



Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting
Held at Victorian Croquet Centre, 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea Vic 3023
16th June 2015

1. **Opening:** The President opened the meeting at 11:00 am
2. **Present:**
 - 2.1. **Roll Call of Delegates;** Keith Latham (Bayside), Brian Reither (Ballarat), Helen Worlidge (EMCA), Sue Colvin (Geelong), Lorraine Gutcher (Gippsland), Janet Richardson (MVCA), Penny Krstev (NDCA), Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt (NEDCA), Janet Leckie-Brunton (SEMCA), Barb McKean (SWCA), Kate Patrick (WMCMA) and Denise McMillan (Wimmera)
 - 2.2. **Not Represented:** GVCA
 - 2.3. **Others Present**
 - 2.3.1. **Committee of Management:** Mike Cohn (President), Kenn Boal (Vice-president), Jim Clement (Secretary), Brian Rowe (Treasurer), Wilma Freeman, Gwen Hamilton, Jim Saunders and Trish Watts (Members).
 - 2.3.2. **Observers:** Sandra Kastanaras (VCA Administrator), Kerry Seipolt (EMCA), Brian Foley (Bayside), Heather Strano (NDCA), Shirley Hallinan (WMCMA), Reen Hancorne (Monash), Pat Boyd (Wimmera), Eric O'Donnell (BDCA), Wynford Connick (Essendon), Ken Amoore (Essendon), David Ross (Ringwood).
3. **Apologies:** None
4. **Minutes of General Meetings**
 - 4.1. **Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting – 17th June 2014**
 - 4.1.1. **Confirmation of Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th June 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
 - 4.2. **Minutes of Special General Meeting – 17th February 2015**
 - 4.2.1. **Confirmation of Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 17th February 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1. **Annual Report 2014-15:** Resolved that the Annual Report 2014-15 be accepted.
 - 5.2. **Financial Report 2014-15:** Resolved that the Annual Financial Report 2014-15 be accepted.
6. **Election of Committee Members:**

The President declared a conflict of interest in this matter, as he had nominated for re-election, and vacated the chair in favour of the Vice-President., who appointed David Ross (Ringwood) and Ken Amoore (Essendon) as scrutineers, with Sandra Kastanaras to be the third scrutineer if a recount was required. (*Secretarial Note: All elections were by secret ballot and “first past the post” in accordance with the Constitution, Clause 24.3(e) and By Law 6).*

 - 6.1. Mike Cohn was re-elected as President; following a recount for the tied votes and after the Chair exercised a casting vote.

The President resumed the Chair

6.2. Brian Rowe was re-elected as Treasurer

6.3. Wilma Freeman was elected as a Member, as was Kate Patrick after a second ballot, which followed a recount.

7. Election of Life Members: Elections of Life Members were conducted by secret ballot, with David Ross (Ringwood) and Ken Amoore (Essendon) acting as scrutineers, (*Secretarial Note: In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Clause 9.5(b) these elections were by Special Resolution, requiring a 75% majority.*)

7.1. Motion: Proposed by Gippsland CA, that Bill Keddie be elected to Life Membership. The motion was carried, with Bill Keddie being elected to Life Membership.

7.2. Motion: Proposed by Ballarat & District CA, that Brian Reither be elected to Life Membership. The motion was carried, with Brian Reither being elected to Life Membership.

7.3. Motion: Proposed by Bayside CA, that Ken Schilling be elected to Life Membership. The motion was lost.

The President presented Brian Reither, the new Life Member in attendance, with a Life Membership badge.

8. Next Annual General Meeting – Monday, 20th June 2016

9. Close: President closed the meeting at 11:40, thanking Gwen Hamilton for her membership of the Committee of Management.