



Minutes Annual General Meeting 8th August, Ballarat

Present

Terry Chinner, Ingrid Blanch, Linda McDonald, Sheryl Sullivan, Allan Sullivan, Kathy Brooks, Noel Brooks, Lorene Inmon, Dale Zandenberg, Cassie Robinson, William Robinson, Maitland Neil, Geoff Miles.

Apologies

Merrie Elliot, Gary Paton, Doug Rand, Lenny Andrews, Jack Coffey, Peter Gray, Annette Blanch, Chris Marshall, O.J. Morgan, Ian McKenzie, John Honeyman.

Minutes of previous meeting 27th July 2008

Moved Noel Brooks
Seconded Ingrid Blanch

Financial report

Provided by Ingrid Blanch
Moved Linda McDonald
Seconded Ingrid Blanch

Presidents report

The VRQHA had an opportunity last year to set sprint racing on course. Unfortunately for many reasons, this did not happen and we did not live up to our own expectations. However, this is in the past. The donations from the Americans were greatly appreciated and as a result created some great racing. Thanks to Annette Blanch for sending the Americans a rundown on our racing season and the final results. And what about the results! Two of the 3 finals had us on the edge of our seats – who would have thought the Challenge would end in a draw.

The downside was the disappointing numbers entered into the series. A review was undertaken by the committee to change the format due to small numbers participating, but the vote was to leave as was. This year we will work on attendance numbers and money coming in. Sponsorships are hard to get and we need to provide something back to the sponsors. This will be looked at this coming year. Allan Sullivan has already been putting together a

plan for breeders for this year. He will discuss this further in the general meeting later.

Thanks must go to the following:

Geoff Miles, our bookmaker for doing more than his "job description".
Maitland Neil, who, as a friend of a friend at each race day, involved himself in anything he was asked and also brought a trailer to each meeting in the event that a horse had to be destroyed and transported elsewhere.
Pat and Robyn Kelly at the barriers, Annette Blanch for providing positive articles to horse magazines and other assistance, Linda McDonald for coordinating judges on race day, videoing races then uploading races onto Sprinthorse.com webpage, Ingrid Blanch for her untiring efforts as treasurer/secretary, and to all others who have assisted in any other way.

President report

Moved Linda McDonald
Seconded Ingrid Blanch

Election of office bearers

President

Terry Chinner
Nominated Ingrid Blanch
Seconded Linda McDonald
Carried

Vice President

1. Jack Coffey
Nominated Terry Chinner
Seconded Linda McDonald

2. William Robinson
Nominated OJ Morgan
Seconded Cassie Robinson

Ballot determined:

Bill Robinson elected Senior Vice President
Jack Coffey elected Junior Vice President
Carried

Secretary

Linda McDonald
Nominated Ingrid Blanch
Seconded Terry Chinner
Carried

Treasurer

Ingrid Blanch

Nominated Linda McDonald

Seconded Terry Chinner

Carried

Committee

Doug Rand

Gary Paton

Maitland Neil

Nominated Terry Chinner

Seconded Kathy Brooks

Noel Brooks

Nominated Terry Chinner

Seconded Lorene Inmon

Allan Sullivan

Nominated Ingrid Blanch

Seconded Linda McDonald

Carried

Meeting closed at 1 p.m.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ON 03 5438 3494.**