

Minutes of NZCHA AGM to be held Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Waimiha Whenua  
Meeting opened at 7:05pm

WELCOME:

Janine opened the meeting and welcomed and thanked everyone for being there.

**PRESENT:** Helen Holmes, Anna Dawson, Kristin Anselmi, Merrill Kinney, Frank Grieve, Steve Gregory, Barry Ladd, Melissa Poingdestre, Wayne Poingdestre, Jess Bielski-Jones, Ty Blake, Linley Ladd, Julie Gregory, Bryan Lowcay, Craig Laird, Geoff Taylor, Colin Holmes, Justine Gibson, Mindy Matchitt, Olivia Ladd, Catherine Ladd, Phil Webb, David Gibson, Nathan Wright, Grant Mackie, Janine Taylor, Karen Matchitt, Jacob Ladd (Part way through).

**APOLOGIES:** Gemma Williams, Wendy Mackie, Harold Morrissey, Graeme & Sharlene McInnes, Bronwyn Laird, Joel Gregory and Jacob Ladd until he was able to be there.  
Moved: Julie/Seconded: Helen

REGISTRATION OF PROXYs (in hands of secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM)

- Colin Armstrong Proxy to Grant Mackie
- Wendy Mackie Proxy to Grant Mackie

Moved: Kristin/Seconded: Melissa

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Were distributed with the Agenda for this AGM and taken as a true and accurate record, with the Amendment that Barry's comment about the Futurity and Hawera venue was meant to be tongue in cheek, whereas written it looked like he wanted it taken away because he didn't want to do the work, which was not the case. Karen formally apologised to Barry for the wording.  
Moved: Helen/Seconded: Julie

Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- At the previous meeting the consensus was that February was too early to host the National Futurity, and it was disappointing that the council overrode the AGM Consensus and went with February anyway.
- Outcome – the Council must take the feelings of the AGM, as that's what majority of members actually want.
- Cattle Grazers are still required.

Moved: Linley/Seconded: Merrill

Financial Report (distributed with this Agenda)

As of end of Financial year - 31 Dec 2022

Main Acct \$14,290.04

Cattle Acct \$22,855.10

Term Deposit (cattle insurance) \$20,658.57

Audited by Jacob Ladd (B.Com, Grad.Dip.Bus.Studs (PFP))

Moved: Karen/Seconded: Julie

**Presidents Report:** Janine read her report and gave a printed copy.

**Election of Council:** Nominations received by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Harold Morrissey Janine Taylor/Geoff Taylor Duly Elected

Gemma Williams Janine Taylor/Geoff Taylor Duly Elected

Steve Gregory Grant Mackie/Wendy Mackie Duly Elected

One Position available for nominations at AGM

Olivia Ladd Julie Gregory/ Craig Laird Accepted/ Elected

Janine thanked Mindy for work she had done on Council.

### **Election of OFFICERS**

President: Janine Taylor Moved: Steve/Seconded: Barry Ladd Accepted/Elected

Vice President: Steve Gregory Moved: Mindy/Seconded: Olivia Accepted/Elected

Secretary: Karen Matchitt. Moved: ? /Seconded: Kristin Declined

With no further nominations or volunteers, Karen was asked to stay on for a further month (Agreed)

NB: NZCHA Secretary receives a complimentary Full NZCHA membership each season they are elected as Secretary.

Secretary Position Still to Be Filled -

Treasurer: Karen Matchitt Moved: Julie /Seconded: Linley Accepted/Elected

### **Non-Council Positions**

Auditor: Jacob Ladd Moved: Janine/Seconded: Craig Accepted on behalf by Olivia

National Show Secretary: Julie Gregory Moved: Linley/Seconded: Olivia Accepted/Elected

Chatter/Media Editor: Kristin Anselmi Moved: Linley/Seconded: NIL Declined

With no further nominations or volunteers, position was held over as there was some general business which may have influenced the role of Chatter/Media.

Points Collator: Olivia Ladd Moved: Julie/Seconded: Janine Accepted/Elected

- Going forward the Points collator will now also do the Horse and rider LTE spreadsheets, this would include out of levels, COM, COA etc and pass the completed sheets onto the secretary to update the Horse & Rider Databases and publishing.

Remits: - No remits were received

### **General Business:**

1. Futurity 2024 – Proposed Month, Venue

- Discussion included:

- Linley - The atmosphere for an after-futurity party has gone.
- Barry - We must be careful not to over do NZCHA welcome at Waimiha.
- Mindy- It is Hestas intention to make Waimiha an equestrian venue.
- Julie - When held mid-season, it loses it specialness.
- Geoff - Show Futurity horses all season in Novice before the futurity.
  
- Olivia - We lost a show for non-aged horses and riders by going the day before Nationals, when there is already a shortage of shows.
- Helen - Suggested we find another venue.  
24/4/23  
Secretary NZCHA  
I am requesting an amendment of the AGM minutes and for the amended minutes to be resent to all members.  
I did not suggest that we find another venue for the Futurity as written in the AGM minutes. My comment has been taken out of context.  
My comment was made in the discussion of the Futurity venue which included lack of shows etc and I made the statement that it was very important for all affiliates to be looking for more venues for club shows.  
I absolutely have no issue with the Waimiha venue for the Futurity.  
Regards Helen Holmes
  
- Consensus - February is straight out too early for Futurity.
- Grant – Can we set a backup cancellation date (ie: week later) for the Futurity and Nationals if weather creates a problem.
- Bryan – Oct Futurity then it is at start of a new season.
- Melissa – Why not the Hawera venue.

OUTCOME: Olivia will set up a member's poll which is anonymous (via Monkey) to include:

- Members to identify their Choice of Oct/Feb or May of each year for Futurity.
  - Members to identify their choice of venue, Hawera, Waimiha or other (potentially new venue).
  - Members to identify if they prefer separate Futurity and Nationals or combination.
2. Nationals 2024 – Proposed Month, Venue
    - Proposed that 2024 Nationals be at Waimiha weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> April, daylight savings with change during the show.
  3. Little Cutters at National shows – Little Cutters will be held at National shows at the end of the day – NEW Portfolio which Olivia will take on.
  4. NZCHA Constitution (Working committee) Craig and Grant
  5. Janine Taylor - Day fees
    - Discussion:
      - Why don't people want to be full members of the Association?
      - Suggested that Sth Island run two club snaffle bits for their members that don't want to be NZCHA members, NZCHA doesn't received any levies from these entries.

Out Come:

- When non NZCHA members are required to fill training clinics, there will be a NEW Clinic Day Fee (\$25), NZCHA members must retain preference for clinics.
6. Olivia Ladd - NZCHA entry fees sponsorship and how entry fees increase because of this.
    - Discussion:
      - Historic, any sponsorship over a traditional guaranteed purse would usually increase that classes entry fee.
      - Why are entries 10% to 20% of the guaranteed purse, shouldn't clubs choose how much they charge as an entry fee.

Out Come:

- Clubs should be able to set their entry fees, they still must pay out as per the rule book.
  - If the Association or clubs set a guaranteed purse per event and then receive more for that event via sponsorship, the top up shall not affect the entry fee, the winning competitors will be paid out the guaranteed purse plus the top up value.
  - As no Motion was tabled it is over to Council to finalise and update Rule book.
7. Helen Holmes - Not a remit. It's a request for the AGM's agenda to include a discussion in general business about the Chatter and other forms of media to hear memberships suggestions. It is not a discussion to criticise or complain about all the great work done with NZCHA's media but a chance to provide positive comments or suggestions as to how the NZCHA may be able to change or even not change some aspects of its media presentation in a way that most members prefer. It is also a time to discuss the best ways to promote our sport through media. Below are some questions for members to consider.

1. Is the Chatter now an antiquated service for getting information to members? Its origins were from the days of typewriters and postage as the only form of communication. Should it be continued in its present format?

2. Should we review the printing of the Chatter as a choice for some members? Most business invoices are now emailed for the recipient to print. Should the Chatter be the same?

3. Should there be an extra charge for those receiving a printed Chatter? Presently it is costing about \$70 per Chatter to print/post or approximately \$420 per year for about 9 printed copies each Chatter. The approximate cost is \$46 per those who receive a printed copy per year.

4. Should the NZCHA move towards a different way to communicate with members e.g emails and the website? We now have the technology for any information be it show approvals, results etc to be made available as soon as they are produced.

5. Should the NZCHA website be the sole place for all information - the one place to go to find out all you need to know?

6. Are there any changes to the content of the Chatter, Website etc that you think could be made to improve your interaction with them.
7. What other suggestions are there from members as to the best options for delivering you information?
8. Are there any other suggestions re the NZCHA media.

Out Come:

- Majority voted to retain a “Chatter”.
- When Melissa receives the emailed Chatter, she has kindly offered to print for FREE any copies that are required for posting, thank you Melissa.

General Business:

8. Geoff advised the members that a Lawyer working with the NZ Rodeo wants support and backing from the NZCHA going forward regarding challenge the Rodeo is facing from activists.
  - Grant has been granted permission to approach and liaise with the lawyer on behalf of the NZCHA and come back to council with what they actually want from the NZCHA.
  - Melissa (through her job) will assist the NZCHA with approaching MPI for legislation and preparing for an audit, working with SPCA etc to get the association signed off, this needs to happen ASAP, so we can be ahead of activist that may come after our sport. We need to take control for ourselves with a duty of care.
9. Bryan questioned why there seems to be an ongoing issue with the Associations timer clock.
  - A friend of Ammie Wright will assess the clock and make a recommendation to repair or replace the clock, then Julie will come back to council with the outcome.
  - The clock may work ok straight off a car battery all the time.
10. Animal Welfare Officers for 2023 – Grant, Melissa, Geoff and Colin.
11. After the discussion on the Chatter, there were still no nominations or volunteers, reminder that Chatter editor receives a full NZCHA membership for each year they are elected to be the editor.
  - Now over to current council to engage a Chatter Editor.
12. Grant thanked Janine and 2022 councillors for dealing with what has been a difficult year.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm