



Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc

ABN: 28 794 114 302 – Incorporation No: A01028

Annual General Meeting Held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 via an Electronic Platform Supplied by Vero Voting

1. Welcome

The President welcomed those in attendance of the 50th Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc. Annual General Meeting and gave a brief on the processes to operate the electronic platform to be used. He informed members of the process for voting for the incoming Treasurer and notified attendees that the incoming President, Dot Willcoxson, has asked him to chair the entire meeting. The incoming President will address the meeting at the end.

Vero Voting is recording the entire meeting and will notify the ACDS of attendees and of those that have notified them as an apology.

The recording of the meeting will be put on the ACDS Website.

2. Present and Apologies

Present

New South Wales

P. Dunn; D. Dunn; M Jones; J Muspratt; J. White; K. Sylvester; P. Salter; L. Dominish; S. Plath; B. Dwyer; D. Willcoxson; D. Willcoxson; C. Blakeley; A. Blakeley; P. Honeyman; B. Casper; G. McDonald; C. Hyles; J. Conquest; J. Tonkiss

Queensland

R. Walker;

South Australia

S. Crossley; H. Crossley; C. Gibbons; L. Tyas; R. Tyas; L. Hartshorne; A-M Vaudin; R. Vaudin; M. Wheaton; C. Goodall; B. Mattner; H. Trigg; G. Mercer

Tasmania

N. Potter; K. Whologan; P. Kentish

Victoria

V. Stevenson; G. Hack; C. Dowling; T. Dowling; P. Marshall; S. Waters; B. Lewis; K. Moore; P. Harkness; L. Waters; L. Kirby; B. Allen; R. Lane; D. Hoffrichter; P. Smith; M. Sperrin; M. Lawrence; P. Silver; R. Haslau; A. Mahncke; N. Linic; L. Blume; V. Jerman; C. Wiseman; S. Tselepis; T. Tuohy; P. Lee

Western Australia

G. Woodstock; T. Tester; M. Bojcun

Apologies (includes those that registered for the meeting but did not log on)

V. Camac; L. Callaghan; M. Callaghan; C. Hammond; D. Cockroft; Vicki Lee; M. Yates; H. Betts; P. Grieves; L. Radnedge; G. Harrison; A. Kettlestring; S. White; S. Barrey; L. Barrey; D. Gibbons; P. McAdam; M. Williams; J. Cawsey; C. Ffrost; S. Ffrost; T. Marshall; G. Fuller; K. Westerhoff; L. Frost; B. Hack; D. Stewart; J. Brennan; B. Neilson; S. Keevers; J. Keevers; L. Colbran; L. King; K. Jones; K. Filmer; S. Clayton; A. Campbell; P. White; R. Sperrin; D. Hartshorn; C. Radnedge; D. Thompson; T. Abed; M. Cropper; M. Wheaton; G. Lee, S. Smith; D. Boardman; D. Hunter; K. Miles; V. Blows; A. Thomas; V. Sulc; M. Gunner; J. Smith; N. Cassettari; R. Damsma; K. Damsma; C. Fawcett; E. Perry; P. Tester; J. Cureton; A. Taylor; B. Drury; D. Stow; A. Purchas; A. Seaton; D. Rondo; L. Rands; G. Stow; D. Reader; M. Webster; P. Jacobs; K. Jacobs; R. Harkness; E. Lockett; F. Ritchard; A. Eberle; V. Adare; S. Crowell; G. Robinson; D. Walter; P. Alomes; Sandy Elliot; Steve Elliot; S. Crisp

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 25 October 2020

Circulated to members in the December 2020 ACDS Journal, posted on the ACDS Website and has been on the Vero Voting platform for members to access.

Motion:

To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 October 2020

In Favour – 75.93% Against – 0% Abstain – 24.07%

Carried

4. President's Report

President read his report and it will be posted on the ACDS Website.

5. Financial statements and the reports of Federal Council and of the Auditors for the year ended 30 April 2021

The Financial statements and the reports of Federal Council and of the Auditors for the year ended 30 April 2021 were presented received and considered. The reports are on the Federal Website.

6. Election of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

The chair declared all positions vacant.

President:

Dot Willcoxson

Nominated: Sue Plath

Seconded: Doug Willcoxson

As the only nomination received by 15 April 2021, Dot Willcoxson is elected as Federal President for 2021 – 2022.

Vice-President:

Kate Wholagan

Nominated: Tom Dowling

Seconded: Peter Lee

As the only nomination received by 15 April 2021, Kate Wholagan is elected as Federal Vice President for 2021 – 2022.

Secretary:

Tom Dowling

Nominated: Merv Bennet

Seconded: Cheryl Dowling

As the only nomination received by 15 April 2021, Tom Dowling is elected as Federal Secretary for 2021 – 2022.

Treasurer:

Two nominations for the position:

Debbie Dunn – NSW

Christine Gibbons – SA

Resumes sent to all Clubs via the State Secretaries and posted on the ACDS Website. The Federal President read the resumes of both nominees.

No other nominations were forthcoming, and as per the vote count, Deborah Dunn is elected Federal Treasurer for 2021 - 2022

Debbie Dunn – 53.42% Christine Gibbons – 46.35%

7. Fees for 2020 – 2021

That the 2020 – 2021 Membership Fees for the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc. be ratified:

- Family Membership \$275.00
- Single Membership \$185.00
- Junior Membership \$80.00
- Associate Membership \$90.00
- Journal Subscription \$70.00
- Officials Membership \$90.00
- One Activity Membership \$30.00

In Favour – 93.90% Against – 3.05%

Carried

8. Appointment of Public Officer

To consider and if thought fit, approve the appointment of Anne Eldridge as Public Officer.

In Favour – 96.99% Against – 0%

Carried

The following resolutions listed in 9 – 17 (inclusive) are a change to the ACDS Rules (Constitution) and are listed in the Notice of Motion as special resolutions. Special resolutions require to be passed by at least three-quarters of the members who are entitled to vote. All votes shall be given personally, by postal vote or by proxy.

9. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

- i. a change to clause 5.2 of the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc (ACDS) Rules;
- ii. the introduction of a new clause 5.4; and
- iii. the renumbering of the existing clause 5.4 as clause 5.5.

It is proposed to insert after the word membership in the first line of clause 5.2 the words “or a renewal of a membership,” and after the word application in the second line “or renewal” and after the word application in the fourth line “or renewal”.

It is proposed to insert a new clause 5.4 which will state “Where the Local Club rejects an application for membership or a renewal of a membership, the Local Club shall not be required to provide reasons for the rejection.”

It is proposed to renumber the existing clause 5.4 as clause 5.5.

In Favour – 82.63% Against – 14.37%

Carried

10. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

- i. a change to clause 3 (d) of the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc Rules to rename “Associate membership” as “Active Member (Non-Driving)”;
- ii. to delete 3 (i) officials membership;
- iii. to insert “; or” at the end of clause 3.3 ii);
- iv. to insert 3.3 iii) which will read “a full-time student holding a student concession card who is no older than 25 years of age.”;
- v. to amend clause 3.5 to replace references to Associate member with Active Member (Non-Driving);
- vi. to amend clause 3.5 by deleting the word “but” after the word “journal”, by deleting the word “not” after the word “will”, by deleting the word “or” after the word rights; and by inserting the words “but will not” after the word “rights”;
- vii. to delete clause 3.11; and
- viii. to renumber the existing rule 3.12 as 3.11.

In Favour – 92.81% Against – 5.39%

Carried

11. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

To insert the words 'and officiate' after the word 'drive' in line 5 of Rule 3.6.

In Favour – 97.58% Against – 1.82%

Carried

12. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

- i. To insert a new clause 12.2 as follows;

Council may provisionally suspend the Member immediately from such rights and privileges of membership of the ACDS as the Council may determine for a specified period.

- a) The provisional suspension must be a resolution and confirmed by two-thirds majority present and voting.
- b) The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the Member, setting out the resolution of the Council and the grounds on which it is based; and
- c) Any time served under a provisional suspension is to be taken from any suspension given under clause 12.1 (n) and (o).
- a. to renumber the existing rule 12.2 as 12.3;
- b. to change the existing reference from 12.3 to 12.4 in the existing rule 12.2;
- c. to renumber the existing rule 12.3 as 12.4;
- d. to change 4 days to 14 days in the existing rule 12.3 b);
- e. to renumber the existing rule 12.4 as 12.5;
- f. to change the existing reference from 12.2 to 12.4 in the existing rule 12.4;
- g. to renumber the existing rule 12.5 as 12.6;
- h. to change the existing reference from 12.4 to 12.5 in the existing rule 12.5;
- i. to renumber the existing rule 12.6 as 12.7; and
- j. to change the existing reference from 12.4 to 12.5 in the existing rule 12.6.

In Favour – 80.49% Against – 12.8%

Carried

13. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

- i. to insert a new clause 26.2 as follows;

Council may convene the Annual General Meeting either entirely as an in-person meeting or by the use of Technology or as a hybrid in-person and telecommunications meeting.

- ii. to renumber the existing rules 26.2, 26.3 and 26.4 to 26.3, 26.4 and 26.5;

- iii. to insert a new clause 27.2 as follows;

Council may convene the General Meeting either entirely as an in-person meeting or by the use of Technology or as a hybrid in-person and telecommunications meeting.

- iv. to renumber the existing rules 27.2, 27.3, 27.4 and 27.5 to 27.3, 27.4, 27.5 and 27.6.

In Favour – 98.79% Against – 0%

Carried

14. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

- i. To insert after the word Members in rule 28.1 the words “or by email, or by posting on the ACDS website, or by advertisement in a national newspaper”; and
- ii. To delete the word “sent” after the word notice in rule 28.2 and replace it with the word “provided”.

In Favour: - 95.73% Against – 2.44%

Carried

15. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

To insert the words “or by electronic vote” in two (2) places in rule 32.1 after the word “hands”.

In Favour – 98.79% Against – 0%

Carried

16. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution

To insert the word “present” after the word “Members” in rule 33.

In Favour – 98.18% Against – 0%

Carried

17. To consider and if thought fit, approve as a special resolution:

To delete the words “if the annual subscription in respect of their membership is not paid to their Local Club by” and insert the word “on” in Rule 8.2; and to insert a new rule 10.1 b) which will state “ Subject to Rule 3.11 and notwithstanding any other Rules, where a person renews their membership prior to 31 August in each year, the renewal of the membership will be deemed to have occurred on 1 September of the year”.

In Favour – 93.94% Against – 4.2%

Carried

17. Other Business

In regard to Section 35 of the current ACDS Rules, the removal of this Rule was not included in the Special Resolutions and will need to be addressed either at the next AGM or prior to.

The changes of the ACDS Rules means that Clubs and States will need to review their Rules (Constitution) to ensure there are no inconsistencies between organisations.

President read out the list of Federal Convenors and Council Appointments for 2021 – 2022. President also thanked the outgoing Treasurer, Leonie Hartshorne; CDE Convenor, Phil Marshall and Show Driving Convenor, Jan Muspratt.

17. Address by Incoming President

The incoming President, Dot Willcoxson, addressed the meeting and thanked the outgoing President, Treasurer and State Delegates. Quite a few new members to Council but we will endeavour to get to business as soon as possible.

18. Closure

A thank you from the outgoing President for all his support over the last three years

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:43 pm.

Dorothy Willcoxson
President
Australian Carriage Driving Society

25 August 2021