

VPHA Meeting Minutes June 9th 2006 Berwick Springs Hotel 7:45pm

Attendees: Van Sparkman, Sue Sparkman, Peter White, Di White, Claire Geri, Jenny Geri
Apologies: Karen McCormick, Barb Hassell, Bev Rout, Jenny Knowles, Joe Curmi

Van Sparkman chaired the meeting. The previous VPHA Committee was unable at the 2006 AGM to get enough members to come to the AGM to hold a quorum or take executive positions, therefore the VPHA was put in suspension at that time until another committee could be formed or the club closed.

At this time we would like to take nominations for committee from the floor:

Sue Sparkman nominated by Van Sparkman, seconded Peter White, accepted
Van Sparkman nominated by Sue Sparkman, seconded by Claire Geri, accepted
Peter White nominated by Sue Sparkman, seconded by Di White, accepted
Di White nominated by Claire Geri, seconded by Peter White, accepted
Claire Geri nominated by Di White, seconded by Sue Sparkman, accepted
Karen McCormick, Barb Hassell, Jenny Knowles, Bev Rout and Joe Curmi, all nominated by Sue Sparkman, seconded by Claire Geri and accepted by telephone prior to meeting.

Positions to be as follows:-

President – Sue Sparkman
Vice President – Peter White
Secretary – Claire Geri
Treasurer – Karen McCormick
Newsletter/Member Services – Sue Sparkman/Claire Geri
Publicity/Sponsorship – Di White
Web Site – Sally McPhee (temporary)

General Committee: Barb Hassell, Van Sparkman, Jenny Knowles, Bev Rout, Joe Curmi

General Business:

State Show – April 19th and 20th at Werribee is booked and deposited
Need to book judges – 1st choice Darrell Bilke, if he cannot commit then Tim Finkenbinder has agreed to do it but we need to lock in a judge soon.
Program – Sue to prepare and bring to next meeting
Web Site – Sally will do in the short term – need to get it back up and running
Futurities at State Show – agreed as follows:-

Combined Weanling Halter	2yo Western Pleasure
Combined Yearling Halter	3yo Western Pleasure
Combined 2 & Over Halter	4 & Over Western Pleasure
Yearling Lunge Line	2yo Trail
Open Hunter in Hand	3yo & Over Trail
2yo Hunter Under Saddle	
3yo Hunter Under Saddle	
4 & Over Hunter Under Saddle	

We need to all halter futurities with both regular registered and paint bred horses due to the fact that there were not enough entries to keep them separate. In 2007 there were only 2 entries in the weanling solid and 1 entry in the 2 & over so it is not economically viable for the club to continue to pay for the buckles with so few entries. If we take the buckle money out of the prize pool money there won't be any prize money, so that will not work either. As soon as numbers warrant we will review splitting the futurities again.

The Supreme futurity exhibit has also been dropped at this year due to lack of a sponsor. Last year the club had to absorb this prize money and it cannot continue to afford to do it.

We have changed the ridden futurity age groups in line with the PHAA National Show and NSW State Show due to low entry numbers with the senior horses. This is on a trial only basis for this year and we will review this again after the 2008 Victorian State Paint Championships.

Hunter in Hand and Trail futurities have been added as a test for this year to see what kind of interest these futurities generate.

Futurity information is to be distributed at New South Wales State Show and put on the web site. Payout percentages will be the same as last year. There will be buckles on each futurity as for the past two years.

High Point Performance award categories to remain the same as last year.

Memberships will be:

- \$50 single
- \$60 couple
- \$75 family
- \$15 youth

All motions put forth by Sue Sparkman, seconded Claire Geri.

Prior to next meeting proposed State Show program will be sent out to all committee members.

Next meeting Friday 3rd of August at the Tooradin Sports Pub (the one where we had the Christmas party) 6pm for dinner, meeting starts 7:30pm sharp. Claire to reserve a table for 10 people for dinner.