



Lipizzaner Association of Australasia

Annual General Meeting

November 17, 2012

Meeting declared open at 2 p.m.

Present: Georgina Beard, Nikki Harding, Nela Kordich, Tony de Govrik, Julie Brown, Derek Billing, Michele Travers.

All members present are full members (owner of pure bred Lipizzaner). Tony de Govrik (Australian Corporate Lawyers Association) is the LAA legal advisor (pro bono) and advisor for meeting protocol. Mr de Govrik is an honorary member of the LAA with voting rights.

Apologies: Anna Melton, Lyn Curnow, Di Baxter, Kaye Stevens.

Opening Address:

Welcome from Julie Brown, President. It was noted that Michele Travers will be taking the minutes for the meeting. Julie reviewed two important issues.

- (i) Accreditation – This year has been a very busy and demanding time for the Association because of the accreditation. There was a huge amount of work required and Julie, in particular, acknowledged Georgina Beard's extraordinary efforts. Georgina was involved in all aspects of the process, including hosting our guests, booking venues, acting as MC, coordinating horses, recording and videoing sessions, and organising and completing the paper work following the accreditation. On behalf of the Association, Julie thanked Georgina, because the accreditation could not have happened without her.

The accreditation was successful and there was a pleasing level of participation. The accreditation was organised and run by volunteers and it was an exhausting process, and after its completion there was a period of downtime.

- (ii) The Reformation of the Australian Lipizzaner Registry (ALR)

Louise Krutzler and Gail Hamilton have reformed the ALR. Julie outlined some questions and implications for the LAA. We need to seek clarification from Piber regarding recognition of

more than one stud book (The LIF recognises only one from each country and recognises the LAA). Potential problems may occur in the future – if members' horses are registered in another stud book (for example, progeny registered and DNA tested with ALR), how do we incorporate them if they wish to move across to the LAA and what to do if they breed? Our priority is the breed and supporting members. Georgina notes that this situation occurs in Europe where there is more than one stud book and will seek out advice.

Georgina Beard drew attention to, and thanked Julie for her enormous and ongoing work for the Association.

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion that Minutes from the last AGM meeting be accepted; seconded by Georgina Beard. Resolution passed that the minutes be accepted.

Election of office bearers and committee:

Simmons Kalanj requested to attend the meeting via skype if her commitments allowed. Despite extensive efforts we were unable to establish contact. Simmons had provided guided proxy votes to Julie Brown.

Tony de Govrik outlined the election process and monitored the procedure.

This election involved the largest number of nominations compared to previous years. Under the constitution, there are 7 full members on the committee, with 4 office bearers. Member of the committee may hold up to 2 office bearer positions.

Office bearers must be drawn from the committee, therefore, committee members were elected first by secret ballot as agreed at the committee meeting November 16, followed by the election of office bearers. Guided proxy votes were added to the meeting votes.

Nominations were reviewed to verify that nominees were willing to accept the nomination: Di Baxter, Bec Blackiston, Julie Brown, Lyn Curnow, Nikki Harding, Simmons Kalanj, Anna Melton, Tracey Steinhardt and Michele Travers indicated their willingness to be nominated.

Nela Kordich declined regretfully the nomination as she will be overseas for the upcoming year.

Georgina Beard also declined nomination as her position of registrar provides automatic committee membership.

Proxy votes were confirmed: Georgina Beard held a proxy on behalf of Kaye Stevens; Julie Brown held proxy votes for Simmons Kalanj, Bec Blackiston, Tracey Steinhardt, Anna Melton and Di Baxter.

Election of Committee members: 7 members were elected via secret ballot and proxy votes: Di Baxter, Julie Brown, Lyn Curnow, Nikki Harding, Anna Melton, Tracey Steinhardt, and Michele Travers (each received 10 votes).

Election of Office Bearers: determined with a show of hands and proxy votes

President: Julie Brown (no vote needed)

Vice President: Di Baxter (nominated Di Baxter, Lynne Curnow, Tracey Steinhardt) – Di elected unanimously

Secretary: Michele Travers (no vote needed)

Treasurer: Michele Travers (nominated Michele Travers, Tracey Steinhardt).

Committee Appointment of Registrar: Georgina accepted the invitation to continue as registrar. This enduring role is an appointment that requires expertise and the committee expressed thanks to Georgina. It was proposed that Anna Melton take on the role of assistant registrar.

President's Report:

Incorporated into opening addressed – deemed as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Julie Brown provided the treasurer's report. It was suggested that the separation of the secretary/treasurer role results in possible confusion. Combination of the roles will streamline procedures. Paperwork has not been received from the outgoing treasurer so Julie Brown provided an overview. Finances are healthy due to good fundraising, clinics and accreditation. An overview of expenses was provided, including sponsorship of shows, membership, LIF and EA, and insurance. Currently we have a balance of over \$5000.

The LAA will continue to welcome offers of sponsorship for classes at shows.

When Carol Maxwell returns the papers a report will be prepared to that we can check/track spending to assist in determining trends.

Motion that treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Georgina Beard, resolution passed.

Stud Book Registrar's Report

Since the last AGM 8 youngsters were put forward, 2 died and 2 were withdrawn, therefore, 4 new horses were registered. It appears that breeding is down due to the economy. Major progress has been made with accrediting mares but not stallions – only 1 stallion was accredited, the rest assessed only or refused, with 2 being held over for another accreditation. Georgina noted that while we are tight for stallions and need more blood, we must maintain standards, and look to exporting our horses back to Europe, therefore requiring them to conform to international rules and standards.

Stud book procedures – now able to use LIF logo on our registration documents

- Georgina spoke to supporting this practice because the LIF only accepts one studbook per country and we follow the standard of excellence of Piber.
- If we did not have the support of the LIF we would not have found the missing mare line in Australia, Mezöhegyesi sz4.

- It was the LIF who helped us determine this line – this is an important point of difference with ALR – and it important we continue to reinforce our links with the LIF.
- Georgina Beard proposed we accept the LIF logo for use on registration papers and all media, seconded by Nela Kordich, resolution passed.

Georgina Beard has offered to personally sponsor a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the mare from the missing line, Mezöhegyesi sz4, with the highest point score at each accreditation. The trophy would feature the original brand of the stud. Julie suggested the LAA funds an accompanying memento trophy.

Life numbering – used on paperwork

LIF have provided instructions on life numbering: only for pure breeds

Country: first 3 numbers (036)

Breeding organisation: needs to be organised

Next 3 cases (letters): father's family line or mare line

Next 3 cases (numbers): registration in our stud book

Next: stud book A or B

Last 2 numbers: year of birth

We advise ULEN what we want to do, and they will provide advice about rules with relevant to Australia.

We can go back retrospectively (108 currently horses registered in Australia – but would not necessarily do all of them).

Report on Accreditation 2012

A report has been written and circulated.

A positive aspect of the accreditation was the **Introduction of Elite Classification** (score of 80% or more).

This is used in the rest of world and will help us to recognise what constitutes a good standard. It is clear from looking at past trends that good progeny come from good parents. Georgina suggested that we use as examples of good breeding those horses that meet elite standard, including the reasons they received high marks. It was suggested that we write articles that include portraits of each of the 4 elite horses and explanations of why they achieved high marks as an educational strategy.

The LIF have approved that young horses can be re-accredited (includes elite standard). The second set of marks will take precedence, for example, if an elite standard is met with the first accreditation, but not with the second accreditation, then the horse would lose the elite status.

Committee does not change any accreditation result unless instructed by accreditor.

The standard for a stallion is 50% for each section.

If a horse has an injury the accreditor must be presented with a vet certificate that clarifies that the unsoundness is not from a hereditible source.

The committee is working on documented rules and regulations regarding accreditation so that members can access them from the website.

It was noted that we have extended our insurance for venues for one-off events.

Fund raising/promotion report

\$265 has been raised. Ideas for further fundraising discussed (e.g. decals, cards). Nikki Harding will take on promotion, specifically, 'items for sale' via the website. Julie Brown will follow up with Vicki Collien regarding rugs.

Joseph Stoeckler Memorial Trophy High Point Competition

The winner for 2011-2012 is Nikki Harding with 232 Favory Fecske II. Congratulations for their second consecutive win.

At the end of the year the trophy will revert to ALR.

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No additional entries – acts in perpetuity. Greater promotion is required.

Other business

There are a number of documents and matters currently under review. These will be dealt with via the internet and ratified at committee meetings (via teleconference).

Advertising rates for non members (website, newsletter) deferred to committee meeting.

Julie Brown proposed we accept Nikki Harding's quote to set up and maintain our new website.

Julie Brown proposed Anna Melton and Nikki Harding work together on promotions (facebook, web), seconded Tony de Govrik . Resolution passed.

Next AGM – decisions regarding date, time and place deferred to a committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

Chairperson:

Signature of Chairperson: