

## DRAFT MINUTES

2025 Annual General Meeting of  
The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd  
Saturday 31<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 1:00pm AEST (Sydney time) via Zoom

Chair: Helen Rutland

Attendees: (27 participants)

Adam King, Helen Rutland, Carolyn Potts, Kerry Frame, Kerryn Alderidge, Yvonne Downes, Vanessa Crosland, Nadine Frampton, Teresa Edwards, Nancy Wall, Catherine Brown, Marie Hutchison, Graham Smith, Richard Shipton, Carole Huxtable, Greg Liddle, Narelle Kinnear, Sally Harvey, Marilyn O'Dea, Helen Dohan, Mark Skinner, David Gillet, Nicole Henricus, Helen Harwick, Pam Roydhouse, Renee Kenna

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### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Helen Rutland officially opened the meeting at 1.30pm with some housekeeping for the meeting and checked for apologies.

- a. Apologies: Sharyn Hungerford
- b. Jill having issues logging on and logged on at 1.36pm, Kym having issues logging on and logged in at 1:42pm

Helen further noted that there have been no proxies submitted.

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### 2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

Helen reminded everyone the 2024 minutes were available on the website beforehand and that this motion could only be voted on by persons in attendance.

- Motion to accept the minutes as accurate
  - Moved by: Yvonne Downes
  - Seconded by: Greg Liddle
  - Outcome: CARRIED

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### 3. Results of the Elections

Helen announced the results of the election – Victoria – congratulated Carol who will be joining the board at the end of the AGM

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### 4. Award Announcements

Carolyn Potts announced all recipients of the AHSA Ltd Annual Awards for the year.

- WAHO AWARD - Aahmani
- ENDURANCE HOTY - S'Shaada Material Girl
- RUNNER UP ENDURANCE HOTY - Girilambone Usain
- PONY CLUB AWARD - Valinor Park Kahlua
- RUNNER UP PONY CLUB AWARD - Athos KA
- DERIVATIVE AMBASSADOR - Fairisle Tribal Design
- RUNNER UP DERIVATIVE AMBASSADOR - Allambie Park Euphoria
- PUREBRED AMBASSADOR - Crown Princessa HRA
- RUNNER UP PUREBRED AMBASSADOR - Iconic Al Sahrae

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## 5. Chairman & Secretary's/Treasurer's Report

These were posted online before the meeting for a few weeks. Helen noted that the cut off for questions on these reports and no questions received -

- Motion to accept the reports as read
  - Moved by: Catherine Brown
  - Seconded by: Greg Liddle
  - Outcome: Carried

Helen further spoke to the meeting and notified them of her resignation effective at the end of the AGM. Helen thanks fellow directors for their assistance during her term.

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## 6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2024 including queries submitted prior to 4pm 30th May 2025

- Motion to accept the financial report
  - Moved by: Yvonne Downes
  - Seconded by: Kerryn Aldrige
  - Outcome: CARRIED

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## 7. Appointment of Auditors

- Motion: That Bradfield Partners Pty Ltd be appointed as Auditors of The Company for 2025
  - Moved by: David Gillet
  - Seconded by: Helen Dohan

- Outcome: CARRIED
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#### 8. Presentation of The Board Sub-Committee Reports

These were posted online before the meeting for a few weeks. Helen noted that the cut off for questions on these reports and no questions received -

- Motion to accept the reports as read
  - Moved by: David Gillet
  - Seconded by: Catherine Brown
  - Outcome: CARRIED

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#### 9. General Business Discussion

General Business began with members encouraged to raise their hands to ask questions or make comments. Helen clarified that while there will be no motions during general business, questions and comments will be accepted.

The meeting focused on general business and the election process for delegates. Helen Rutland clarified that the new Board would decide on the second delegate for Victoria, and while the rules allow for the top two vote getters to be considered, it is not mandatory. Greg inquired about the process for filling vacancies, and Helen explained that the Board would have the final say.

The board discussed the economic climate and membership trends, noting a 3% loss prior to 2024 but an uptick in recent months, particularly in endurance riding. Helen Rutland reported that the board supported Shannon McCormick's awards program for Pony Club and schools, offering free memberships to recipients.

The board also addressed legal expenses of approximately \$15,000 related to threatened legal action, which were detailed in the financial report.

Graham raised concerns about engaging with affiliate clubs, and Adam noted that while feedback had been requested, no responses were received.

The new board will review Nadine's extensive submission and address her questions, while planning for the Australian Arabian championships will be a priority for the incoming board.

Helen Dohan expressed concerns about negative comments on social media, urging members to address issues with the board rather than posting them online.

Catherine raised the issue of high insurance excesses, suggesting that affiliates need a list of these amounts to prevent trivial matters from being taken to court. Teresa clarified that the excess amounts are already published in the insurance documents and on the website. Helen Rutland

acknowledged the increasing costs of insurance premiums and mentioned that the society also faces substantial costs before their insurance kicks in.

The meeting focused on discussing the Arabian Horse Society and the importance of promoting Arabian horses and the society effectively. Yvonne emphasized the need for members to take responsibility and work towards the society's goals, while Helen Hardwick highlighted the right of members to express their opinions. Helen Rutland stressed the importance of constructive communication and suggested that members with skills in finance, corporate, and legal matters could benefit the society.

Greg raised concerns about the time it takes to receive responses from the board, which Helen Rutland acknowledged and said would be taken into account. The conversation ended with Helen Rutland announcing her departure from the board and encouraging younger and more energetic members to take over.

10. There being no further business, Helen declared meeting closed and stated it was a privilege being on the Board.

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Meeting was closed at 2.06pm and attendees were congratulated on a courteous and respectful meeting.

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