## Minutes of the Moruya Jockey Club Annual General Meeting Held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The AGM was declared open at 1500 by the Chair at the Moruya Jockey Club rooms. The Chair advised that with 21 members present and 16 proxies received this formed a quorum and the meeting would proceed. (Total members  $604 \times 5\% = 30$  quorum.)

**Present:** J & J Madden, P Atkinson, M Law, B Clarke, G Driscoll, C Gandy, D & A Quinn, S & D Cole, H Hofmann, K Scott, N & J Harrison, B & E Asplund, I Kingston, J & G Collins, G Robson, K Brown (EO), J O'Sullivan (Auditor).

**Proxy's:** A Langford, R Wood, D Voges, G Wheelahan, G Forrest, M Forrest, J Fahley, P & I Macdonald, W & L Stubbs, L Spanomanolis, I Backhouse, J Hayes-Williams, M Atkinson, M Clarke.

Apologies: B Peddle, M Curtis, D Middleton, W Hodder, J & T Wright.

Mov M Law; Sec J Madden

Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022: The Secretary printed the minutes from the previous AGM. The minutes as tabled were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mov M Law; Sec D Cole

**Director's Report and Declaration.** The Chair tabled the Chairmans Report and Declaration as detailed in the Annual Report booklet. The Chair was optimistic for the future of the Club. The chair also tabled an email from Member Barry Peddle acknowledging the work of the CEO and that of the Committee, stating that Moruya is first class in the facilities and race day amenities and the manner in which members and guests are treated. There were no questions from the floor.

Mov P Atkinson; Sec I Kingston

**Finance Report.** The Chair asked the floor to receive and consider the Financial Report as well as the independent Audit Report. The treasurer detailed that the Club made a profit of \$65,049 as well as indicated that \$300,000 was now in a fixed term deposit account. There were no questions from the floor.

Mov N Harrison; Sec C Gandy

**Auditor 2024.** The treasurer moved a motion to appoint Joe O'Sullivan of Gleeson and Partners to continue as auditor for 2024.

Mov N Harrison; Sec C Gandy

**Election of Office Bearers:** There were 5 nominations for the 5 vacant positions.

Peter Atkinson, Maureen Law, John Collins, Mark Curtis and Chris Gandy.

All were elected to the Board unopposed for a 2-year period.

There being only one nomination for Chairperson, Peter Atkinson was elected unopposed

Mov N Harrison; Sec J Madden

There being only one nomination for Vice Chairperson, Chris Gandy was elected unopposed.

Mov J Collins; Sec D Cole

The Chairman thanked Maureen Law for her role whilst in the position of Deputy Chair and acknowledged the tremendous job done by Maureen over her many years serving the Club as a director and MJC representative to the SERA. Maureen will continue as a Board Member and as SERA delegate.

## **General Business**

There was no formal general business on notice.

The Chairman acknowledged director Chris Gandy for his work up to this point on the infrastructure sub-committee.

The Chairman acknowledged director Jim Madden for his work in obtaining sponsorships as well as his hands on approach on race days.

The Chairman acknowledged life Member Brian Clarke for his contributions, in many roles, including that as Board member, to the Moruya Jockey Club over the past 60 years.

The chairman recognized the fantastic relationship between the Eurobodalla Rotary Clubs (Moruya Rotary in particular) and the Moruya Jockey Club. Over \$180,000 has been raised by the two organisations over the time of the relationship. This year the Moruya Jockey Club through the Easter Charity Race Day fund raising, donated \$10,000 to support the development of the Moruya Hospital Carers' Accommodation Unit.; this fund raising is being coordinated by the Rotary Club of Moruya.

Vice Chairman Chris Gandy updated the Members on the Capital Expenditure Projects including the stable project, Jockey Room / stewards room renovation, tower and Members Facility extensions. Chris expressed that whilst it has been a frustrating year in the time it has taken planning all the works, it has allowed all involved to refine the designs which will be advantageous for the Club in the long term.

Col Jay from the floor thanked the Club for its assistance on behalf of the Moruya Hospital Carers' Accommodation Committee.

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 3.25pm

P Atkinson Chair

**Executive Officer**