

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ASHLA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL INC (NSW)
Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Saturday 3 June 2017**

Meeting Opened: 10.10 am

Welcome – the chairperson T Bridge welcomed everyone present, especially special guests, Patrons Joy Poole, Enid Clark and General Manager ASH David Gatwood

Present

Jenny Heath	West Vic
Melise Tuma Webb	Southern Highlands
Anna King	Moss Vale
Jackie Long	Moss Vale
Anne Braidwood	County of Cumberland
Denise Mitchell	Central Vic
Wendy Taplin	County of Cumberland
Jane Davies	Eastern
Michelle Wilton	Eastern
Chantelle Vella	Eastern
Brooke Terry	Eastern
Karen Fry	West Gippsland
Mardi Johnson	West Vic
Michelle Gorton	West Gippsland
Toni Bull	Eastern
Teena Bridge	Northern
Lynne Knight	Eastern
Heather Gorey/Beard	County of Cumberland
Katrina Copping	SE of SA
Felicity Green	SA Central
Jane Allen	SE of SA
Katrina Rankine	Southern Highlands
Kyra O'Brien	Eastern
Emma Nash	West Gippsland
Tristan Holz	West Gippsland
Rachael Fenn	SE of SA
Debbie Pritchard	Eastern
Erin George	Eastern
Mandy Blomfield	Eastern
Amy Caddis	Eastern
Marie Gregory	Gloucester

Guests

David Gatwood, Joy Poole, Enid Clark, Kerry Gourley,
Louise Caddis

Apologies

Dana Smith, Sally Williams, Col McQueen, Helen Price, Mandy Trotter, Ashlee Carrigan-Walsh, Kylie Johnston, Emma Johnston, Christine Stratford, Cassandra McCarroll, Jeanette Meyers, Mikaela Meyers, Teigan Meyers, Amy Bonsor, Carleen McPhie,

Amanda Smart, Ascher Coe, Wendy Eisentrager (Luke), TJ Moore, Janet Hodges, Amanda Young, Vicki Mascord, Aimee Mannix, Ashley Whiting, Kellie Robertson
Moved and seconded D Mitchell, H Beard. Carried.

President's Report

Again putting pen to paper to compile this President's Report forces me to reflect on the past year. To muse over the progression and direction of the ASHLA movement. This year our competition has continued to flourish with large numbers at all major events, no decline in sight, so the movement remains strong. Our membership numbers continue to hold fast, not all ASHLA members compete in ASHLA events, many remain loyal to the group because of the group, great bunch that we are! This only confirms to me that what we do, what we display and what we stand for is highly regarded by many.

Our ideals toward the highest standards of presentation and commitment to preserve our traditional Australian equipment does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I talk with many professional saddle makers and all will admit that probably if it wasn't for ASHLA, the need for the art of making our traditional Aussie Poly Saddle would be lost. I personally consider that is something that would distress me and many others immensely, if they were to realise that! It would be a huge injustice to our breed and our Australian heritage. Our staunch stand toward these standards may come under scrutiny and criticism by some but they really don't see or understand the ramifications and the bigger picture.

Our youth ASHLA following continues to grow and the standard is mind blowing, we really must continue to come up with ways to reward and appreciate these young ladies as they are ASHLA's future. I know many 11 and 12 year olds just busting their chops to turn 13 so as to compete as ASHLA riders, so how good is that?

The downside for me over the year both as a competitor and the President of ASHLA still lies squarely in the lap of the judges. This for me should be a priority to the ASHLA Committee to develop better hands on and active approach to assist in the education of judges, especially at the higher level events. Many blame our scoring system but I personally feel that apathy is our biggest problem and often displayed by those that do know the effort that goes into just being in the line up in an ASHLA class. It is fair to say when checking one's scores after the event, they could be used as a learning curve with which to improve, but more often than not they reflect discouragement. So I would personally ask the ladies to come up with tangible ideas as to how best to improve this area of judging.

In ending my report I again wish to give my heartfelt thanks to the committee for their efforts and hard work throughout the year – without these dedicated core group of people none of what we do or try to achieve could continue. Their unselfish effort and input happens throughout the year, pen to paper, time and resources, for these few I thank you. I encourage every member when occasionally face to face with any of these people, to pass on your thanks – I am sure it would be greatly appreciated.

Moved T Bridge, J Allen. Carried.

Treasurers Report and Financial Statement (Attachment 1)

The Treasurer advised we need to order more tie pins. Secretary to organise. A member asked about the Promo allocation and the Treasurer advised it was a once off \$500 and she had to submit receipts etc to show where our promotion was allocated.
Moved J Allen, J Heath. Carried.

Board Member's Report

Jane Allen is enjoying being our director and asks that members contact her at any time to discuss any issues.

- Change to judging protocol re using cones in the set patterns. No cones to be used excepting a centre cone if required, not compulsory. Judges were putting too much emphasis on the movement at the cone instead of the movement itself and will avoid holes developing in one spot and therefore unfairness to other competitors.
- Pattern book is being reviewed and four independent members have been invited to have input to this. We need some ASHLA patterns.
- 2017 show was biggest ever in numbers, feedback has been good and show committee will take comments on board. A new show committee has been formed, the program will have some changes made to improve flow of events etc.
- The Judging Accreditation and Facilitator course have been reduced to one day each. This will allow branches to hold both on the same weekend.

Moved J Allen, L Knight. Carried.

The Chairperson asked the General Manager of the ASHS, David Gatwood, to address the meeting -

- Mr Gatwood reported that National Show Committee is looking at some changes with the challenges faced with a bigger show. Costs at AELEC are high but it is one of few venues in Australia that can support the numbers.
- The ASH is facing another year of deficit, because of running two National Shows in the one financial year. He considers this a good investment but ways and means to curb costs will be looked at.
- The Society has just signed an agreement with ABRI to provide "I Compete" software program. This platform will run the society – it will mean changes for office staff, and will allow performance to be recorded. Website to be revamped, and will become the portal into "I Compete" system. Online registrations will be possible.
- ASHS 2017 AGM will be held at Oaks Pacific Blue Resort in Salamander Bay on 29 July 2017
- The ASHS Articles of Association are currently under review. The Constitution is to be brought into the 21st century.
- ASHS has launched a Youth Exchange Program – Need host families for school holiday period – to work on their horsemanship and leadership. Will open up International opportunities for young members.

The Chairperson asked our two Patrons present to address the meeting –

Joy Poole thanked the meeting for inviting her and Enid to attend and was still an extremely proud Patron. She congratulated us for upholding traditional stock horse attire and gear as she is concerned that we are losing our identity with Americanisation. In particular she regrets the decline of the popularity of poly saddles. Her research amongst polo cross riders has identified a worrying link with fender saddles and sore backed horses.

Enid Clark commented that she was honoured to see ASHLA has grown to what it is now and has not lost its traditional roots. Enid noted that she is very proud that she, Joy and Beryl Gilshenan (third Patron) were some of the original founders of ASHLA.

Minutes of 2016 AGM held in Darwin were tabled and advised read by all members present.

Moved F Green, M Tuma Webb that minutes were a true and correct record. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Moved D Mitchell, L Knight that any business arising in 2016 minutes a member wishes to bring to the attention of meeting, be deferred to General Business. Carried.

Correspondence In

Sponsorships

Melbourne Royal 2016 – ASH Head
Queensland Royal 2016 – ASH head
Perth Royal – 2016 ASH Head
Geelong Royal 2016 - Plaque
Canberra Royal 2017 – ASH Head
Adelaide Royal 2017 – ASH head
Melbourne Royal 2017 – ASH head
Sydney Royal 2017 – Their decision – Thoroughbred heads
Queensland Royal 2017 – ASH head
Perth Royal 2017 – ASH Head
SQMC State Show 2016- plaques
WA ASH State Championships 2017 - plaque
Vic State Championships 2017 - plaque
ASH National Championships 2017 – ASH head
NSW State Show 2016 – plaque
National Youth Show 2016 – Bronze Stock Saddle trophy

Sydney Royal 2017 – Supporter Agreement. Restricted to their choice of trophies. We now present two Pinsent designed Thoroughbred horse heads. Value of Sydney sponsorship is now \$1050.00 (\$500 cash, plus trophies and vests)

National Show 2016 – Thank you

Sydney Royal invite to breed society meeting. Attended by J Long and T Bull.

- 2nd judge being interstate – RAS will be responsible for transport to and from Sydney airport, accommodation and all meals whilst presiding at show. Will not cover any airfares.
- Our broad ribbons will be RAS colours.
- Allowed to present one award and allowed into ring at end of judging only. ASHLA Cannot assist with checking of placings or additions unless we enrol for the whole of the stock horse events as a steward. As this means costly accommodation for the duration of the classes, not a possibility at this stage.
- Judge must keep workout short. To be discussed in General Business Hints for Judges and 2nd Judge.

Queensland Royal 2016 – Certificate of Appreciation

F Green and K Robertson provided resumes, J Aitken advised not an accredited ASH judge, R Mitchell declined nomination.

Felicity Green – advising has been accepted for National Judging and will withdraw for 2nd judge RAS 2017. Has confirmed available for 2018.

HO – Unable to process Promotional Allocation – J Allan sorting out.

Melbourne Royal asking for clarification of prizes

National Show Committee – proposed new pattern for ASHLA. Sent to Committee.

SA Management Council asking ASHLA to support Adelaide Royal 2017
Perth Royal 2016 – Certificate of Appreciation
HO – confirming receipt of AGM 2017 notification for insurance purposes
Sydney Royal 2017 – invite to present one prize
Sydney Royal 2017 - Certificate of Appreciation
A King – advice of Moss Vale Delegates A King and J Long 2
A Smart – NT rep, lack of opportunities in NT. Happy to remain on committee.
Anna Elder – thank you for sponsorship of Highest Placed ASHLA Rider in Futurity and the ASHLA event.
Perth Royal – advice of new sponsorship coordinator
Moved Correspondence In be accepted W Taplin, L Knight. Carried.

Correspondence Out

ASHLA MC Committee -Information re meeting with RAS and 2nd judge
Fair Trading – Annual Statement
HO – Annual Statement, copy of 2016 minutes. Requesting promotional allocation.
Sydney Royal advising all entries financial – still issues with some entrants not being financial with ASHLA or ASHS at time of entry checking or on unfinancial horses because owner of horse had not got around to renewing membership with ASH. Sydney has made it very clear that they are only to be sent final information. Any unfinancial notifications from breed societies will mean automatic letter from RAS advising their entry has been withdrawn. We need ASHS support around getting this information out to all society members, and that joining ASH doesn't automatically make one a member of ASHLA.
Advices to prospective 2nd judges Sydney Royal 2017:
F Green, J Allen, J Heath (Nationals Only), K Nicoll, M Walker, K Robertson
Note: K Nicoll not available, M Walker no reply, J Allen assisting at show
Sydney Royal – advising of nominations for 2nd Judge and provided resumes.
NSW Management Council – 2nd judge nominations Sydney and Nationals
National Show Team – confirming/correcting ASHLA sponsorship
Melbourne Royal – amend wording in catalogue – Novice can only be won once in rider's lifetime, also provided info on relevant sashes
Mail Out to members re AGM
HO – AGM Event notification
HO – advising of venue inspection to be conducted 1 hour before AGM
Invite to Joy Poole Patron to attend AGM
Queensland Royal – advising them of ribbon order. Were under impression we supplied ribbons.
Moved Correspondence Out be ratified W Taplin, H Beard. Carried.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

RAS - T Bridge advised that in future Joe Best from NSW Management Council would stewarding in ring to ensure that scoring is added correctly and placings are correct before awarding of ribbons.

J Allen would take concerns re competitors not being financial for Royal shows at time of entry, to the ASH Board – also that new members did not realise they had to join ASHLA to compete. Some discussion around changing our membership year however it was generally agreed that having a financial year membership would just move the issue to other Royal shows in calendar.

Notices of Motions – NIL

Election of Office Bearers

The Chairperson declared all positions vacant and asked David Gatwood to chair the election of office bearers.

Louise Caddis and Kerry Gourley were asked to scrutineer any secret ballots.

Position	Nominated	By
President	Teena Bridge Jackie Long	L Knight DMitchell

Both nominated members were asked to address the meeting before a secret ballot was held.

After a count of votes – Jackie Long has been elected as President

Patrons

Joy Poole and Enid Clark were invited to remain as Patrons and both were delighted to accept. Beryl Gilshenan would be contacted by Secretary.

Vice President	D Mitchell F Green J Heath	W Taplin J Heath T Bull - Declined
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A secret ballot was held and D Mitchell was elected.

Jnr Vice President	F Green L Knight	J Allen W Taplin - Declined
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F Green was elected

Minute Sect	T Bull	W Taplin
Membership Sect/Treasurer	J Allen	D Mitchell
Points scorer	J Heath	W Taplin
Publicity Officer	A King	F Green
Asst Publicity Officer	M Gorton	J Heath
Public Officer	Toni Bull	J Allen
Board Rep	J Allen	J Long

Committee – Executive plus the following members were elected in block by members present. ASHLA supports representatives from all states being on committee.

M Johnson
A Smart
M Tuma Webb
W Taplin
L Knight

Honorarium

To remain as \$600 split between Minute Sect, Membership Sect, Pointscorer and President

Set Subscriptions

Patron Joy Poole remarked on how much promotion ASHLA gives the ASH and we should be asking for more promotional allocation. J Allen to take this back to ASH Board.

Moved J Allen, A King that membership be increased to \$30. Effective from 1/1/18. Carried.

General Business

2nd Judge Sydney

- F Green (noted invited by RAS for 2017 and had to decline as accepted judging position at National Show. Would be available for 2018)
- J Heath (nationals only as had been 2nd judge Sydney in recent years)
- R Mitchell
- David Nash
- Maryanne Atthow

These persons would be contacted and asked if available for short list to Sydney and National Show.

At 12.30 pm General Business was adjourned so a special presentation of the inaugural ASHLA Outstanding Achievement Award could be made to Janelle Manning. Teena Bridge was asked to speak on behalf of all ASHLA members:

ASHLA Outstanding Achievement Award – presented to Janelle Manning

“The ASHLA Management Committee, after consultation throughout the year, has decided to introduce a special award for Outstanding Achievement. This award will recognise and appreciate the inspiration or success displayed by any ASHLA member. That member may have achieved some special acknowledgement or success, not necessarily horse related, or have been presented with unfair or difficult circumstances such as accident, illness or natural disaster and have shown remarkable courage to rise above adversity. The award will not necessarily be presented every year or be restricted to one recipient in any one year, however will be ASHLA’s way of honouring our own outside of the competition arena.”

Joy Poole was then asked to present Janelle with the inaugural ASHLA Outstanding Achievement Award whilst Teena spoke about Janelle and the reasons why she was a unanimous choice as a recipient:

“Janelle has been an active and respected ASHLA member for many years both as a worthy competitor, committee member and regular participant of ASHLA AGM’s all over the country. She has been active in all AGM debates and noticeably right up at the top of the most important ASHLA tradition of ‘shopping’, at which she has consistently and unashamedly led by example!

Janelle continues to inspire us with her incredible courage as she fights to regain her mobility after suffering a debilitating stroke, and unselfishly shares and communicates her journey with friends and her ASHLA family, always with a brave and defiant smile. Janelle, presenting you with this award gives ASHLA the opportunity to show how proud and inspired we are by you and how much we care. We hope it will lift your spirits every time you look at it.”

Janelle received a much deserved standing ovation and her husband and support, Brett, spoke on her behalf.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1.30 pm. David Gatwood gave his apologies and left the meeting. Members present decided to present Annual Pointscores winners so patrons could leave at conclusion. *Attachment 2.*

At conclusion of Annual Pointscore Presentation, our Patrons were farewelled and General Business was continued.

Hints for judges

T Bridge spoke on suggestions for judging ASHLA event that she distributed to members present. As the Secretary also had a rough draft of the new ASHLA Booklet which included original Hints for Judges discussed at 2016 AGM, it was agreed by the meeting that the new ASHLA Booklet would include our Preamble, Rules and judging criteria, a clarification of some rules (Novice, Membership and Competing, ASHLA class, Pointscores, Communication/Contact) and the Hints for Judges as presented to 2017 AGM. Teena was congratulated on presenting such a well thought out document. Add to Equipment rules– no whips or canes to be carried in ASHLA class.

Much discussion amongst members present on how these recommendations can be disseminated amongst judges.

Tristan Holz suggested that judges could be asked to give feedback on their scoring. At present a competitor is unable to ascertain why points may have been lost, particularly in equipment and dress. Further discussion around this however it was generally agreed that lack of time would not allow judges to comment, having competitors come into the class over a period of two hours, such as takes place at National Show, would also inhibit constructive comments. Further education of judges and competitors through Hints for Judges and Competitors, would hopefully improve the reliability of scoring.

To foreshorten discussion it was *Moved F Green, H Beard that booklet, including Hints, be finalised by the committee and be printed in time for next membership renewals.*

Carried. Anna King offered to set out in booklet form for printing. The booklet can continue to be sold during the renewal of membership process and would be advertised in ASH journal.

Jane Allan asked to take Hints for Judges back to ASH Board to see if can be included in Judges Workshops. Secretary would continue to send out to judges at major shows.

T Bridge mentioned the issue surrounding mandatory removal of cones in workouts and lack of consultation around this decision.

Members agreed that J Allan will take concerns of some ASHLA members back to board that judges should have the option of using cones.

Secretary to order 500Tie pins.

Sydney Royal

Jackie Long, in her role as RAS Representative, reported that the RM Williams award was not presented because the wording was misunderstood as highest placed (meaning had to have received a ribbon) as against highest scored. This has been corrected. RAS will provide office staff to check scoring addition and awarding of placings. This is a major breakthrough for ASHLA and our dealings with the RAS.

Date and Venue of next AGM

The following cities/towns were suggested and voted on

Geelong	3
Noosa	14
Canberra	1
Melbourne	5

As Noosa has a well known market at Eumundi on Saturdays, it was decided to hold AGM on Friday 1st June 2018.

Meeting closed 2.30 pm

Minutes of General Meeting of ASHLA Management Committee Held on Saturday 3 June 2017 Nelson Bay

Meeting opened 2.46 pm

Incoming Chairperson welcomed the new committee.

Present

As per elected officials at ASHLA Management Council AGM 2017

Apologies

Amanda Smart

Moved D Mitchell, M Tuma-Webb. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

As per Report tabled at ASHLA Management Council AGM 2017.

The Treasurer requested that ASHLA adopt online banking practices. This would mean only one signatory required however as the Executive is spread across the states, a second signatory is quite difficult.

Moved D Mitchell, 2nd F Green that the ASHLA Treasurer be the only signatory required for banking purposes and ASHLA now have online banking facility on ASHLA bank account. Online banking to be preferred method of receiving membership fees and for paying ASHLA accounts. Carried.

Minutes of 2016 Meeting

Moved W Taplin, L Knight. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

NIL

General Business

J Long to follow up RAS issues in her capacity now as President.

Pointscores must be submitted on current forms which are on website or they will be refused.

Moved J Heath, M Gorton. Carried.

M Gorton has offered to print new ASHLA booklet.

Secretary to get Hints for Judges and Competitors added to website. Speak to David Gatwood first to ensure this is allowed.
Cost of mailing out prizes – decided ASHLA to continue to absorb this cost.
Meeting closed at 3pm

ATTACHMENT 1

AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE LADIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL INCORPORATED (NSW)

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the year ended 30th April 2017

RECEIPTS	2017	2016
Memberships	5610.00	6030.00
Bank Interest	.31	.78
Tie Pins	440.00	460.00
ASHLA Booklets	74.00	96.00
Raffle, AGM	140.00	338.00
ASHS Ltd	1100.00	
(300 for 2015 & 2016, 500 Promo Allocation)		
	\$7364.31	\$6924.78
PAYMENTS		
Bank Fees		9.90
Postage/Pre paid envelopes	488.00	556.70
Stationary/Printing	189.99	31.90
Sponsorship	1594.00	1349.00
Trophies/Engraving	4000.07	3943.95
Honorariums	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	111.90	414.92
Meeting Expenses	595.00	1500.00
Legal Fees	54.00	54.00
	\$7632.96	\$8460.37
Nett Surplus/(Deficit)	(268.65)	(1535.59)

BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Cash at Bank as per Cash Book – 5 th May 2016	\$ 7018.93	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	- 268.65	

Closing Cash at Bank as per Cash Book	\$ 6750.28	
Add unpresented cheques	135.00	

Balance as per Bank Statement – 30 th April 2017	\$ 6885.28	
Unpresented cheques –		
Chq # 540	Realities Cold Cast 14/3/17	\$ 35.00
Chq # 542	Royal Geelong A & P 20/4/17	\$ 100.00

ATTACHMENT 2

ASHLA 2016 High Point Awards.

ASHLA	Winner	Karen Fry	Tyranoek Steeley Dan
	Runner Up	Jackie Long	Kallenia Jessica II
Led Mare	Winner	Wendy Elsentrager	Glenrae Haley Comet
	Runner Up	Michelle Wilton	Gee Bee Pimms
Led Stallion	Winner	Emma Nash	Waymere Oaks Identity
	Runner Up	Chantelle Vella	Cunnoo Destinys Blueprint
Led Gelding	Winner	Ascher Coe	Waratah Rivoli Rolls Royce
	Runner Up	Amy Bonsor	Coolidowns Senator
Junior Horse	Winner	Dana Smith	Camelot Double Impression
	Runner Up	Michelle Gorton	Oakton Lodge Sudden Impact
ASH Hack	Winner	Michelle Wilton	Gee Bee Pimms
	Runner Up	Anna King	Anisley Stella Rose
Dressage	Winner	Carleen McPhie	Myuna Curio
	Runner Up	Cassandra McCarroll	Millungeras Mark
Versatility	Winner	Ashley Whiting	Forest Law And Order
	Runner Up	Chantelle Vella	Cunnoo Destinys Blueprint
Campdraft/cut	Winner	Tristan Holz	River Dance
	Runner Up	Melise Tuma-Webb	Andisa Rivoli Xray
Sport Horse	Winner	Wendy Elsentrager	Glenrae Haley Comet
	Runner Up	Cassandra McCarroll	Braeview Grace
Open Hack	Winner	Cassandra McCarroll	Millungeras Mark
	Runner Up	Kerry Micke	Boongala Flashman

High Point 2016 ASHLA Gelding –	Millungeras Mark – Cassandra McCarroll
High Point 2016 ASHLA Stallion/Colt –	Cunnoo Destinys Blueprint - Chantelle Vella
High Point 2016 ASHLA Mare/Filly –	Glenrae Hayley Comet – Wendy Elsentrager
Point 2016 ASHLA Junior – Winner	Todd’s Tiger Lillie – Teigan Meyers
Runner Up 2016 Junior	Double Wrangle Joe – Amy Caddis
High Point 2016 ASHLA Senior –Winner	Wendy Elsentrager – Glenrae Haley Comet
Runner Up 2016 Senior	Michelle Wilton Gee Bee Primms
OVERALL HIGH POINT 2016 WINNER –	Teigan Meyers – Todd’s Tiger Lillie