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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Branch of the Equestrian Federation of Australia held on Tuesday 8th October 2002

Chairman:	R. Cleland
Board:	R. Allen, B. Chamberlain, S. Chandler, P. Davey, C. Lewin, B. Roycroft
Executive Director:	C. Wood
Ordinary Members:	M. Crabtree, I Balfour, D. Noseda,
Constituent Members:	J. Barlee, J. O'Reilly
Co-opted Members:	M. Cox, P. Gardiner
Life Committee Members:	Nil
Observers	Nil
Present:	C. Coleby, D. Hamid, J. Heine, L. Roycroft, B. Saunders, N. Mitchell, J. Smith
Apologies:	B. Allen, S. Allen, M. Astill, F. Cleland, S. de Crespigny, J. Eden, S. Fear, S. Francis, D. Herbert, C. Kelly, M. Kelly, J. Page, S. Smith, H. Stanton, T. Wilkes
Total	22

1. Meeting Opened by Chairman at 8.10 pm.

The Chairmen introduced the new Executive Director to the meeting and wished him well in the position.

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved S. Chandler ***Seconded*** I. Balfour ***Carried.***

2. Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the AGM held 9th October 2001 be confirmed as a true record.

Moved C. Lewin ***Seconded*** R. Allen ***Carried.***

3. Matters Arising - Nil

4. Reports

4.1. President

It is 10 years since my election to the position of Chairman of the Victorian Branch, a position I am honoured to hold. In that period, we have seen great change within the Branch as it has moved from being a small sporting association to a corporate entity with a turnover in excess of $1.7 million.

The challenges have not diminished over the years. Our biggest one today is the issue of insurance, particularly Public Liability, and the effect the substantially increased costs will have on the affiliated members of the Branch. This issue is still on the table and will take some time to come to a satisfactory resolution.

I would like to thank:

- The Board members for their well-considered decisions and especially to the two vice-presidents for their hours of commitment.
- The office staff for their dedicated assistance over the past 12 months.
- The Treasurer and bookkeeper for the excellent quality of the financial reporting
- Our many sponsors who have supported us over the past year.

It is with some sadness that I record that 'M' Kelly has decided to call it a day – a great volunteer for the Branch – I thank her sincerely for the contribution she has made.

Stan Fear has also announced that he will not stand for the Branch Committee and I thank him for his contribution.

4.2. Finance

The Treasurer presented the annual financial report of the Branch to the meeting. A number of individual items were discussed without resolution.

Mr Chamberlain thanked the office staff and particularly Rosemary Craig, bookkeeper, for the positive manner in which the accounting function has been performed..

MOTION: That the Financial Report be accepted.

Moved B. Chamberlain ***Seconded*** I. Balfour ***Carried.***

4.3. Executive Director

Thank you for the warm welcome to the Federation. It is early days yet but I look forward to the challenges.

5. Election of Committee

5.1. Ordinary Member

The Chairman announced the result of the postal ballot for Ordinary Member of the Branch Committee with B. Chamberlain, S. Chandler and M. Crabtree being elected to the 3 vacancies.

The Chairman thanked N. Mitchell and L. Roycroft for their nominations.

5.2. Constituent Member

The Chairman announced that 3 nominations had been received for the 3 declared vacancies for the positions of Constituent Member and declared the following members to be elected:

M. McIver (Victorian Dressage Club)
B. Roycroft (Caramut Riding Club)
S. Smith (Western District Dressage Club)

6. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: That Spencer and Co be appointed for the next 12 months.

Moved B. Chamberlain ***Seconded*** S. Chandler ***Carried.***

7. Notices of Motion - nil

8. General Business

8.1. Insurance

The Chairman announced that a National Board Member had resigned over the issue of the cost of Public Liability Insurance. The member believed that the amount of premium agreed to was well beyond the ability of the combined membership to pay for and would, in effect, mean that the National Federation would be unable to pay bills when due.

A number of the members raised various points regarding insurance and the increased financial burden on affiliates attempting to meet the increased premiums.

The Chairman expressed concern at the fact that some affiliates would not be taking Association Public Liability insurance.

The current state legislative programme was raised with the members.

Many members expressed opinions.

Discussion closed without resolution.

9. ***The meeting was closed by Chairman, Mr R. Cleland at 9.07 pm.***

Minutes confirmed: _____ **Date:** _____/_____/_____

Chairman (Mr Reg Cleland)