

Minutes of the NZCHA AGM held Sunday 7 April at Waimiha Whenua.

8.56 am Janine opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

PRESENT - Janine Taylor, Helen Holmes. Karen Matchitt, Barry & Linley Ladd, Jacob & Olivia Ladd, Geoff Taylor, Craig laird, Alana Rowe, Grant & Wendy Mackie, Mindy Matchitt, Melissa & Wayne Poingdestre, Anna Dawson, Merrill Kinney, Steve & Julie Gregory, Aimee Gregory and Bob Guest

APOLOGIES - Bronwyn Laird, Frank Grieve, Harold Morrissey, Graeme & Sharlene McInnes, Robert & Maria Thompson, Peter & Lynda Ormiston, Colin Holmes

Moved Mindy/ Seconded Olivia

REGISTRATION OF PROXYS - Frank Grieve to Alana Rowe
Colin Armstrong to Grant Mackie

Moved Mindy / Seconded Julie

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM- were read and moved as an accurate record.

Moved. Helen /Seconded Olivia

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS AGM -

- Queries and discussion re results from the survey to judge members views on a date and venue for the Futurity and if it should be combined with the National Finals
- Accordingly from the results the dates for these events had been set for 2024. Note - the cattle numbers and farming programme at Waimiha Whenua require that these two events are separate events
- Grant reported that he had contacted the NZ Rodeo lawyer and all they want from the NZCHA is the assurance that we support the challenge they face from anti rodeo activists.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Karen presented the end of year to 31 December 2023 Financial Accounts.

Main account. -	\$13, 555.44
Cattle account -	\$27, 512.16
Term Deposit -	\$22, 321.62 (Cattle Insurance account)
Training Clinic Account -	\$2005.89

Total Financial position 31/12/2023- \$65, 395.11

Total Financial position 1/4/2024 — \$65,095.61

Auditor Jacob Ladd was thanked and report moved and accepted.

Moved Karen/ Seconded Julie

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Moved Janine/ Seconded Craig

ELECTION OF COUNCIL

Returning councillors - Steve Gregory
Olivia Ladd

Nominated - Julie Gregory

AGM nominations- Grant Mackie Moved Steve/ Seconded Craig

Karen Matchitt Moved Julie/ Seconded Olivia

Mindy Matchitt Moved Alana/ Seconded Wendy

AGM made note that there is no South Island representation on Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Olivia Ladd Moved Craig/ Seconded Janine Declined

Mindy Matchitt Moved Alana/ Seconded Wendy Accepted

Vice President Steve Gregory Moved Julie / Seconded Grant Accepted

Secretary Karen Matchitt Moved Linley / Seconded Olivia Accepted

Treasurer Karen Matchitt Moved Linley / Seconded Olivia Accepted
Julie Gregory to assist as she is co Signatory for banking.

POSITIONS OUTSIDE COUNCIL

Auditor	Jacob ladd	Moved Julie/Seconded Craig	Accepted
Shows Secretary	Julie Gregory	Moved Linley / Seconded Craig	Accepted
Chatter Editor	Aimee Wright	Moved Julie / Seconded Alana	Accepted
Points Collator	Olivia ladd	Moved Alana / Seconded Julie	Accepted

Janine stepped down from the Chair and Mindy became the Chairperson.
Janine was thanked and presented with a gift for her 13 years of service to the NZCHA Council.

REMITTS

The two remits submitted by Olivia & Jacob Ladd were moved to General Business to be discussed as rule change proposals

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Rule Change

Rule 8a. pg 43

High Point Horse Awards - Mare, Stallion, Gelding & Five-Year-Old- Money won in ALL Open cutting horse competitions plus earnings from restricted events for mares or stallions or geldings. Proposal to separate out Five-year-old horse to include Open horse, novice horse and 5 year old aged events earnings.

Justification – at the moment there are very few five year old horses competing in Open horse, however a much larger number are competing. It is very uncommon, and less so moving forward with the age divisions moving up, for a five year old to not still be a novice horse and I feel this would be a truer representation of the high point five year old horse.

Outcome After discussion it was moved that the ruling per the High Point 5 year old award only be changed to include earnings from Open Horse, Novice Horse and 5 year old aged events
Moved Olivia/ Seconded Jacob Passed

2. Rule Change

Rule 10 pg 46

10. ANNUAL AWARDS

1). If there is no class on at an affiliated show for the following: Novice Horse, Limited Non Pro, \$1500 Non-Pro; then money won in the next eligible class for the contestant to compete in will come back to the competitor's respective category.

Proposal to remove this rule completely.

Justification – An example of this would be the NZCHA futurity show where Novice Horse is not held. So a horses earning from Open Horse would be taken from that class to be put towards a Novice horses earnings. However, we have a number of Novice Horses that are also competing in OpenHorse and this would disadvantage them by removing their earning from Open Horse. By not holding the event, and money not being moved at any show, no one is disadvantaged for not being able to enter.

Outcome After discussion it was moved that the rule be removed completely
Moved Olivia/ Seconded Jacob Passed

Note: agreed that if this removal affects the wording in any other ruling then those rules need amending.

3. Heritage Hall of Fame - Horse

This was tabled by Council for members to discuss. After discussion it was decided that the new Council set the criteria and report back to the members with their criteria.

4. Rules for Snaffle Bit Rider and Snaffle Bit Horse

This was tabled by Council for members to discuss.

The points raised included what hands down horse/riders if any should be eligible for SB classes and what hands down classes if any Snaffle Bit riders/horses should be eligible for. Point was also made that the Snaffle Bit Horse should not be considered as a training class for any horses and instead clubs should endeavour to provide trainings for horses at shows. After discussion on a variety of solutions given for any amendments to the rules the meeting passed these outcomes.

Outcome - it was moved that the rule for Snaffle Bit Rider Rule H Page 11 be changed to add excluding Rookie.

h. SNAFFLE BIT (RIDER)- The Snaffle Bit Rider is a one- or two-handed contest, open to ALL riders regardless of LTE. There is a limit of two horses per rider in this class, and only the points from their highest earning horse will count towards high point awards. Horse/rider combinations may only enter a maximum of two Snaffle Bit classes per show.

Any rider who has competed in a hands down event (excluding Rookie) in the current season is not eligible to ride in Snaffle Bit Rider. Once a rider competes in a hand down class (excluding Rookie) at any point in the season, they are no longer eligible to ride in Snaffle Bit Rider for the remainder of that season.

Outcome - it was moved that the rule for Snaffle Bit Horse adopt Olivias concept that the Horse/Rider combination must meet one of the following criteria. Rider must have under \$2500 in earnings to ride a horse with over \$1000 earnings. A rider must have under \$2500 in earnings to ride a horse with over \$1000 in earnings. Council to draft a rule accordingly which will be published for members to review and a time frame stated for written replies from members to council..

5. **Day fees and membership discussion.**

It was brought up the different circumstances in the South Island particularly their last show when they had club events because most of their competitors are not eligible for day fees because of the current rulings and those competitors cannot afford the approximate cost of \$2000 to attend the National Finals in the North Island and thus justifying being full competing members.

It was decided that there would be no change to the day fees rules but it was suggested the possibility of the National Finals being held in the South Island.

A proposal to increase the day fees to \$10 was declined.

6. **Constitution update.**

Grant reported that they were waiting to see what category the association was in. Work will be done over the winter by the constitution committee to initially report back to Council.

7. Julie proposed that the National Finals in 2025 have a catered dinner the night of the second go round. All agreed.

8. Craig brought to everyones attention the passing of Neville Donaldson, Jim Marlow and Gary Penny who had been very respected members and competitors of the NZCHA. In recognition a minutes silence was held.

Mindy closed the meeting with a thank you for all who attended and to all retiring councillors. Meeting closed 11.30am.