



Mountain Cattlemens Association of Victoria

Reg No: A2117

Phone: 03 5199 2586

ABN 2534 2519 237

www.mcav.com.au

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the MCAV held on Friday 25th September 2009 at the Berwick Show Grounds commencing at 10.31am.

Christa Treasure welcomes everyone and introduces Mary Longden and Ben Guzzardi from RDAA, who give a brief speech and present the MCAV with a plaque as a thank-you for donating money from the sale of a horse at the Mansfield GTG 08.

Present: Christa Treasure, Ray Anderson, Graeme Stoney, Fiona Treasure, Frances Westbury, Rhonda Treasure, Cath Noble, Susan Noble, Julia Reti, Doug Treasure, Mary Treasure, Chris Commins, Brian Higgins, Ron Briggs, Neville Wright, Lyn Wright, Scott Jennison, Stephen Mc Lean, Edward O Donohue, Simon Turner, Danny Cook, Chris Cooper, Richard Faithfull, Anne Faithfull, Bruce Mc Cormack, John Cook, Ben Treasure, Mary Longden, Ben Guzzardi, Willy Phantom

Apologies: Wendy Jubb Stoney, Bluey Commins, Janice Cooper, Buff Rodgers, Erika Kirk, Ross and Magda Brown, Jack Hicks, David Evans, Peter Monds, Anthony Higgins, Kevin Higgins, Froggy and Rita Mc Mahon, Mark Coleman.

Minutes: Fiona Treasure read the minutes from the 2008 AGM. Bruce Mc Cormack accepted the minutes as read, seconded Brian Higgins, voted on and carried.

Annual Report: Christa Treasure gave her report verbally. Graeme Stoney moved that Christa's report be accepted, seconded by Chris Commins, voted and carried. Graeme thanked Christa for her fantastic work and presented her with some flowers.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Anne Faithfull including hard copies of the report. Chris Cooper moves that Anne's report be accepted, seconded by Chris Commins Carried.

Marketing Report: Susan Noble delivers the marketing report. The idea was discussed that there be a separate account for marketing so we can visibly see marketing profits.

Rhonda Treasure moves that the Treasurer presents to the AGM separate accounts showing the net profit of the years marketing activities including the GTG results and any other fund raising activities for the year. This was seconded by Graeme Stoney and carried. Susan noble moves that her report be accepted. Seconded Brian Higgins voted and carried.

Christa Introduces Ed O Donohue MP and he addresses the meeting emphasizing the influence of the February fires and the shift in environmental management.

Fixing Honorariums:

Graeme Stoney speaks to the meeting about the honorariums and how he believes they should be raised in order to keep the organization professional. Chris Commins and Rhonda Treasure agree with this.

Chris Commins moves that the honorariums change as follows

President	\$21 000
Vice President	\$ 2 500
Treasurer	\$10 000
Secretary	\$ 7 000
Merchandise	\$ 3 000
GTG coordinator	\$ 3000

This is to be reviewed on an annual basis. Seconded Graeme Stoney, voted and carried.

Graeme Stoney moves that the president's expenses include an \$80 per month reimbursement for phone, out of pocket expenses and travel cost of 30cents to the km when on official business. Seconded Chris Commins, voted on and carried.

Same

Nom G. Stoney - 2nd Graham Osborne.

Election of Office Bearers:

The President Christa Treasure invited Simon Turner to take the chair for the election of office bearers.

President

The nomination of Doug Treasure was moved by Chris Commins. There being no other nominations, Doug Treasure was declared elected.

Vice President

The nomination of Chris Commins was moved by Christa Treasure. There being no other nominations, Chris Commins was declared elected.

Presidents Assistant

The nomination of Graeme Stoney was moved by John Cook. There being no other nominations, Graeme Stoney was declared elected.

Secretary

The nomination of Fiona Treasure was moved by Christa Treasure. There being no other nominations, Fiona Treasure was declared elected.

Treasurer

The nomination of Anne Faithfull was moved by Graeme Stoney. There being no other nominations, Anne Faithfull was declared elected.

Marketing Officer

The nomination of Susan Noble was moved by Anne Faithfull. There being no other nominations, Susan Noble was declared elected.

GTG Co coordinator

The nomination of Ben Treasure was moved by John Cook. There being no other nominations, Ben Treasure was declared elected.

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved by Anne Faithfull that Ken White from Whites Accounting & Taxation Solutions, Bairnsdale be the Auditor. Seconded by Doug Treasure. Carried.

Appointment of Public Officer:

It was moved by Graeme Stoney that Anne Faithfull be the public officer. Seconded Doug Treasure. Carried.

Setting membership and associate membership subscription fees.

Christa Treasure moves that the full membership be set at a flat rate of \$220 for everyone, therefore abolishing the additional \$3.30 per head for over 100 head. John Cook seconds this. Carried

Chris Cooper moves an amendment that the full membership remain as it was, including the \$3.30 per head for over 100 head. Seconded Neville Wright. Not carried.

Simon Turner moves that the associate member fees remain the same at singles \$30 and families \$40. Graeme Stoney seconds this and it is voted and carried.

Branch Reports

Mansfield – Bruce Mc Cormack

North East – Ron Briggs

Chris Commins – Omeo

Ben Treasure – Gippsland

Ben Treasure gives everyone an up date on the Get together. There was a discussion on when the gates should open for campers. Some felt strongly that early campers - particularly those riding horses to the GTG, should be welcome to arrive early in the week. Others felt that no one should be allowed on the property until the gates open on Friday.

General Business

1. Christa Treasure talks about the possibility of changing the constitution. She feels the labels or names 'members' and 'associates' could be changed to 'grazing members' and 'members'. Christa feels this is a more appropriate description as the associates play a vital role in the Association.

Chris Cooper does not see the point of doing this.

Simon Turner is concerned about implications of this.

Cath Noble feels as an associate she does not really belong at the meetings.

Scott Jennison feels there is an 'us and them' feeling to the members and associates.

Christa Treasure suggests a subcommittee to look into this.

Graeme Stoney is happy to lead a small committee investigating this to report back to the next AGM.

Chris Commins moves that a subcommittee consisting of Graeme Stoney, Doug Treasure, Ray Anderson and Scott Jennison will look at associate members and their rights. This is seconded by Cath Noble, voted on and carried.

2. Christa Treasure speaks of the possible amalgamation of the NE and Mansfield branches. Ron Briggs believes the NE branch is no longer viable.

Chris Cooper moves that Fiona Treasure writes a letter to the NE members asking them what they want to do, the letter will include a RSVP, and it will also explain that Mansfield would welcome an amalgamation. Seconded John Cook, carried.

3. Willy Phantom told the meeting he was looking for horses to take on parts of his ride through Victoria.

Meeting closes 3.01pm.