



## **ABHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Meeting Type: Zoom online meeting (Link emailed to all financial members to pre-register to attend the meeting. Registration was required to enable voting platform for financial senior members only)**

**Zoom Meeting conducted and moderated by: Chris Mallon**

**Chairperson ABHA President: Matt Burns**

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### **Item No.**

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#### **Item 1: WELCOME**

President Matt Burns opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and welcomed all registered members to the zoom meeting

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#### **Item 2: Moderator**

Moderator Chris Mallon run through the meeting procedures and how the voting will work. Once a Notice of Motion has been presented and discussed, Chris will then put up a poll for anonymous voting, once majority rules, poll will be closed.

Chris did a test poll and worked successfully and all members voted.

Chris will then display the results, in percentages, whether the motion was approved or opposed.

If apposed the option will be given to the Mover and Seconder to amend the motion and put to the vote again.

### **Item 3: Parties Present:**

Adele Edwards, Amy Hodges, Angaleen Cook, Anna Hamilton, Arialle Bowtell, Arla Dines, Bianca Miller, Bobbi-Jo Clem, Bonnie Douglas, Brooke Simpkin, Cathrina Hutton, Cherie O'Donoghue, Clair Snowden, Danielle Foster, David Brough, Ella Prow, Elley Corney, Helen McVicar, Jaimee-Lee Prow, Jayne Lilley, Jill Tunkin, Jillian Burch, Julie Breed, Justin Gill, Kasey Bramich, Kate O'Dea, Kay Markwort, Kerrie Holder, Kirsty Kuhbauch, Leslie Moore, Maree Fannin, Maree Prow, Matt Burns, Melissa Torbruegge, Naomi Bennett, Neesa Mueller, Olivia Allen, Rachelle Richards, Rahni Ryan, Rhenice Wilkie, Robyn Ritchie Sam Ferrari, Sandra Martin, Sarah Gale, Shellie Miller, Shona Tribe, Suzanne Patteson, Tayla Jackson, Toni Burns, Tracey Macey

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### **Item 4: Apologies:**

Robyn Ritchie joined the meeting then put in an apology as her internet dropped out.

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### **Item 5: Approval of the 2022-2023 Minutes:**

Members were asked to review the 2022-2023 Minutes prior to the meeting:

Matt Burns called for any questions from those minutes: Nil Questions

Adoption of 2022-2023 Minutes:

Moved: Maree Fannin 2<sup>nd</sup> Neesa Mueller: but upon checking Neesa was not in attendance at said meeting, Sandra Martin who was in attendance 2<sup>nd</sup> the Adoption.

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Carried: Yes

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### **Item 6 President's Report:**

Dear Members, Directors and Stakeholders,

It is with great pride that I present this year's President's Report for the Australian Barrel Horse Association. Over the last financial year, we have experienced unprecedented growth and success across all areas of our association.

#### **\*\*Record Growth and Entries\*\***

This past year has been our strongest yet. We saw record-breaking growth in both membership and event participation. Our National finals event alone experienced a surge in entries, setting a new benchmark for participation. This reflects not only the growing popularity of our sport but also the tireless efforts of our team in fostering and promoting the sport across the country.

#### **\*\* Strong Financial Performance\*\***

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our members and leadership, our association has maintained a solid financial standing. Our growth in event entries translated to increased revenue, allowing us to reinvest in essential resources like the new online entry system and improve the experience for all involved. This financial stability positions us well to continue enhancing our sport and reach new heights in the coming year.

## **\*\* Acknowledgements\*\***

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Board of Directors for their unwavering support, guidance, and leadership throughout the year. Our dealings with AELEC and the Tamworth Council was a tough road, but our dedication and passion were unwavering even in the face of adversity. Your commitment to the Associations mission and goals has been the cornerstone of our success. Additionally, to all our members-thank you for your loyalty, passion and involvement. Your dedication drives the heart of our association and inspires us to keep pushing forward.

## **\*\* Resignation Announcement\*\***

As I come to the end of my term, I have made the decision to step down as President of the Australian Barrel Horse Association, 2 years as President and 2 as a board member. It has been an honour to serve in this capacity and to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate community. I am confident that the Association will continue to thrive under new leadership, and I look forward to seeing the association grow even further.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all who have been a part of this journey. Thank you to the Board, the members, and everyone involved for making this experience truly fulfilling.

Moved: Matt Burns 2<sup>nd</sup> Maree Fannin

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## **Item 7: Treasurer's Report:**

Jayne Lilley to present the ABHA Audited 2023-2024 Financial Statement.

Reconciled Account Balances as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

\$148,809.13	Main Working Account
\$ 517.10	Savings Account
\$ 1,240.54	Credit/Debit Card Account
\$ 58,178.00	Investment Account
\$ 208, 744.77	TOTAL

Moved: Jayne Lilley 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Martin

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Carried: Yes

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## **Item 8: Director Nominations**

Matt Burns declared President and Director 1, Director 3, Director 5 & Director 7 positions vacant.

As no President nominations were received, the floor was opened up for nominations,

Cathrina Hutton nominated Sandra Martin. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shona Tribe.

Sandra Martin accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received therefor Sandra Martin was declared President for a term of 2 years.

Director Nominations received:

Shellie Miller nominated Maree Prow, seconded by Leslie Moore.

Maree Prow has accepted the nomination.

Leslie Moore nominated Shellie Miller, seconded by Justin Gill.

Shellie Miller has accepted the nomination.

Justin Gill nominated Rahni Ryan, seconded by Maree Fannin.

Rahni Ryan has accepted the nomination.

Sandra Martin nominated Cathrina Hutton, seconded by Brooke Douglas.

Cathrina Hutton has accepted the nomination.

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Sandra Martin has accepted the nomination.

As the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions available, the nominees will be put to the members to vote.

Due to Sandra Martin accepting the nomination of President, that left 4 nominations remaining which was the number of positions vacant, so no voting was required.

Incoming Directors for a 2 year term:

Cathrina Hutton – returning

Rahni Ryan – returning

Maree Prow – returning

Shellie Miller - incoming

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National Finals & State Championships – deferred to late Business.

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### **Item 9 Introduction of Tiny Tot Membership**

ABHA Tiny Tot Membership \$10 per year, renewable on 1st January each year.

Tiny Tots events to be run as 'Non-Competitive' (No prize money, only equal prizes for all riders)

Tiny Tot's are to be aged 7 years and under.

When a Tiny Tot turns 8, they will be required to pay a full junior membership. (\$60 balance payable from the upgrade of the tiny tot membership) Please contact the ABHA Secretary to organize this.

Any Tiny Tot who wants to compete in a junior divisional or junior aged barrel race, will be required to purchase a full junior membership.

Tiny Tot events to be restricted to 7 Years and under.

Rider must be wearing a Helmet as per Barrel Race Rule No. 26

A Tiny Toy may have 1 leader and 1 handler. If Tiny tot is riding unassisted, 1 handler is permitted in the arena to help guide the rider, whether that be at the horses shoulder or standing in a safe area if the arena talking the rider through the pattern. Handlers will be required to have completed the ABHA online handlers course.

The leader must not be in front of the horse's shoulder.

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### **Item 10 Notice of Motions**

1. Motion: Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Add to Membership Tiny Tot age is 7 and Under. A Tiny Tot must be 7 & under on the day of competition.

Approved: Majority

Apposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

2. Motion: Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Add: To add the Tiny Tot membership to rule 6 (membership categories)

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

3. Motion: Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Add the following rule to the Maturity events:

That any horse is eligible to enter any ABHA affiliated Maturity event provided the horse meets the age criteria and has been issued an ABHA Aged Horse Registry ID

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

4. Motion Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: To add ABHA Aged Horse Registry rules to the ABHA rule book.

1. As of 1/8/2024 all horses aged 4-9 years old are required to be registered on the ABHA Aged Registry.
2. To be eligible to enter, all horses must provide sufficient evidence the horse is of the correct age (4-9 years old) to be issued with an ABHAID.

Such evidence is acceptable

- Registration Papers from any Breed Society
- ABHA Proof of Age Certificate completed by an equine veterinarian.
- Breeding return if available.
- Photo's of Front, rear, near and off sides of the horse.
- From 1/8/2025 an ABHA foal Identification card for unregistered horses.
- From 1/8/2026 breeders/owner are to ABHA ID register foals to be eligible to compete in any ABHA affiliated aged events from 4 years old regardless of registration status.

3. Horse age will be calculated as at 1<sup>st</sup> August each year.

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

Due to members being confused on what they were voting on, it was voted by all to do a revote and amend if agreed.

Agree to revote on motion 4

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

Amended motion 4

Motion: To add ABHA Aged Horse Registry rules to the ABHA rule book.

4. As of 1/8/2024 all horses aged 4-9 years old that are wanting to compete in Futurity and Maturity events are required to be registered on the ABHA Aged Registry.
5. To be eligible to enter, all horses must provide sufficient evidence the horse is of the correct age (4-9 years old) to be issued with an ABHAID.

Such evidence is acceptable

- Registration Papers from any Breed Society
  - ABHA Proof of Age Certificate completed by an Dental equine veterinarian.
  - Photo's of Front, rear, near and off sides of the horse.
  - ABHA affiliated aged events from 4 years old regardless of registration status.
6. Horse age will be calculated as at 1<sup>st</sup> August each year.

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

5. Motion: Moved Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Add a National Finals Levy rule to affiliates:

Affiliates are to collect \$5 per person/competitor excluding tiny tots, National Finals Levy. Affiliates are permitted to add the \$5 to the entry fee. The levy is not to be taken from the affiliate retained percentage. National finals levy to be paid to the ABHA as per rule 8.

Approved:

Opposed: Majority

Motion: Denied

Amended motion:

Affiliates are to collect \$1 per person/competitor excluding tiny tots, National Finals Levy. Affiliates are permitted to add the \$1 to the entry fee. The levy is not to be taken from the affiliate retained percentage. National finals levy to be paid to the ABHA as per rule 8.

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

6. Motion: Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Amend Barrel Race Rule number 23 to:

Records: to record an official ABHA record, measurements, rules, equipment must be checked, recorded and confirmed by at least three (3) ABHA Members, one (1) being the judge of the event. Official measurements to be recorded, signed by the 3 members and sent to the ABHA Office.

Approved:

Opposed: Majority

Motion: Denied

Amended Motion: Amend Barrel Race Rule number 23 to:

Records: to record an official ABHA record, measurements, rules, equipment must be checked, recorded and confirmed by at least two (2) ABHA Senior Members, plus the judge of the event. Official measurements to be recorded, signed by the two (2) members, plus the judge, and sent to the ABHA Office.

Approved: Majority

Opposed:

Motion: Carried

7. Motion Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Amend current Futurity events rule 7 to:

That any horse is eligible to enter any ABHA affiliated Futurity event provided the horse meets the age criteria and has been issued an ABHA Aged Horse Registry ID

Approved: Majority

Opposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

8. Motion: Moved by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Remove rule 6 from the Maturity events rules.

Approved: Majority

Apposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

9. Motion: Move by Maree Fannin..2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Bramich

Motion: Remove rule 10 from the affiliates section.

Approved: Majority

Apposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

10. Motion: Moved by Danielle Foster..2<sup>nd</sup> Helen McVicar

Motion to remove "hand" from Barrel racing rule 22.

Whipping Rule 22. Whipping —

Disqualification will occur if more than 2 contacts with equipment or hand from start of run to first barrel.

Disqualification will occur if more than 2 contacts with equipment or hand from barrel 1 to barrel 2 . Disqualification will occur if more than 2 contacts with equipment or hand from barrel 2 to barrel 3. Disqualification will occur if more than 4 contacts with equipment or hand from barrel 3 to end of run.

Definition of equipment (object, device) riding crop- over and under whip- quirt, reins. Ruled by the Judge.

Approved: Majority

Apposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

A special meeting to be held in the near future to Amend Pole Bending rule and to change Barrel to Pole in the rulebook.

11.Motion: Moved by Shellie Miller..2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Moore

Motion: Amend Rule for National Finals 2025

Current rule:4,5 & 6yr old Futurity & 7,8 & 9 Maturity

Amend to: Option A: 4 & 5 Futurity

6 & 7 Derby

8 & 9 Maturity

Option B: 4 & 5 Futurity

6, 7 & 7 Maturity with a 6 Year old Incentive

Reason: More a true indication of a Futurity and not running against more mature horses and for the 6 year olds having their own event before they reach Maturity. Keeping the same qualifying criteria at affiliate level.

Approved:

Apposed: Majority

Motion: Denied

12.Motion: Moved Shellie Miller..2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Moore

Motion: Amend Divisional Rules 4.

Current Rule: Splits for two run formats and three run formats be kept at 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 seconds off the fastest average time respectively.

Amend to: Splits for One, two & three run formats, to be the same as breakdown of splits off the fastest average time respectively.

Motion: Withdrawn

Rulebook to be revised and presented at the upcoming special general meeting.

13.Motion: Moved Shellie Miller..2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Moore

Motion: Amend Barrel Racing Diagram.

Current Rule: 7.5m from 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel to fence.

Amend to 5.5m Minimum from 3<sup>rd</sup> Barrel to fence.

Reason: Utilizer smaller arenas

Approved: Majority

Apposed: Nil

Motion: Carried

#### 14.Motion: Moved Shellie Miller..2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Moore

Motion: Amend Divisional Rules 1.

Current Rule1: Divisional Barrel Races are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by the affiliate of either a one second or half second time bracket for the duration of that event.

Amend to: Divisional Barrel race are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by the affiliate of either a one second or half second split from 1D to 2D, 2D to 3D, one second split from 3D to 4D and each division thereafter, time bracket for the duration of that event.

le. Breakdown of Splits

- 1<sup>st</sup> Division – Fastest Time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division – Fastest Time + .5 seconds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division – Fastest Time + 1 second
- 4<sup>th</sup> Division – Fastest Time + 2 seconds
- 5<sup>th</sup> Division – Fastest Time + 3 seconds

Reason: Running this way, caters for both ends of the barrel race. Being that people consistently fall in the half second split between 1D & 2D. Breaking that up caters for that 2D on half second split. From 3D to 5D caters for the balance of the competitors.

Approved:

Apposed: Majority

Motion: Denied

Current Rule1: Divisional Barrel Races are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by the affiliate of either a one second or half second time bracket for the duration of that event.

Add option to current Rule 1: Divisional Barrel race are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by the affiliate of either a one second or half second split from 1D to 2D, 2D to 3D, one second split from 3D to 4D and each division thereafter, time bracket for the duration of that event.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Division – Fastest Time + 3 seconds

Approved: Majority

Opposed:

Motion: Carried

#### 15.Motion: Moved by Leslie Moore..2<sup>nd</sup> Jillian Burch

Motion: Amend Rule under Futurity Events 5.

Current Rule: Rollovers: Affiliates have the option to allow a competitors to roll over their time from a Futurity event into a divisional barrel race, provided they are run on the same size course.

Amend to: Rollovers: Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a Futurity event into a divisional barrel race, or divisional barrel race to Futurity sidepot, provided they are run on the same size course.

Reason: To allow affiliates to run a points system if running a series to include a jackpot futurity event as part of their series. Also to allow time management for the competitor if have several horses in Futurity event with very little entries. The fairness of ground conditions will be across the board instead of the futurity horses having the top of the ground over divisional horses.

Approved:

Apposed: Majority

Motion: Denied

Add to: Rollovers: Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a divisional barrel race to a non- qualifying Futurity sidepot, provided they are run on the same size course.

Approved: Majority

Opposed:

Motion: Carried

#### 16.Motion: Moved by Leslie Moore..2<sup>nd</sup> Jillian Burch

Motion: Amend Rule under Maturity Events 3.

Current Rule: 3. Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a Maturity event into a divisional barrel race, provided they are run on the same size course.

Amend to: Rollovers: Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a Maturity event into a divisional barrel race, or divisional barrel race to Maturity sidepot, provided they are run on the same size course.

Reason: As per Futurity Event

Approved:  
Opposed: Majority  
Motion: Denied

Add to: Rollovers: Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a divisional barrel race to a Maturity sidepot, provided they are run on the same size course.

Approved: Majority  
Opposed:  
Motion: Carried

17.Motion: Moved by Bobby-Jo Tattam..2<sup>nd</sup> David Tattam

Motion: An award for the fastest registered Heritage Stock Horse (HSH). We offer to talk to the ASH Association for their support.

Approved:  
Opposed: Majority  
Motion: Denied

18.Motion Moved by Jillian Burch..2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Moore

Motion: Add motion to Rule Book

All aged event horses at the ABHA National Finals to be mouthed by the ABHA Licensed Equine Veterinary to verify ABHA Proof of Age Form or Registration Certificate prior to commencement of the Event.

Approved:  
Opposed: Majority  
Motion: Denied

Motion: Add motion to Rule Book

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All aged event horses at the ABHA National Finals to be mouthed by the ABHA Licensed Dental Equine Veterinary to verify ABHA Proof of Age Form or Registration Certificate prior to commencement of the Event.

Approved: Majority

Opposed:

Motion: Carried

19. Motion: Moved By Jayne Lilley 2<sup>nd</sup> Maree Fannin

CountPro Ballarat continue to be the ABHA Accountants for the 2024-2025 Financial year and to audit the financial statement with internal. Independent auditor rotation.

Approved: Majority

Opposed:

Motion: Carried

General Business:

Sarah Gale asked if the ABHA have Novice horse rules. A discussion was held around that divisional barrel racing caters for all levels of horses and riders. Adding more divisions was suggested rather than running extra events.

A question was asked regarding if the tiny tot induction, was it every event or a one-off. It will be a one-off induction.

Meeting closed at 11:10pm

NEXT AGM: TBA