

## ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes 25/10/2011***

Welcome from the Chair of Equestrian Victoria – 7.00pm, Old Admin Building WPNEC

Meeting started at 7.04pm

Barry Roycroft welcomes Grant Baldock EA CEO and Matt Nicholas from Lander & Rogers.

Barry Roycroft also thanked Bruce Chamberlain for all his work over his 5 years as Equestrian Victoria Chair.

Housekeeping: following the AGM, Grant Baldock was happy to answer questions regarding the new ICT platform.

### **Roll Call:**

Barry Roycroft, Susannah Clarke, Maggie McDonell, Peter Gardiner, Rick Howells, Rob Allen, Ingrid Green, Reg Cleland, Jade Woodhead, Jan Smith, Annie White, Sue Smith, Greg Pratt, Chris Hartigan, Louise Maguire, Helen Heagney, Berni Saunders, Marj England, Judy Slater, Jodie Van Breugel, Sue Inness, Carol Simpson, Sue Chandler, Lyn Roycroft, Sue Leslie, Caroline Coleby, Ute Raabe

Barry Roycroft called for apologies:

**Apologies:** Kim Anning, Paul Williams, Michelle Chamberlain, Bruce Chamberlain, Sarah Allen, Lee Howells, Rossanne Mason

**Executive Director:** Jackie Woodhead (Minutes)

**In Attendance:** Grant Baldock (EA CEO), Matthew Nicholas (Lander & Rogers)

### **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

***MOTION: "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be confirmed"***

***Moved: Peter Gardiner***

***Seconded: Sue Smith***

***Carried***

**Business Arising:** No business

**Reports:** All reports were submitted to the AGM in the AGM Booklet:

### **President's Report**

It was disappointing that Bruce Chamberlain felt that for his own reasons, he wasn't able to see out the full year. Thank you to Bruce, for his hard work, enthusiasm and full support while he was a Board Member and Chairperson. I was honoured and pleased that my fellow Board members felt that I had the qualities to become Chair of Equestrian Victoria (EV).

EV, the branch and shareholder of EA, is by far the most proactive of the Branches in Australia. We, EV, offer our members many opportunities to show their skills in their chosen disciplines.

After 28 years of being a branch member and later a member of the EV Board, as our structures have changed over the years, I am proud to be able to present this short report.

EV in the last twelve months, apart from the day to day business, have been involved in various ways of producing a number of major events in which our members have been able to enjoy their sport.

I shall only mention a couple of the major events that have taken place while I have been Chair. For those of you who attended the Melbourne International Three Day Event, you will have noticed major changes with the set up for the event and the way that other disciplines were incorporated into the event.

A couple of weeks ago, we staged the National Interschool Titles where young equestrian Australians were able to showcase their skills and have the opportunity of riding on our great venue, Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC) and also the chance to mix with other like-minded riders from all over Australia. Victorian young equestrians acquitted themselves exceptionally well through this event.

Finally I must thank all our many volunteers that make the sport tick and Jackie Woodhead, our CEO, and the staff in the office at EV for keeping us all informed and up to date in so many different ways.

### **Financial Report**

Equestrian Victoria Audited Financial reports were distributed:

Jackie Woodhead confirmed that all due processes required under regulations had been carried out.

Motion: "That the financial report be adopted."

Moved: Chris Hartigan

Seconded: Jan Smith

The Chair opened the floor for any questions. Chris Hartigan queried the loss of (\$146000) and that the reports are difficult for members to understand in regards to how the sub-committees work.

Jackie Woodhead discussed the issues raised and asked all members to read her report as there is a list showing the line items that have affected the bottom line and she reminded members that this money had been re-invested into the sport.

Jackie Woodhead once again offered to show any members the full breakdown of the accounts including how the sub-committee accounts are produced. She again showed the document in question and asked any member to come forward to view the accounts. Noted that these accounts are present at all AGM's.

There were several line items Jackie Woodhead was asked to explain, which she did.

Special thanks to the Barastoc committee and Eventing Victoria who have again supported the sport.

Jackie Woodhead also spoke on the improvements that the EV Board were adopting to help sub-committees read and better understand the bottom line.

The motion was again put forward and carried to adopt the financial report as presented.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Well to say the last year has been challenging is an understatement!

There were so many changes from the National Office and so many reviews of program and funding.

The new ICT program has been the talk of the town.

I have travelled interstate more often this year than I ever have in my life time and I already know right now that I will have many members asking why. I can only reply that it is important. I believe in face to face meetings; I know that is old-fashioned, but I for one, work on body language and find it very important to be part of everything that is our future. So when asked by the Victorian members I can answer with honesty.

If you are interested, you will be able to read all about these programs on the website. I would like to support the National Office in its endeavour to advance our sport. I have heard from all members that they would like our sport to have a bigger profile and that we should have more money put into the sport by government and sponsors. Well, that is what has just happened in the last twelve month- Equestrian now receives the third largest amount of funding from the ASC when compared with other sports. National has gained funding for the Participation program, it has also gained funding for the HPP pathways and I am happy to tell you that Grant Baldock and his team have now secured TV broadcast with Channel Nine. We have also undertaken the biggest change with our ICT platform with the help of a major sponsorship deal with Inglis through their Horse zone brand (but we all know about that).

So the great news is that all our dreams have come true and now it is time to start enjoying the positive changes taking place and be mindful that is our job to work through any small issues. Some of these may take a little time to introduce to our members, because as we all know, us horse loving people often find change difficult. So, if you do read the EV News and if I'm lucky enough that you find my report worth reading, you will see that I use the term Equestrian community a lot; so please let's see that the Equestrian community gets behind the new developments and believe in our future.

This year equestrian events have again occupied a major part of the year- they have been wonderful and I know that Victoria is seen as the place to run events. Once again our youth program with the Interschool competition, Hamag Young Dressage Rider Squad and all the training days has been a terrific success and an opportunity to show how well our future stars are progressing. We have been fortunate in the last twelve months to have had the National Show Horse and National Young Rider Dressage Championship and also the National Interschools event in Victoria. Once again the Saddleworld Dressage Festival and PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars were terrific events. Changes and developments to the Melbourne International 3DE were received with fantastic feedback not only from traders, volunteers, the public and riders but also from our international guests and major sponsor Wyndham City. Reports on all these events mentioned above and others can be read in our wonderful EV News, which again is looking great. One of the best things that were said to me this year is that our members are actively and regularly reading the EV News. We surely do not want to lose this magazine, it is ours and it is important to keep and continue. Other states have settled for the online newsletters, but I for one think it is so nice to see people out and about, have photos of our members enjoying their horses and also to have an actual magazine to sit down with and read in a quiet moment.

As always, a big Thank You to our EV staff for their hours of work and extra commitment to their jobs; many times they go out of their way to help our members with their requirements.

This is our first year of electing four of our Board members. Throughout the year we have been working on how the new Constitution and Bylaws were to be introduced. It was terrific to receive seven nominations for our first election. The online system worked well and I am happy to report that a great number of members voted. Results will be announced at the AGM and we have some terrific individuals lined up for the job.

You will also see that over the course of the year, financials show a loss; however this has been the investment made by all groups in using retained income and putting it back into the sport, so I prefer to see this as an investment into the equestrian community rather than money spent and lost. Here are some of the investments in more detail:

- Barastoc invested in new triangles, power boxes for WPNEC and lights for the Kelly Arena – \$56K
- Eventing invested in a verti drainer (aerator); the benefits have already been felt by events such as MI3DE, FOW, PCAV and the National Interschools – \$17K

- Interschools invested in new branded bunting, available for all Victorian events, which has already been worth its weight in gold – \$15K
- Funding in good governance training and of course the costs involved in facilitating our new constitution – \$20K
- Updating uniforms for Stewards along with OH & S requirements – \$12K
- Accrediting our Officials

Whenever I am asked about what you get as a member, it is in times like these when we can reflect on the year that was and I can say a lot!

Just to compare: An AFL membership gets you 12 games a year or a seat at a Final; membership fees range from \$100 to \$550.

Your EV membership gives you access to 24/7 insurance to help in all areas of equestrian, events and so much more for under \$300; I think it's a great product and I think our future is looking grand.

Remember to talk our sport up and let's all work on the positives. Just because you can always find and pick out the negatives, it is just not good enough for the sport of equestrian we all love.

I am looking forward to the next exciting year.

### **Carriage Driving Report**

No report

### **Dressage Report**

Another year seems to have flown past, and it is again time for Annual Reports!

We have had another busy and productive year. The Saddleworld Dressage Festival again had full fields in all classes with large waiting lists for some. Both the Aachen Challenge and the final for the Pacific League of the World Cup being major drawcards. PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars was a star studded event this year with both Ingrid Klimke and Greg Best being immensely popular masterclass presenters. This event went on to win the EV Best Event Award 2011, which was richly deserved. Greg is coming back again for next year's event along with Emile Feurie – a member of the gold winning English team at the European Championships. PSI has also agreed to sponsor the event for a further ten years for which we are delighted.

Victoria ran the National Young Rider and Pony Championships this year. I continue to say each year, this event seems to get bigger and bigger, and this year was no exception. Victoria has been asked to run the National event again next year, which I think is a huge credit to that committee. I would also like to thank the Melbourne 3DE committee for including a CDI-W in their program. This again proved immensely popular with both riders and spectators and hopefully something we can continue to run.

These events could not run without their committee's, sponsors and volunteers. Thank you most sincerely – without your support and help nothing would happen. Caroline Coleby has been Event Director for the last four years and has done a wonderful job in running both the SDF and DJWTS. Caroline stepped in and took on the role of Event Director when no-one else was interested and has done an excellent, but sometimes thankless, job she is handing over the reins to Bryony Giusti following the SDF this year. We thank her for her invaluable contribution and wish Bryony well as Event Director for the next two years. I would also like to thank both Adele McCormack and Anne Sundblom for their role as Event Secretaries - they both did a terrific job for their respective events. This position has now been added to Michelle Coates' (Dressage Co-coordinator) portfolio – thus reducing the double handling of entries etc.

We have been fortunate to have both Linda Zang and Christoph Hess this year to conduct clinics for our judges and coaches. Christoph is always a delight and so positive with all his remarks, Linda being most enthusiastic – both providing a wonderful platform for our judges and coaches to work from. Katrina Wuest along with Susie Hoevenaars will be conducting a seminar following SDF 2011 and this again, is an event not to be missed. Our State Coach, Mary Hanna has been conducting clinics for our State Squad riders this year, juggling them around her visits back to Australia. We wish Mary all success for her lead up to next year's Olympic Games.

The Young Ambassador weekend is always an immensely popular weekend culminating with the Awards Night being held at "The Mansion". I would like to thank our selectors for the weekend – Charlotte Pedersen, Linden Hearn and Lee Howells. They did an excellent job, with Stuart Archibald coming out the eventual winner with Emma Crocker and Morgan Duell runners-up. As already mentioned, DJWTS 2011 took out the "Best Event" award, and Charlotte Pedersen, the coaches award. Congratulations to all recipients of awards – it really is a wonderful showcase evening for the equestrian sport.

I attended recently a meeting in Sydney of the ADC committee. This is always a very good opportunity to discuss with the other states, our problems, and to perhaps find we are not alone with them. This year was again productive and informative and provided something to work on. We all agreed that our National Dressage Events calendar makes for a closer working relationship around Australia for both competitors and officials. We are all looking at the new IT program with interest. It certainly should make not only running competitions easier, but managing all aspect of EA much simpler. Computers and their programming seem to me, a whole new world, but to the 'expert', it all seems so simple! Having seen a quick demonstration of what this new system can do, it all looks most exciting!!

I would like to thank all the Dressage Victoria committee members for their invaluable contribution at our meetings and for your support. It is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Michelle at the office. Her help and assistance has made my job much easier this year. Her duties have been expanded to include attending both the Selectors and Judges Sub-committee meetings as well as taking on the role of Secretary to both DJWTS and SDF.

We look forward to another progressive and positive year in 2012.

## **Eventing Report**

Eventing Victoria has had an uneventful year. A well oiled machine runs well. Thank you to the committee for a good years work. A big thank you to James O'Connor for stepping in while Elaine Edwards, opps Kellett, was away on maternity leave.

The two major happenings; one was sad and the other; a very successful 3DE.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of my father, J.W.G. Roycroft OBE. (Bill as everyone knew him by) in late May. Dad was the patron of the Melbourne International CCI 3DE, the Lakes and Craters CCI and the Riding for Disabled Australia, (RDA Aus)

His presence along with Mum's will be missed at all the events they used to attend.

A little history, Bill has won more 3DE's than any other rider in Australia (30 plus). From 1958 through to 1976 he dominated the sport like no other person has. He rode his last ODE at Camperdown on 'Clouseo' at the age of 72.

His more famous horses were, 'Our Solo' (when mum tried to register 'Solo' as a name it

was taken, they were advised to call him 'Solo 11', Mum replied that he was Our Solo and that is how he was named) 'Robin Hood,' also raced as 'Boonabaroo' and won steeplechases, he was sold to Brain Cobcroft and went to Tokyo Olympics. 'Eldorado' went to two Olympic Games and was also a member of our most successful show jump team, in 1965 which finished 3rd. In the nations cup in London's White City stadium and at Dublin, 1965 saw Bill ride 3 horses at Badminton for two 2nd places and a 6th. Three weeks prior Bill had finished 3rd in the Cheltenham gold cup steeple chase on 'Stony Crossing.' The race was won by 'Mill House,' 2nd was 'Red Rum' two of the best chases of all times. In 1972 Bill rode 'Warrathola' to 2nd place in the dressage and then stuffed up (Bills words) on the x-country by having a stop. 1976 saw him ride 'Furtive' a fabulous bay thoroughbred. (It was in Montreal that the Queen Mother wanted to swap Princess Anne's horse for 'Harly,' Bill's reply was, "Mam your horse is not good enough")

As an aside 'Harly' finished up with Sue Benson who is designing the x-country course for the London Olympics.

Bill turned the sod to start the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, enough of my reminiscing.

The other much more exciting thing to happen was the new format for the Melbourne International Three Day Event. A very big thank you to, Jackie, Ute and Elia, in the EV office and all the other hands that are needed to run a first class event.

The new format for the trade village, the undercover food court, the inclusion of top quality dressage and of course the French guy's in their underwear, showing of their skills over the show jumps. Unfortunately we were not able to turn a profit, so more hard work for next year.

## **NCAS Report**

In the last few months we have been fairly busy in the field of NCAS, with numerous training days, CE/SSTA workshops, 2 day introductory workshops and update clinics.

We have just seen a new National Committee elected, but they are yet to have a meeting. It will be interesting to see what change this may bring to the system.

Our State Committee have had very few meetings, due to no agenda items for discussion. Several meetings have been scheduled and cancelled, even though every attempt has been made to have the committee members adhere to protocol!

The monthly training days have been up and down. They are either well attended or have no applicants. On the few occasions we have had 2 or 3 applicants; I have managed to do a few hours Horse Management with them in the office, which at least allows them to have some slips signed off. There has been good feedback from the ones we have run, but it is now a matter of keeping everyone's interest and getting them to come back each month!

We held a 2 Day Introductory Workshops in September, with 18 applicants. This, in hindsight, was too many candidates to manage, even with 2 Coach Educators on the second day, but it was nice to have so many keen trainees coming into the system! In conjunction with these workshops, we also ran an Update Clinic. As the clinic was run immediately before Coach Registration is due, we had 60 Coaches in attendance. It was a difficult Update, as the new Insurance Information from Gow Gates had only just been released, so the presenter did not have much time to become familiar with the content, and it seems that some attendees were a little put out that the update only took an hour and a half to complete, when many had travelled some distance to be there. National are looking at alternative options to this, and I have suggested that more training for Coach Educators who are expected to present this material with little understanding of it and also no training in making presentations such as this!

At the beginning of November we are holding a CE/SSTA workshop, the second for the year. This is primarily organised through National, but I assist with organising the venue, catering, demo riders etc. The first we held in March was very successful, so hopefully this one will be just as good, with 8 applicants to date!

I am currently working on dates for next year, and really hope we can keep up the monthly training days. National have allocated us one CE/SSTA workshop as we will have had 2 this year, so we will look at running this in the first half of the year.

### **Show Horse Report**

Over the last twelve months many things have progressed and developed in the Show Horse Sector. The winners of the major classes from the RT Edgar State Titles go on to represent Victoria at the Australian Show Horse and Rider Championships in December which the committee is working hard on as this is fast approaching. This is a biggest and most prestigious competition and draws competitors from all over Australia and New Zealand.

This year we have introduced a Newcomer Show to be held on the 22nd January 2012 which has been the hot topic of conversation with many Show Horse Members keen to get their Newcomers out and put them in the spotlight. The Market Night was again well attended with many bargains purchased. This is a social evening and is always popular, the crowd once again too large to count, and for next year in 2012 we are planning to have a Judges Seminar during the day with the Market night held the same day to help all the familiar faces attend on the one day, so all in all this should be a well-received day/night.

The annual judge's seminar was held in June and many thanks go to the speakers and the members who attended and make these seminars such the experience.

The Winter Show was held indoors due to the continual rain that Victoria had over the winter months. This was also held in conjunction with the measuring day. Although the event was down in numbers, those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to work and compete without getting wet.

Equestrian Victoria Awards Night - The committee and members congratulate Rose MaEvoy on winning the Show Horse award. Her hard work and dedication as well as her volunteer work is highly commendable and this is a credit to Show Horse Victoria.

The Show Horse Committee would like to thank the branch office for their assistance with the running of our events. Show Horse coordinator, Katie Short for her tireless work. To RT Edgar for their continued support of the RT Edgar Show Horse State Titles, and to all of our other sponsors and supporters, judges and members who continue with our Show Horse movement.

### **Showjumping Report**

The Victorian Jumping riders have had a year of great successes at the top level nationally. Brook Dobbin and Advisor finished on top of the World Cup leaderboard for 2010 and with Advisor also being awarded Victorian Athlete of the Year at the EV Award night held in July. Jamie Kermond is the current Leading rider of the Australian World Cup circuit with his two World Cup mounts of Calthaga (leading horse) and Valhalla III who has two World Cup wins to his name. Caltango ridden by Tim Clarke has also started the year brilliantly with a World Cup win and also being named Showjumping Clubs Horse of the Year at the Yarra Valley Jump Clubs annual Ball. We have six Victorian riders in the top twenty riders on the National WC rider rankings- Jamie Kermond, Brook Dobbin, Tim Clarke, Beccy Allen, Adam Prime, & Ingrid Clarke. Many Royal placings have also been achieved so Victoria can be very proud of the way our riders are bringing their horses through the grades to top level.

The Australian Championships held in Dubbo this month also demonstrate this with the Victorian Senior team of Jamie Kermond, Brook Dobbin, Tim Clarke and Adam Prime easily winning the coveted Australian Senior Team event. Jamie was the Reserve Senior Rider. Our Young Rider team of Stuart Brennan, Alice Cooney, Toni Scattergood and Jonathon Smith came second by a rail to the WA team and our Junior team of Teagan Chester, Jamie Ellis, Alex Green & Magenta Hornsey came second to the QLD team also by a rail! We thank these riders for representing their state in such a competitive manner and also thank all the other riders that made themselves available for selection. The Victorian Selectors of Morris Clarke, Yvonne Morrison, Greg Smith, David Sheppard and Paul Williams have taken their roles with great responsibility and put much discussion and thought into all their decisions over the last two years and we thank them for this. We had Junior and Young Rider teams compete at the South Australian Championships- Juniors- Jess Kent, Lilly Dipnall and Paige Jardine who recorded a win and Young Riders Melissa Robertson, Melissa Julius and Emma McCrae who finished 2nd just 3 faults behind. The Mt Gambier teams were Paige Jardine, Joel Pearce, Magenta Hornsey and Tori Liarakos in the winning Junior team and Jono Smith, Kristy Haworth, Andrew Wootten and Zoe Boulton in the Young Rider team. This years teams event at the Young Rider Show in December will again feature teams from New Zealand, SA, Tas and hopefully South Africa. The Victorian representation in the National squads are Beccy Allen, Jamie Kermond and Brook Dobbin listed in the National A Squad with Toni Scattergood and Annica Robertson listed in the National Young Rider Squad.

The Senior Squad has again been well supported by the senior riders and thanks go to Jamie Coman and Adam Prime for all their efforts. The senior riders are very now very open to seeking training and coaching and this is reflected in the impressive results they are achieving.

Nicole Bernard of Longma again kindly supported the Young Rider squads and with 98 riders involved, the Longma squads have had a great year. Many of the young riders and juniors have state and interstate titles listed in their CV's together with innumerable placings at local, state and national level. The Jumping Young Ambassador for 2011 was Paige Jardine a member of Jamies State squad. This Young Rider squad system continues to be very creditable in developing the younger riders in our sport through to the elite level, further demonstrated with former members participating in the last two Olympics and WEG! We have had two of our Junior squad members ride for Australia in

South Africa- Joseph Patterson and Emily van Sonsbeek and also Paige Jardine is currently touring Mauritius with an Australian Team so congratulations to these riders. The coaches this year of Jamie Coman, Adam Wootten, Paul Williams and Chris Smith have been very appreciated by the squad members and we have had an impressive array of guest speakers to value-add to the training weekends that we also thank. The success of our Junior riders was also demonstrated with the Victorian team winning the EA National Interschools and our squad riders featuring in the Pony Club Nationals winning team. State Squad member Edwina Hare took out the PC National title so it is good to see Pony Club and EA can work together to produce high quality competition for these Junior riders.

The Open Clinics have not been as well supported this year as in the past years. The busy timetable for shows and the wet weather experienced have impacted on these training weekends so a new timetable and format may be required to re-juvenate this valuable strand to our training system.

This annual report actually covers two Victorian State Titles – the 2010 title was held at Whittlesea in November 2010 and the winner was Tim Clarke on Belcam Catalyst. The Victorian State titles for 2011 were hosted by Port Phillip SJ Club with Andrew Inglis (NSW) on Amira the senior Champion. The Victorian Speed Champion for 2011 is Young Rider Melissa Julius on Another Sportsman. The Young Rider and Junior Titles have been transferred to December. The Victorian Country Champion 2011 is Brook Dobbin on Advisor. The 2012 State Championships will be hosted by Premier Floats Show in March and the Country Championships will be at Dandenong Show in November.

This year was also another busy year for the Jumping Victoria committee. The Spring Jumping Championships were conducted. It is planned that next years Spring Show be a dry-run for hosting the Australian Championships in 2013. Anyone interested in helping on the organising committee is most welcome to contact Annie. I would like to thank all those members that made the huge contribution to their sport by attending committee meetings. Paul Brent needs to be congratulated on his fine efforts as a strong and effective National representative.

Jumping with the Stars was a highlight as a National showcase of our young horses and thanks go to Cindy Morrison and all the JV members that work hard to ensure this event develops.

The proposed National Pathway (now Structure) for Jumping saw a widespread motivation of Victorian riders to have a say in how their sport would be structured in the future. The Riders meetings held were a credit to the riders with constructive dialogue that did make a difference. Thanks to those interested that emailed, attended meetings or phoned in. With the State structured at committee level with representation by the Clubs and a co-ordinator available for support- this ensures that Victorians do have an effective system of managing their sport that allows the grassroots to influence state and national decisions. Take advantage of this by actively participating in your local committees of Clubs and shows. To have an effective Agricultural & Club show circuit- we need a wide base of jumping members and their families to make themselves available to work at committee level and as volunteers on the day. Our World Cup committees of NVSJC, BDSJC, Sale and Tonimbuk also need your support to ensure that Victoria also offers shows of a National standard. Thanks again go to all the many kinds of Volunteers and organisers that have made our sport possible in 2011. I look forward to the coming twelve months with optimism for the continued growth and results of the sport in Victoria.

**All reports were tabled.**

**Motion: "to reports have been tabled and are to be accepted"**

**Moved: Maggie McDonell**

**Seconded: Anne White**

**Carried**

#### **Declaration of elected Directors of the Board:**

The Chair handed over to the Public Officer Jackie Woodhead to explain to all members the process which took place for the new election of the Equestrian Victoria Board.

Due to our new Constitution nominations for the Board were open on 2 September 2011, closing on 23 September 2011 at 4pm. There were 4 vacancies and the election process was as follows:

#### **cl16. ELECTION OF ELECTED DIRECTORS**

(a) The Chief Executive shall call for nominations at an appropriate time determined by the Board. All Members shall be notified of the call for nominations as determined by the Board. By EV News and Website, on the 2nd of September:

(b) Nominations of candidates for election as Elected Directors shall be:

(i) made in writing on the form provided by the Association from time to time (if any), signed by two Members and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. The nominee must be an Individual Member;

(ii) delivered to the Chief Executive by the date specified on the call for nominations. 2nd September to the 23rd September.

(c) If: (i) the number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled; OR (ii) there are insufficient nominations from candidates received to fill the respective vacancies on the Board.

then those nominated shall be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting by the returning officer. Any vacancies shall be treated as casual vacancies under rule 15.6.

(d) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be conducted to determine the Elected Directors. Such ballot will be conducted in the manner determined by the Board, or as set out in the Regulations, from time to time. If an election is needed: Timeline: 26th September 2011 open for online voting through survey monkey (done in other states); closing 4pm, 14th October 2011

(e) The Chief Executive (or their nominee) shall act as returning officer for the secret ballot. No person, other than the returning officer, shall be entitled to see any voting paper and the returning officer shall not disclose to any person the way in which any person has voted. The decision of the returning officer on any matter relating to the elections is final and no appeal shall be made from that decision.

As per the Constitution directors will be elected for a two year period; except in the first year, there will be a draw of straws at the first Board meeting to decide terms.

Two directors x 1 year term up for election in 2012

Two directors x 2 year term up for election in 2013

This process was scrutinised by Ute Raabe, Greg Pratt and Jackie Woodhead; Jackie Woodhead asked Greg Pratt if he had been happy with the process, he was.

The announcement of the newly elected Board members was made:

Paul Williams  
Maggie McDonell  
Rick Howells and  
Ingrid Green.

Barry Roycroft thanked all those who had nominated and congratulated those who had won.  
A special note of thanks to Michelle Chamberlain for her work on the Board.

**General Business:** There was no general business noted.

**Notices of motion**

**Appointment of Auditor:**

***Motion: "That PKF Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers, Level 11, CGU Tower, 485 La Trobe Street, MEOURNE 3000 be reappointed as the official auditors for Equestrian Victoria for the financial period 1/7/11 to 30/6/12.***

Moved: Susannah Clarke

Seconded: Jodie Van Breugel      Carried

The next Annual General Meeting is to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at 7pm.

All AGM General Business items must be forwarded to the EV office, c/o the CEO, by 16 September 2012

Annual General Meeting closed by the Chair at 7.35pm

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Barry Roycroft  
President Equestrian Victoria

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Jackie Woodhead  
CEO Equestrian Victoria