



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 24th February 2018

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Commencing 1 pm

Agenda

1. Annual General Meeting Open
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. Correspondence addressed to AGM
5. President Report
6. Secretary's Annual Report
7. Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement and Audit Report
8. Election of Board Members

Nominations have been received from:

Paul Sharp retired standing for re-election

Lynda Gray retired standing for re-election

Ed Smith retired standing for re-election

Glenn Winsor retired standing for re-election

Wendy O'Sullivan nominated Melanie Dennis seconded Kristy Hobson

Greg Shallard nominated Lynda Gray seconded Paul Sharp

Board Members 2nd Term

Kathleen Murphy

Paul Barratt

Shane Watts

Dennis Neylon

9. Election of Public Officer
10. NRHA representative
11. Special AGM Business

Notice of Motion

1. Moved by Denise Milgate that points be sent to Breed Societies, Quarter Horse, Paints, Appaloosa, Stock Horse, Arabians and Dilutes. Build relationship and encourage Horse Associations to sponsor and promote.

Board comments:

RA are already working with AQHA to work out a system where results can be obtained from RA and NRHA approved shows, without it making extra work for Affiliate Secretaries

2. Moved Errol Thomas that Reining Australia increase the membership fee by \$10 per member per year to go into a separate bank account to pay for the hosting of CRI's for our members to be eligible for selection in the Australian Team to compete at the World Equestrian Games

Intent

The intent will be that we will always have the funds available to run our 3 CRI's here in Australia for those members who live in Australia who wish to compete for selection.

Eg. 400 RA members x \$10 per year per person x 3 years = \$12,000

This is sufficient funds needed to run 3 CRI's.

To make selection for the 2018 World Equestrian Games and you live in Australia you will need to compete at 1 CRI in Australia and then travel to 2 more CRI's in America to be eligible. This simply is not viable as the costs incurred would be astronomical.

You will be looking to pay 2 lots of airfares there and back. Beg, borrow or paying for a horse to compete plus accommodation and other horse expenses etc. Then still not be guaranteed selection to the Australian team. If you did get selected you have all those expenses again for the games. So as you can see this is certainly not viable.

I wouldn't like to see what has happened this time ever happen again, so if we increase the membership we won't have this problem in the future and it will take the load off the board of trying to find funds to run these CRI's.

I believe that it is mandatory that we send an Australian team to the World Equestrian Games. It should not be left up to a board and members for discussion about are we or aren't we sending a team.

Board Comments:

The World Equestrian Games (WEG) are held every four years in the middle of the Summer Olympics cycle. The 2018 World Equestrian Games will take place in North Carolina in the USA over thirteen days from September 11th to 23rd. WEG is organised by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), the governing body for the Olympic and Para Olympic equestrian disciplines (Jumping, Dressage, Para Equestrian Dressage and Eventing) and for the non-Olympic FEI disciplines (currently Driving, Endurance, Vaulting and Reining). WEG presents the eight FEI equestrian disciplines in a program of World Championship level events for Teams and Individual Athletes.

FEI Reining follows the same criteria for judging as NRHA reining but is conducted under an entirely independent set of rules. An FEI Reining event is called a *Concours de Reining Internationale* or CRI. CRIs are organised in levels from 1* (apprentice) through 2* (intermediate) to 3* (advanced).

A nation can enter four horses and riders in the Reining Teams event at WEG; all members

of a Team also compete as Individuals. Nations may also enter one additional Individual Athlete and Horse. As in the Olympic Games, the riders representing their country at WEG are selected from the top set of Athletes from each nation. FEI sets strict rules for riders to qualify for WEG.

For WEG 2018, the requirements for selection to a Reining Team are to achieve a minimum average score of 70 at two out of three different CRI3*. All three CRI3* events must be completed with no elimination, disqualification or withdrawal, during the qualification period (January 2017 to August 2018).

It was not financially viable for an Australian organisation to run three CRI3* events in 2017/2018, therefore no Australian rider is able to qualify at home for selection to the 2018 WEG Reining Team.

For a nation to enter a Reining Team at WEG 2018, FEI also stipulates that the nation must have organized a CRI of any level in their home country during the qualification period. It is not compulsory for the Team members to have participated in this CRI.

Reining Australia applied to FEI to run one CRI3* event in April 2018 at QSEC to fulfil this requirement so that Australia can send a Reining Team to WEG 2018.

3. Moved Greg Smith that any person who holds a position on the Reining Australia Board of Directors must have held Reining Australia Membership for a period of 12 months.

Intent:

While Reining Australia membership does not entirely speak for important external skills which can be valuable an understanding of the sport is beneficial and speaks for character and commitment.

4. Moved Greg Smith that no member of the Reining Australia Board may be remunerated (directly or indirectly) for providing services directly to the board of which they hold a position (as example accountancy, secretarial services)

Intent:

Board positions are voluntary not paid positions.

Any Board member may not be remunerated for services provided, as example a board member may still be a show judge, as this is not a function directly related to board activities. However an accountant who is paid by the board to perform accounting duties may not be a board member or the paid secretary may not be a board member.

This will remove the perception where a conflict of interest may be perceived.

Importantly it will also remove the possibility of material interests in the outcomes of decisions made by the Board. It will also provide transparency to the members in terms of financial outlays.

The solution for this is to have an individual who is the member services officer (daily RA administration duties – Not a member of the Board of Directors) and a secretary who performs board related secretarial duties s example board minutes
A member of the Board of Directors.

Board comments:

This is a good point and it can be seen to be a conflict of interest, but easily solved by the Secretary not having a vote.

5. Moved Tyler Smith that Reining Australia Executive Board Positions and Portfolios will be elected by the membership.

Intent:

This will provide the Reining Australia members with a voice in electing their Representatives, most importantly the executive positions. It will promote transparency and inclusion.

This will not impact on forward planned initiatives.

Board comments:

This was brought up and voted on at the last AGM

The Board may allocate portfolios and/or titles to Directors.

6. Moved Greg Smith that Competitors – Riders Representative at affiliated shows shall not be a member of the Reining Australia Board, the disciplinary committee conducting the show.

Intent:

An independent representative will have no real or perceived conflict of interest and will be best placed to represent competitors without prejudice or repercussion.

Board comments:

It is a recommendation of NRHA that the Show Representative should be either a Judge or Trainer. We do feel that this should be a decision made by each individual Affiliate. The usual format of a disciplinary committee is Show representative, committee member and a competitor.

7. Moved Greg Smith that the following events will not be run concurrently at the Reining Australia Gold Buckle Futurity & National Championships: Open / Open Non Pro, Open Derby / Non Pro Derby, Open Futurity / Non Pro Futurity.

Intent:

This will allow Non Pro's to compete on their aged event and open caliber horses at the last major show of the year, as they will not have to choose who rides the horse in which event.

The possibility of additional entries will increase the prize pool for all competitors. Because there will be more potential entries.

It will allow professionals to assist their Non Pros to compete as they will not be preparing horses themselves for the same event.

Encourage Non pros to enter these events as by nature the Non Pro event creates a level playing field for Non. Pros. This is especially important for the limited and intermediate divisions of this event (who we want to encourage to compete) who need / want their trainer's assistance.

There will not be the perception or pressure of Non Pros competing with trainers and vice versa.

Create Like for like competition.

Correct programming will facilitate minority or horses who may be nominated for 2 runs to maintain perceived welfare concerns.

It will increase visibility of individual event sponsors

Board comments:

This is a decision which should be made by the National Show Team who plans the program

factoring times and length of days that the judges are in the chair. The Gold Buckle Futurity and Non Pro Futurity are already run separate. The impact on the length of the show and expense on running extra classes are all important. We have run the Open separately and had very few entries until it was combined it with the Non Pro. Combining the Open and Non Pro Derby allows trainers who have multiple horses a larger gap between runs.

8. Moved Linda Chisholm that the Reining Australia Board cannot comprise of more than 4 people who reside in each state.

Board comments:

This recommendation was in the constitution but was so hard to fulfil when we don't receive enough nominations from different States.

9. Moved Linda Chisholm that the following recommendations be approved in relation to the Gold Buckle Futurity.

Attached

Board comments:

The motion to reduce the nomination fees was brought up in 2015 and the motion was lost. The main reason being the effect it has on the overall nominations in the program, ultimately it lowers the number of horses nominated and the amount of fees collected, as people will leave nominations till later.

We are already starting to see the success of the initiatives we put in place last year with reduce fee for multi nominations and including non pro futurity horse into the program, with record numbers of horses nominated for 2019 and 2020. But it is only fair to run these initiatives for a few years before making a decision as to whether they work or not.

In 2017 the Gold Buckle Futurity program paid out a record \$38,000 in prize money, this won't happen again if the nomination fees are lowered.

With the introduction of Non Pro futurity horses included in the program it is imperative that Breeders support the program and we can't believe Breeders don't use it as a selling point. We get that timing of payment could be an issue, with everything else due memberships etc. but March is much too late most yearling could have been sold off and breeders not likely to bother then, end of January instead of end of December might help.

All late entries are received 4pm the day prior to the event

There is already a 5% incentive to the owners who nominate the horse

10. Moved Reining Australia that to be elected to the Executive Board of Reining Australia a person must have been a member of the Reining Australia Board for a period of no less than 12 months within the preceding 5 years.

12. General Business

13. Close of AGM