

LIPIZZANER ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA

MINUTES FOR 2018 AGM

Saturday, 6 October 2018 from 11.00am EST

Pegasus Riding for the Disabled, Hume, ACT

PRESENT: Nikki Harding (NH), Julie Brown (JB), Lynne Curnow (LC), Louise Krutzler (LK), Amanda Klaassen (AK), Wayne Klaassen (WK), Andrea Bees (AB), Anna Melton (AM), Diane Baxter (DB), Katie Tullia (KT), Louise Kropach (LKp), Nikki Browning (NB), Jenny Hapangama (JH), Alex Wickham (AW) (Secretariat)

APOLOGIES: Claire Readings (CR)

Meeting start: 11:10am

1. Opening Address

LAA Vice-President welcomed attendees to the AGM. JB noted that Claire Readings will not be standing for committee nomination. JB thanked Claire for her time on the committee.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted as a true and correct record as proposed by LC and seconded by AM.

3. Announcement of Proxies

Nil.

4. Election of Office Bearers & Committee

NH and AK declared Australian Lipizzaner Registry Inc. membership.
The committee as nominated were accepted.

Office Bearers

- President – Anna Melton
- Vice-President – Julie Brown
- Treasurer/Secretary – Nikki Harding

Committee Members

- Lynne Curnow
- Katie Tullia
- Amanda Ramsay-Klaassen
- Alex Wickham

5. Committee Appointment of Registrar

JB noted this appointment is ongoing.

- Nikki Harding reaffirmed as Registrar.

6. President's Report

AM delivered the President's report.

- It was noted that 2017/18 was quiet for the association however positive action has been taken regarding breeding and the policies surrounding the breeding of purebred Lipizzaner horses.
- AM welcomed KT and congratulated her on the acquisition of the accredited stallion Favery Suzii III.
- Favery Pallavincia II and Maestoso Gratia have been covering mares for partbred and purebred offspring.
- NH has purchased the colt Sigravy Sienna.
- Favery Naussica has been exported to the USA
- Marianne Westacott was recognised for providing the LAA with a new logo

7. Treasurer's Report

NH delivered the Treasurers' Report

- See Attachment A

8. Stud Book Registrar's Report

NH delivered the Stud Book Registrar's report

- See Attachment B

9. Presentation of the Conversano Allegra V Memorial Award - donated by The Mitchell's

This award is sponsored by Annette and Richard Mitchell in memory of the Elite stallion Conversano Allegra V "Leo" (imp).

- Awarded to Anna Melton.

10. Lipizzan International Federation (LIF) Update

The LIF General Assembly is being held currently. An update will be provided shortly.

All LAA members have access to a members only section on the LIF website containing past minutes, policies etc. To obtain a password and username, contact the Registrar.

11. Fund Raising/Promotion Report

- Raffles are expected to be put together this year
- Further engagement of social media to be explored
- LAA merchandise to be explored

If anyone is interested in selling cards, hats and soap please contact the Vice-President at juliebrownlipizzaners@gmail.com

12. Other Business

Importation of new colt

- AK and WK of Phoenix Park Lipizzaner Stud, SA are expecting to import the heterozygous black colt, Maestoso Bonadea XXIV from Slovenia mid-2018.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1455 AEST.

Attachment A

LAA Treasury and Secretary Report 2017/18 Financial Year

Membership remained our main source of income generating \$1,365 in fees. Membership retention rates are good and are an improvement upon previous years. The LAA committee made a concerted effort to engage with members throughout the previous year and this appears to have paid off.

The Secretary notes that members appreciate contact from the LAA and member feedback is a valuable tool to enable the shaping of the LAA over the course of the next year. Gelding and part-bred owners remain a group that tend to join, register their horses and then lapse their membership. This trend continues but to a lesser extent. Again, engagement with members and incentives such as hi-point and ROM are key to retaining non-breeding members.

The financial year ended with 19 paid members and 4 honorary members. Out of these members, only 2 could be considered breeders. This is a troubling number and improvement is needed here.

Insurance and ENSW Club Affiliation was our biggest expenditure with insurance totalling \$550. LIF membership has remained steady with Georgina Beard accepting reimbursement to save the LAA on exchange costs. Please note that in the 2018/19 financial year, EFA Club Affiliation insurance costs have risen 15% to cover the number of claims Gow Gates are receiving. The LAA is already sitting on the lowest tier of cover possible so the Association will have to absorb the cost increase over the coming financial year.

The LAA had a trade stall at the Canberra Classic Dressage Championships which, due to inclement weather, proved to be a disappointment on the fundraising front. The LAA broke even which was a good result given the circumstances.

Sponsorship was undertaken by the LAA at various event including the Canberra Classic, Gatton Show and various AHAA shows which provided good coverage for our breed.

The total credit balance came in at \$1,630 and debits at \$2,500. This is slightly concerning and the LAA may need to consider sourcing other income streams and reassessing sponsorships especially with insurance premiums on the rise.

With another accreditation on the horizon, the committee will need to start considering options to fund an accreditation.

In conclusion, the LAA ended the 2017/18 financial year with a closing balance of \$4,862.

Nikki Harding
Treasurer

Attachment B

Stud Book Registrar's Report

The 2017/18 Registry focus has been on record keeping and requirements of the Stud Book of Origin, and maintaining LIF member country requirements.

The 2017/18 financial year has been an incredibly busy and productive year for the LAA.

Items that were successfully identified and addressed throughout the year were:

- The closing of the DNA lab in Queensland and the subsequent location of LAA hair samples.
- Correct record keeping in line with our Association's obligations to the LIF and the Stud Book of Origin
- The registration of previously "failed horses" and their offspring
- LAA registration of Australian Lipizzaner Registry Inc. (ALR) horses
- A greater understanding of the current gene pool in Australia and how to increase diversity
- The implications of strict accreditation on our population
- Comparison of the LAA accreditation process to other associations outside of Europe

Items that need to be completed or addressed or further.

- Choice of DNA lab urgently
- Compilation of a database to enable *complete* 5 generation pedigrees as per the Stud Book of Origin

Throughout this year, we have made a point to focus on resolving some of the underlying issues we have with registering horses.

Perhaps the biggest transformation the LAA has seen this year is the ability to register horses currently registered in the ALR only, that have not passed an accreditation (or offspring of a failed/unaccredited parent).

Initially, the Registrar was very unsure of how to approach this delicate situation, so sought advice from Vice-President Julie Brown. The Registrar was advised to speak to a member of the ALR to understand their registration process, how the two differ and why.

From this initial communication, and many hours of researching various documents and Associations, we have seen the LAA move forward in leaps and bounds toward a conclusion.

This complicated issue has now been solved after scrutinising the Stud Book of Origin.

The LAA concluded that as all purebred Lipizzaners with a complete and traceable 5 generation pedigree MUST be registered in accordance with this document, it allows all purebred Lipizzaners a right to be registered with the LAA whether passing an accreditation or not.

This solves the problem of registration as a purebred of previously "failed" or non-accredited horses. Subsequently, the terminology used at Accreditations, was changed to "Recommended to Breed and Not Recommended to Breed" rather than "Pass" or "Fail". This fulfils our requirements to the Stud Book of Origin and also enables us to dual register horses.

Positive impacts of this new policy:

- The Registrar was recently able to register Favory Saturn III with the LAA as a breeding stallion due to his 5 generation pedigree and entitlement to a register. This has gained us more breed stock and new members, as well as increasing our genetics.
- As result of these changes, the Registrar is purchasing a colt, Siglavy Sienna, bred and registered under the ALR, where previously the Registrar would have been hesitant to do so. These colts are now eligible to be put forth to accreditation.

After deciding to purchase Siglavy Sienna, the Registrar explored more thoroughly the current genetics in our population, and found them to be very restrictive.

Although we were aware of the breeding difficulties associated with the decline in Lipizzaner numbers deemed able to breed, the true nature of the consequential effect of this is not thoroughly understood by most of the membership.

One adverse implication of strict Accreditation has been the decline in genetic diversity over the years, and the subsequent increase of inbreeding co-efficient. The LAA are currently looking into this in more depth and are looking to quantify the current state of genetic diversity within our population.

The Registrar believes we can again contact the ALR for collaboration in this matter as they have already performed this task. The LAA have taken the steps of changing the Accreditation processes, after discussions with Yvonne Peters recently, who concurs that our first concern must be to minimise any further decline in genetics.

While performing all the research throughout the year for registration purposes, the LAA also reviewed our obligations as a member association to the LIF and found some of our processes did not completely fulfil the requirements.

These were III-3 of "The Establishing Acts of the LIF". We need complete proof of lineage and to be able to guarantee the purity of the Lipizzaner's within the LAA Stud Book. To achieve proof of lineage, we need to adhere to the Stud Book of Origin and have a minimum of 5 generations of "full" ancestry (dates of birth, place of birth, and registration numbers of all ancestor horses). This requires forming a database. To achieve the purity, we need DNA to guarantee the parentage of each and every horse within our Association's Stud Book, including geldings, which previously have not had this done. Thus, a new DNA lab needs to be sourced immediately for registration purposes and also for this compliance.

In conclusion, it has been a fantastic year for the LAA. We have seen many past problems solved and have built pathways toward a healthy purebred population.

Nikki Harding
Registrar

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