the 2025 events.

The 2023 National Finals has seen record entries in the junior section with 229 and also record entries in the futurity. The ABHA has also received a record cash sponsorship for this year's and also a record for traders at the events.

The board is also excited to advise that we have invested into a new online entry system designed for barrel racing and is an asset that ABHA will own. Members and affiliates will greatly benefit from our own system due to ease of use, Reduced paperwork and reduced fees into the future with no ongoing transaction fees and annual usage fees.

Also, part of this system will be a brand-new state of the art website with ease of functionality and new features to improve the ABHA experience for members and affiliates.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the board for a great year and looking forward to the 2023-24 season.

Discussions:

Shona Tribe questioned the reasoning for the membership price increase and Cathrina Hutton elaborated on Matt advising the members of the membership increase for 2024 explaining some of the reasonings behind the increase: basically to cover the increased costs of the ABHA registering with the ATO to become an employer of the Secretary & Treasurer, which will now pay tax and superannuation to its employees instead of employing them as contractors.

Senior Membership increase from \$76 to \$100 (GST INC)

Junior Membership increase from \$46 to \$70 (GST INC)

Cathrina Hutton also advised the ABHA is now eligible to apply for technology and research grants.

Susan Keenan questioned the necessity of a new website when the existing website already had its own NF online entry and merchandise facility.

The Board explained the new features the website will feature enabling affiliates to have a "One Stop Shop" to enter and run their events through.

Moved: Matt Burns

Seconded: Cathrina Hutton

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**Item Treasurer's Report**

**6** Jayne Lilley to present the ABHA Audited 2022-2023 Financial Statements.

Reconciled Account Balances as of 30th June 2023

\$129,206.15 Working Account

\$ 500.00 Saving Account

\$ 57,155.16 Investment Account

\$ 428.21 Debit Card Account

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\$187,289.52 Total

Moved: Jayne Lilley 2nd Susan Keenan

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Carried: YES

**Election of the 2023-24 ABHA Accountants /Auditor**

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Motion:

CountPro Ballarat continue to be the ABHA accountants for the 2023-24 Financial year and to audit the financial statement with internal, independent auditor rotation.

Moved: Jayne Lilley Seconded: Susan Keenan

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Carried: Yes

**Election of Directors:**

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Matt Burns declared the Vice President and 3 Director positions vacant.

Matt Burns called for Vice President Nominations:

Leslie Moore nominated Justin Gill for Vice President. Rahni Ryan seconded the nomination. Justin Gill Accepted.

Shona Tribe nominated Cathrina Hutton for Vice President. Sandra Martin seconded the nomination. Cathrina Hutton declined.

Justin Gill was declared Vice President.

Upon checking the date Justin Gill came onto the board, it was revealed that Justin did not meet the ABHA Constitutional requirements of being on the board for two years to be elected Vice President. Justin Gills' nomination was revoked.

Matt Burns called for Vice President nominations.

Susan Keenan nominated Maree Fannin for Vice President. Emily Robinson seconded the nomination. Maree Fannin accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

Maree Fannin was declared in the position of Vice President.

Directors Nominations:

Cathrina Hutton nominated Claire Neaves as a Director. Susan Keenan seconded the nomination.

Claire Neaves accepted.

Sandra Martin nominated Julie Campbell as a returning Director. Cathrina Hutton seconded the nomination. Julie Campbell accepted.

Ella Prow nominated Justin Gill as a returning Director. Leslie Moore seconded the nomination.

Justin Gill accepted.

Jayne Lilley Advised that the election procedure was invalid, all nominations were revoked.

Matt Burns called for ALL nominations.

**Director Nominations:**

Cathrina Hutton nominated Claire Neaves as a Director. Susan Keenan seconded the nomination.

Claire Neaves accepted.

Sandra Martin nominated Julie Campbell as a returning Director. Cathrina Hutton seconded the nomination. Julie Campbell accepted.

Ella Prow nominated Justin Gill as a returning Director. Leslie Moore seconded the nomination.

Justin Gill accepted.

No further nominations were received.

Claire Neave, Julie Campbell and Justin Gill were all declared, and welcomed, as Directors for a 2 year term.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

1/. Motion submitted by Veronica Luxford, 2nd Vicki Schiller

ABHA initiate its own brand and registration system based on performance record, type and temperament.

Initially for aged event horses only but with a view to creating an Australian Barrel Horse stud book.

This has been successful over the years for multiple horse groups in our country including: Australian Society(ASHS), The Australian Welsh Society and other 'non established breed' associations.

ASHS is happy to liaise with ABHA to assist with process and pitfalls.

ASHS currently has less members than ABHA but has 200,000 registered horses on their books.

The potential income from registrations to be considered by the ABHA during deliberations on the issue of registrations for aged events.

A general discussion was held regarding the benefits and pitfalls of creating a Stud Book.

Motion was put to members to vote on.

Approved: 25

Opposed: 39

Motion: Declined

2/. Motion Submitted by Karen Labuschewski 2nd: Ebony Labuschewski

To change the dress code rule:

To be of a shirt with long sleeves and a collar rising up the neckline.

A general discussion was held on the styles and types of shirts worn and what was acceptable or not. It was suggested the button shirt was a safety consideration due to the fact they could break away if the shirt was to get caught on the horn.

Approved: 23

Opposed: 38

Motion: Declined

3/. Motion Submitted by Shona Tribe 2nd Cathrina Hutton

That any horse is eligible to enter any ABHA affiliated event provided they meet the age criteria for that particular event, and can supply a vets certificate confirming the age of the horse.

A general discussion was held and the ABHA Board of Directors to look into incorporating an age verification system into the new website.

Approved: 57

Opposed: 16

Motion Carried

4/. Motion Submitted by Shona Tribe 2nd Cathrina Hutton

That all ABHA events must have at least one manual back up clock and those times from this manual back up clock must be recorded.

Approved: 58

Opposed: 14

Motion Carried

5/. Motion Submitted by Shona Tribe 2nd Cathrina Hutton

If the electronic timer does not work for more than half of the competitors the manual back up clock times will be used for all competitors.

Approved:

Opposed:

Motion: Declined

As this motion is already covered in the current rulebook, this motion was rescinded.

6/. Motion Submitted by Shona Tribe 2nd Cathrina Hutton

That all ABHA events must have a person judging the event.

Approved: 58

Opposed: 1

Motion Carried

7/. Motion Submitted by Maree Fannin 2nd Adele Edwards

To be added to Constitution under Section 13

The Board of Directors to amend, add or remove competitions rules and by-laws in consultation with the memberships.

Amendments, addition and removal of rules are to be voted on the the memberships either at the AGM or via electronic voting and closing date for voting means throughout the year. The Board of Directors are to notify all eligible members via email including with method of voting and closing date for voting. The Board of Directors can exercise such power to amend, remove and add rules relating to animal welfare and or rider safety as they deem necessary.

Approved:  
Apposed:  
Motion Carried/Declined

Motion was rescinded.

7A New Motion:

Submitted by Maree Fannin 2nd Adele Edwards

To be added to Constitution under Section 13

The Board of Directors to amend, add or remove competitions rules and by-laws in consultation with the membership.

Amendments, addition and removal of rules are to be voted on by the membership either at an AGM or SGM.

The Board of Directors can exercise such power to amend, remove and add rules relating to animal welfare and or rider safety as they deem necessary.

Approved: 48  
Opposed: 1

Motion Carried

8/. Motion Submitted by Maree Fannin 2nd Adele Edwards

Affiliates have the option of running a maturity as a side pot from the open divisional times.

Approved:  
Apposed:

Motion Carried/Declined

Motion Recinded

9/. Motion Submitted by Maree Fannin 2nd Adele Edwards

Move a motion to add the following to rule 24:

Manual hand clock must be used as the back-up clock even when 2 sets of electronic eyes are being used.

Approved:  
Apposed:

Motion Carried/Declined

Motion Rescinded

10/. Motion Submitted by Maree Fannin 2nd Adele Edwards

Amend the current maturity rules to remove option one and three under rule 1.

Approved: 18

Apposed: 31

Motion Declined

11/. Motion Submitted by Matt Burns 2nd Jacqui Burns

Constitution Amendment

**Section 12. Election of the Board**

**ADD.**

4 . (A) Nominations for the board to be call by the secretary 60 days prior to the AGM

**Change to**

(B) (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 25 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place

Approved:

Apposed:

Motion Carried/Declined

Motion rescinded

11A/. Amended motion 11

Constitution Amendment

**Section 12. Election of the Board**

**ADD.**

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**Change to**

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Approved: 39

Apposed: 1

Motion Carried

12. Motion Submitted by Matt Burns 2nd Jacqui Burns

Add to constitution:

Directors to be given a 2 year term with an assigned Director number.

Alternate Director terms each year for re-election:

1st year of for re-election

President

Director 1

Director 3

Director 5  
Director 7  
2nd Year for re-election  
Vice President  
Director 2  
Director 4  
Director 6

This is to ensure the board has directors with Board knowledge.

Approved: 37  
Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

13. Motion Submitted by Matt Burns 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqui Burns

**20. Notice of Meetings**

Change whole section to;

- (1) The Secretary/Treasurer shall, give at least 60 days' notice before the date fixed for holding a general meeting, other than a special general meeting to all members stating the place, date and time
- (2) **Add** = Secretary to call for motions for the general meeting 60 days prior and to be received 25 days prior to the general meeting to all members.
- (3) **Add** = Secretary to give notice of motions 21 days prior to the general meeting to all members
- (4) **Add** = If no motions are received the secretary shall give 14 day's notice of agenda items and the nature of business to be transacted to all members.
- (5) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.

Approved: 32  
Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

14. Motion Submitted by Liverpool Plains Barrel Racing (Melissa Peel) 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Caldwell

ABHA Affiliates to have a choice between using two (2) electric timers or one (1) electric timer and one (1) manual clock for jackpot days.

Approved: 12  
Opposed: 25

Motion Declined

15. Amend Motion 10: Submitted by Leslie Moore Seconded Justin Gill

Maturity events are open to 7,8 & 9 year olds.

Approved: 33  
Opposed: 6

Motion Carried



**Items for discussion:**

National Finals Ghost entries and wildcards. – No discussion

Rule 9 under Barrel Racing Rules:

Should be discussed and the Board come up with different wording

Rule to be reviewed at the 2024 AGM

Meeting Closed 10.02pm

Next Meeting: 2024 ABHA National Finals Date TBA