

# Minutes

## Annual General Meeting



**Date:** Thursday, 28 March 2024      **Meeting Commenced:** 6:31pm  
**Location:** Pony Club WA Office, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon and via Zoom.

### 1. Opening

A quorum was confirmed. Welcome and introductions by Deputy Chair, Nadine Bennett.

### 2. Attendance

#### Attendance via Zoom:

Albany Pony Club	Larissa Curtis (Delegate)
Baldivis Equestrian & Pony Club	Kelly Altieri (Delegate)
Beverley Horse & Pony Club	Bec Halbert (Delegate)
Bunbury Horse & Pony Club	Candice McNab (Delegate)
Capel Horse & Pony Club	Rachel Smith (Delegate)
Carnarvon Horse & Pony Club	Annie Van Blommestein (Delegate)
Dardanup Horse & Pony Club	Alana Chircop (Delegate)
Denmark Pony Club	Chris Lloyd (Delegate)
Eastern Hills Horse & Pony Club	Vikki Goss (Delegate)
Gidgegannup Horse & Pony Club	Jan Lawrie (Delegate & Life Member)
Gosnells Riding & Pony Club	Eliza Branch (Delegate)
Horsemen's Pony Club	Poppy Atheis (Delegate)
Kalgoorlie District Pony Club	Natasha Rose (Delegate)
Mortlock Pony Club	Tanzi Carpenter (Delegate)
Murray Horse & Pony Club	Heather Wyllie (Delegate)
Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club	Dina Snyman (Delegate)
Peel Metropolitan Horse & Pony Club	Dianne Ould (Delegate)
Serpentine Horse & Pony Club	Amanda Day (Delegate)
South Midlands Pony Club	Sally Davis (Delegate)
Swan Valley Horse & Pony Club	Lucy Caldwell (Delegate)
Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club	Julie Cameron (Delegate)
Walliston Riding & Pony Club	Nerine Butler-Blaxell (Delegate)
Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club	Helen Neame (Delegate)
West Plantagenet Pony Club	Ferne Faulkner (Delegate)
	Suzanne Symons (Director)

#### Attendance in Person:

	Amelia Thomas (Director)
	Ann-Marie Lowry (Director)
	Bronwyn Weir (Director)
	Jennifer Kobulniczky-Duncan (Director)
	Nadine Bennett (Director, Deputy Chair)
	Vanessa Symons (Director)
	Tanya Appleby (General Manager)
	Vanessa Fuchsbichler-Barrey (Staff)
	Brian Appleby (Observer)
	Jasmine Tothill (Observer)

## **Apologies**

Kate McCarthy (Director, Chairperson); Wanda Longley (Life Member).

### **3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

**3.1 Resolution:** To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2023 are an accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Walliston - Nerine Butler-Blaxell

**Seconded:** Wallangarra – Julie Cameron

***Carried***

**3.2 Business Arising from the previous Minutes:** Nil

### **4. Chairperson's Report**

*Nadine Bennett provided a verbal report on behalf of Kate McCarthy, Chairperson.*

**Resolution:** To receive and accept the Chairperson's Report.

**Moved:** Peel – Dianne Ould

**Seconded:** Serpentine – Amanda Day

***Carried***

### **5. Annual Report**

**Resolution:** To receive and accept the Annual Report.

**Moved:** Serpentine – Amanda Day

**Seconded:** Peel – Dianne Ould

***Carried***

### **6. Financial Report**

**Resolution:** To receive and accept the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

**Moved:** Peel – Dianne Ould

**Seconded:** Walliston - Nerine Butler-Blaxell

***Carried***

### **7. Motions from Member Clubs**

Nil received.

### **8. Election of Directors**

Four Director Terms are expiring leaving four (4) vacancies.

The Elected Directors whose terms will be expiring are:

- Amelia Thomas
- Anne-Marie Lowry
- Vanessa Symons
- Vacancy

One Nomination was received for an Elected Director position:

- **Annie van Blommestein**

Annie van Blommestein was declared as an Elected Director in accordance with Rule 16.3 (c) (i) and 16.3 (e) of the Pony Club Western Australia Inc Constitution. This was approved by a simple

majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at the AGM.

## 9. Appointment of Auditor

**Resolution:** That AMW Audit be appointed as auditor of Pony Club Western Australia Incorporated for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

***Carried***

## 10. Special Business

**Resolution:** To consider and if thought fit, approve the appointment of the nominated persons listed below as State Life Members of the Association in accordance with Rule 6.2 of the Constitution by Ordinary Resolution.

*“That **Elizabeth Ingham** be appointed as a State Life member of the Association.”*

***Carried***

*“That **Fred Freeman** be appointed as a State Life member of the Association.”*

***Carried***

*“That **Nadine Merewether** be appointed as a State Life member of the Association.”*

***Carried***

*“That **Nyrell Williams** be appointed as a State Life member of the Association.”*

***Carried***

*“That **Rosemary Inglis** be appointed as a State Life member of the Association.”*

***Carried***

## 11. Meeting Closed: 6:55pm

**Minutes approved by:**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

## Member Forum



A Member Forum was held directly following the Annual General Meeting. No topics were suggested by Member Clubs prior to the Annual General Meeting. We are focused on Member engagement and feedback to allow us to better cater for the needs of our member clubs. We plan to survey Clubs, and to engage directly with members at State Championships and Events. The floor was opened for questions without notice.

### **1. How do Clubs access the DLGSCI Regional Funding that Pony Club WA has been allocated?**

*Mortlock – Tanzi Carpenter*

The General Manager explained the funding was allocated to a Grant application to increase Coach and Officials education and accreditation in regional areas. Clubs and Zones will be consulted and included in the rollout of the program. The State Coaching Panel has already scheduled a Zoom session for consultation.

### **2. Changes in the office – who do we contact for different queries?**

*Wallangarra – Julie Cameron*

The General Manager responded that due to the vacant staffing positions, we are currently very fluid in our roles. There is less delineation of the roles and an emphasis on a team approach. The aim will be for staff to be across all areas of our core business. We are monitoring the workflow, reviewing procedures, and preparing to advertise for a new team member shortly.

### **3. State Showjumping Championships – will it be going ahead?**

*Orange Grove - Dina Snyman & Albany – Larissa Curtis*

Following a callout for additional members for the State Showjumping Championships the community has become concerned the Showjumping Championships will not be held. Reassurance was given that the venue, equipment, and Officials are booked; however, we do need additional help to ensure we can run a successful Championship. If volunteers are not able to commit to a role on the State Committee, then perhaps they could take on a task from a list that is being compiled. Some of these tasks will be able to be done from home and others may be at the State Office. Please email the State Showjumping Committee if you can help.

### **4. Changing the format of the State Championships to go back to all disciplines at the one event.**

*Baldivis – Kelly Altieri*

The comment was made that the format in earlier years was for all the Pony Club State competitions to be held on one weekend. Discussion took place regarding the positive changes that the focus on horse welfare has brought to our sport. Equally, the importance of the social aspect of our Championships cannot be lost sight of in a competitive environment. There needs to be time to watch, support and experience the joy of Pony Club. We are committed to continuous improvement.

### **5. Consider becoming a Director on the Board of Pony Club WA.**

*Ann-Marie Lowry – Retiring Director*

Ann-Marie Lowry asked for people to consider stepping up to be leaders in this quality organisation.

### **6. Calendar**

*Albany – Larissa Curtis*

Our website is undergoing several updates. Championship dates and locations are listed on the Sport specific page on our website. We will be adding the Club events to the calendar once we have made some changes to the website. Our weekly newsletter is also a great place to share details of upcoming events.