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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 10 January 2013.

Venue: Dural Country Club 662A Old Northern Road, DURAL NSW 2158.

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Directors Present: Georgina James, Julie Jones, Elizabeth Englert, Denis James, Miranda Coulson and Claire Seidl.

Apologies: *Sharon Fairbanks and Mary Houghton.*

Members/visitors present: *Nil.*

1. Opening of inaugural Annual General Meeting

No previous minutes to accept.

2. President's Report ("the Report")

The Report was tabled by the President and read out to the Committee,

Denis James moved that the Report be accepted. Miranda Coulson seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed.

3. Treasurer's Report ("the TR")

The TR is tabled and comprised:-

- (a) A Treasurer's Report dated 10 January 2013 drafted by the President and Acting Treasurer; and
- (b) Annexures entitled a Report on the Review of Accounts, a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Statement dated 10 February 2012. These documents were drafted by the previous Treasurer, Sandra Gaskin but were tabled and discussed by the President and Acting Treasurer Georgina James.

- (c) Discussion of the TR A predominating issue arising concerned profit margins. It was generally agreed that it was necessary for the Club to make some profit in order to control legal liabilities and to offer better services to the Members.

Matters discussed included:

- (i) Reconfirmation that the Club does the food and drink catering themselves in order to maintain reasonable expenditure in this area;
- (ii) In relation to the running of Clinics, Claire Seidl suggested that the clinician be paid a fixed rate for the duration of the clinic and to select people who are building a reputation. She also suggested the Club look at working with other dressage clubs to bring suitable clinicians from overseas;
- (iii) HOTY – the question arose as to whether the basis for awarding HOTY should be on the best horse or a combination that shows loyalty to the Club. The HOTY Rules state that both the owner and the rider have to be financial members of the Club and that at least three competitions have to be run by the Club (so that the Club was not having to award expensive prizes from only two competitions).

Claire offered to administer the HOTY award and this offer was accepted gratefully by the Committee.

- (iv) Some consideration of giving prize vouchers instead of rugs.
- (v) Problems in the communication process concerning notification of scratchings and why competitors DNA (do not appear).

Matters (ii) to (iv) were not formulated as motions, but should be bookmarked for further discussion in future meetings.

Denis James moved that the TR be accepted. Miranda Coulson seconded the motion. Motion passed without further discussion by the Committee.

4. Election of Directors to Vacant Positions

Mrs Elizabeth Englert, Dr Miranda Coulson and Mrs Mary Houghton were nominated for the three vacant positions and were duly elected in accordance with clause 15.3(a) of the Constitution.

Mrs Englert is to be the Club Secretary, Mrs Houghton has accepted the position of Treasurer and Dr Coulson will be an ordinary Director.

Mrs Claire Seidl was appointed Director under clause 16 of the Constitution. She brings to the Board extensive experience in horse management, breeding, training and competition.

A warm welcome was given to the new four Directors by the President, Georgina James.

No other business.

Meeting Closed:

8.46pm