

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MEMBER REVIEW

Time & Date	7:30pm on Wednesday 13 December 2023
Location	Virtual meeting via Vero

1. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Open Meeting

Board President Brad Frankum opened the meeting at 7:33pm.

1.2 Quorum

With a quorum of 62 present, the AGM proceeded.

1.3 Apologies

12 apologies were noted.

1.4 Acknowledgment of Country

A acknowledgement of country was delivered by Brad Frankum.

1.5 REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2022 Annual General Meeting

It was noted that that there were no changes required to the previous minutes

Motion: to accept the 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Motion carried by the majority of attendees

2. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD POSITIONS

- Coco Miles and Amber Fuller have stepped down from the Board leaving two vacancies. Additionally Sue Cunningham and Lisa Winn had completed a term and were eligible for reelection.
- 9 members nominated for the four positions necessitating an election in which 256 members voted.
- Lisa Winn and Sue Cunningham were returned to the board. Alison McLean and Nicola Rockwell have been elected to the board.
- The Board is grateful to all who nominated and stood for election
- The new and returning members will join Brad Frankum, Amy Eggleton and Gillian Burns as the Board members in 2024.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In addition to the written report Brad Frankum reported:

- Subsequent to the submission of the report the Australian Turf Club have made an unsolicited proposal to the NSW State Government regarding the sale of Rosehill Racecourse for housing

and the building of an equestrian centre of excellence at Horsley Park. The potential advantage is that funding could be provided for the upgrade of the SIEC facilities. Brad and Shane Rose will be meeting with the ATC in January to understand more about the proposal. ENSW will keep members informed of any development.

- During the year Vireena has been appointed as the permanent CEO of ENSW.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

In addition to the written report Vireena Peacock reported:

- In April Suzanne Doyle facilitated a review and update of the strategic plan and it not clarifies the focus of ENSW on our Members, Governance, Finance & Ethics, Education and Excellence.
- Operational highlights were a significant number of National events run by ENSW and the Discipline committees including National Show Horse, Interschools, Dressage NSW ran AOR & Youth Championships, Australian Jumping Championships and the National Vaulting Championships.
- ENSW staffing has seen some changes with Jo Jennings moving to EA, Susie Burns relocating to the North Coast and working remotely and Mia Mondon and Ebony Ramm joining the office team.
- There has been a major focus on increasing awareness and compliance to Health and Safety of athletes and horses at events. This has included the introduction of the Safe 365 system allowing app based health and safety reporting as well as risk assessments. This system has been funded through Sport NSW and we are grateful for their help.
- The ENSW Education Committee is targeting officials education and how they can use common themes to build on-line modules that can be used for facilitating more accessible training for officials across all disciplines.
- ENSW organised for Mike Tomlinson, an international expert on horse welfare, to present an open ZOOM seminar on social license that was available to all ENSW members.
- ENSW is actively working with EA on how we can develop a shared services model that will create efficiencies and common standards across all Australian States.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS

Vireena Peacock presented the Finance Report, noting:

- Revenue \$3.4 million predominantly through memberships
- Membership fees were not increased for the second year running to assist members recovering from recent events.
- A profit of \$265,000 was posted for the financial year vs a loss of \$95,000 the previous year.

Motion: That the 2022- 2023 Financial reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Question: Sarah Munro asked: Could you please provide further information /breakdown about what 'Discipline Councils & Committee Expenses' include please?

Answer: Significant detail is provided in the Annual Report. Funding is provided to all disciplines after the submission and approval of an annual plan and budget by the ENSW Board. ENSW supports disciplines through funding for Official Education, Major Events, Administrative costs and High Performance Squads amongst other areas.

7. Motions from Members

No motions were received from Members

8. Appointment of Auditor

The appointed auditor DFK Laurance Varnay, has completed their second year as auditor, and the performance of the Auditor was assessed as satisfactory by the ENSW Board.

Motion: To appoint DFK Laurance Varnay, for a further two years as allowed by the constitution.

Motion carried.

9. General Business

Brad Frankum provided a commentary on the EA Reform process:

- A proposal has been provided to ENSW by EA
- ENSW have provided feedback to EA on their proposal and have engaged in active discussions with EA
- ENSW is working collaboratively with EA on the reform process

Question: Sarah Munro asked: I understand that Life Membership was once available to EA members. I am very interested in seeing that option becoming available to EA Members again. I request that this is discussed and considered by the board. thanks and regards Sarah

Answer: The Board has reviewed and renewed the Honorary Life Membership process and this is now available on the ENSW website. The purchase of Life Membership as was available some time ago is not being considered.

Question: Sally Barbera asked - Would like the Board to consider a 'conference' for all committee members to meet with the Board. Have spoken a bit with Vireena about this and think a face to face would be hugely beneficial.

Answer: Yes, this is being considered by the Board and is a welcome suggestion

Question: John Vallance asked - How close are we to having a National IT system?

Answer: EA has employed Anna Fitzgerald to scope the requirements of a new IT system. The scope is scheduled to be presented to the EA Board in May.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

Appendix – Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

First Name	Member No	First Name	Member No
Alisha	1048180	Jenny	2075352
Alison	2300677	Jillian	2302515
Allison	2115535	Joanna	2110350
Amanda	2013767	John	2101855
Amelia	2200334	Judy	2076306
Amy	4011776	Kamea	1049718
Amy	5004501	Kate	2103702
Amy	2302611	Kate	1049728
Angela	2115522	Linda	1030068
Annyka	2106639	Louise	2010522
Benjamin	2045586	Lynda	2010112
Brad	2034254	Mark	1018202
Bruce	2103515	Mary	2110499
Caroline	2044781	Megan	2072766
Catherine	1021333	Michael	1048106
Cathie	2033213	Nicola	2500041
Coco	2100567	Prudence	2024361
Coralie	2102996	Robyn	2111680
Cynthia	2114062	Sally-Ann	2010724
Dianne	2032748	Simon	2014821
Ebony	2112651	Sophie	2117429
Ella	1026740	Stephanie	1010275
Emily	2101691	Sue	2100555
Emma	1034917	Susie	2054027
Gillian	2115192	Suzanne	2065317
Helene	1031454	Tina	2200456
Imogen	2114862	Toni	2076319
Jane	2041661	Verity	2116500
Jane	2110277	Vicki	2102129
Janelle	2100566	Vireena	2113991
		Wendy	2038551
		Zita	1016016

Apologies

Annette 2116550
Anthony 2104973
Edward 1029922
Giorga 2107100
Joanna 1049839
Jose 2102188
Megan 2303533
Mia 1010813
Petronella 2082646
Sarah 2114086
Toni 2104021
Kate