

161. **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Alamdar Dastani (chairman), Noni Seagrim, Neil Clarkson, Kim Stephens (minutes), Kerry Fowler-Smith, Belinda Hopley, Annette Bailey, Talea Hasko-Stewart, John Howe, Tony Warren, Sharyn Coulston

162. **Apologies:** Andrew Jonkers, Kylie Jonkers

Belinda to arrange flowers and a card for Andrew Jonkers who had been hurt at work.

163. **Conflicts of Interest declaration.**

None declared at this time.

164. Kerry was asked if she would reconsider her resignation from the portfolios of Grants and IDP.

The members present at the last AGM decided that Zone Delegates could not hold executive positions. This is in contravention of the current Constitution, and the Constitution needs to be changed. Kerry requested that these minutes reflect that she has always asked the SMC to reaffirm her authority to submit grant applications, accept and account for monies spent. Applications for project grants have followed workshops involving the entire SMC. This portfolio has been done with documented agreement from the SMCs of the times. However, in the current situation surrounding zone delegates Kerry is unwilling to continue to accept the responsibility for signing off or signing to accept the grant money and overseeing the spending as per the agreements with the government. Accordingly, Kerry is no longer prepared to take the responsibility for the grants' portfolio as a Zone Delegate.

Kerry is not prepared to take responsibility for the IDP for similar reasons. If the IDP process is not done correctly the Association may be liable for reputational damage and potential litigation because if people are not treated fairly, they will resort to defending themselves. Kerry isn't willing to continue to take this responsibility as a Zone Delegate.

Kerry was thanked, on behalf of the NSWERA and SMC, for all the years she has worked on the portfolios of Grants and IDP. Especially Grants as it is such a big undertaking, and the actual grants have managed to keep the sport going. It is very much appreciated, thank you. It is unfortunate how stubborn the AGM was, in regards, to Zone Delegates. The constitution needs to be changed in a way that whoever is eligible and best suited for the job should be in the position. But the members spoke up and didn't want Zone Delegates doing executive roles.

Kerry was asked why this insecurity was happening 7 months after the AGM. Suffice to say the anti zone delegate sentiment, in particular allegations made and a post which remains on Facebook, means that she is unwilling to continue with these roles. down the track, what has happened to bring this insecurity on. Kerry pointed out that there have been comments put on Facebook about Zone Delegates not being properly elected and are only on the committee for their own interests, the word corrupt was used at one stage. Kerry read the item that was on Facebook. Kerry felt that this association needs to do a better job of looking after its own.

Kim agrees with Kerry. After the AGM Kim felt like a 2nd rate citizen. As a committee we should be following the constitution and the rules that we are governed by.

More discussion took place on following the constitution or what the members want. The position that has been taken is following what the membership at the AGM requested.

165. **Grants Portfolio**

Sharyn Coulston

Nominated: Talea Hasko-Stewart

Seconded: John Howe

Accepted but Sharyn pointed out that she doesn't have the experience in Grant writing. Kerry said she would help guide Sharyn if needed.

Unanimous

166. **IDP Portfolio**

Annette Bailey Nominated: Sharyn Coulston
Not Accepted

Kerry explained what is required with the IDP Portfolio. The IDP information is contained in the Portfolio guidance on the Website.

Talea Hasko-Stewart Nominated: John Howe Seconded: Sharyn Coulston
Accepted

Noni Seagrim Nominated: Tony Warren Seconded: Annette Bailey
Accepted and would take the lead with Talea's assistance.

Unanimous

The IDP Portfolio historically has been held by the Secretary but is not limited to just the Secretary.

167. **Treasurer Portfolio**

John was thanked on behalf of NSWERA and SMC for working on the portfolio this year.

John was asked if he would like to reconsider his resignation. John replied no, as he felt his position is completely and utterly untenable as Treasurer following the email trail over the last couple of weeks and he felt it was impossible work with this committee at this time in the roll of Treasurer.

Tony Warren Nominated: John Howe
Not Accepted

It was very hard to get anyone to nominate for this position.

Talea Hasko-Stewart Nominated: Neil Clarkson Seconded: John Howe
Not Accepted

Annette Bailey Nominated: Kerry Fowler-Smith Seconded: Alamdar Dastani
Not Accepted

Sharyn Coulston Nominated: Annette Bailey Seconded: Tony Warren
Accepted so that the committee could move forward.

The 3 account signatories to be President, Treasurer and Tony Warren. The Treasurer is the person responsible for the financials of NSWERA.

MOVED Kerry Fowler-Smith Belinda Hopley
THAT Following the resignation of John Howe, Sharyn Louise Coulston be appointed as Treasurer of NSWERA
UNANIMOUS

Kim as Bookkeeper to work with Sharyn to come up with a process that is acceptable to each other.

Currently there are 4 authorisers: Kim, Kerry, Tony, John. Alamdar just needs to sign in and reset his username and password.

There is a bit of confusion between Netbank and CommBiz. Netbank has signatories (originally cheques) CommBiz has authorisers that authorise the online payments.

The more money that is rolled over the better the interest rates. The current IBD's are:
\$15,345.83, \$21,314.86 and \$12,707.59.

It was suggested that John, as he has all the paperwork make the arrangements to roll over the IBD's. Maybe the IBD's be rolled over as 2 or 3 deposits so that if an IBD has to be redrawn not all the interest is lost. Apparently \$50,000 is receiving a good rate. The interest rates are on application. John said he would check the interest rates for different amounts of money.

There is a motion on the books from the last meeting as follows:

MOVED John Howe, Belinda Hopley
THAT the treasurer approach the CBA to reinvest our IBDs at the best possible interest rate.
Carried Unanimous

A motion is needed to add Sharyn to the accounts and leave the remaining signatories unaltered.
It may be best that we go back to an old motion to get the wording correct as there were quite a few versions created to get the wording correct to present to the bank.

Suggested motion – to be presented at the next meeting:

THAT the NSW Endurance Riders Inc bank accounts as follows:
cheque – 062622 / 2802 6549
society – 062577 / 1026 8785
IBD – 062622 / 5015 9428
IBD – 260595 / 5016 1784
IBD – 062577 / 5011 1088
remove John Anthony Howe as a signatory and be replaced with Sharyn Louise Coulston as the new Treasurer's signatory, leaving all other signatories and viewing rights as is.

168. **Next meeting dates**

12 August 2022 meeting online.

26 August 2022. Face to Face.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.34pm.

Minutes of NSWERA SMC of 2 August 2022 were approved on 20 October 2022 as per Item No. 248.