



MADEC

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

AGM held 1:30pm Saturday 22nd October 2022 at the Mansfield Showgrounds

Meeting opened by the president Nicole Nye

Present: Lauren Farrell, Catherine Pentony, Julie King, Alexandra Parratt, Nicole Embling, Kirsten Lingard, Nicole Nye, Kerryn Gooding

Apologies: Jessica Wheeler, Louise Perrin, Nicole Bertalli, Tessa de Vries, Lisa Gay

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous AGM tabled, moved Kirsten Lingard, seconded Nicole Embling as being correct

Treasurer's report:

Financial Statements presented (copy attached)

President's report:

Dear Members

Where has this year gone!

With the COVID lockdowns behind us, we were looking forward to the freedom of having rallies, riding in groups on trails anywhere we wanted to and competing again - yippee.

The year started well and then Autumn came and the weather gods decided we needed rain, lots and lots of rain. Not only did this play havoc with rallies and comps being cancelled, it made riding difficult as paddocks and road verges became quagmires. It's a wonder the horses didn't develop webbed hooves living in wet muddy paddocks 24/7.

I'd like to thank all those members who assisted at our major fundraising event – the Merrijig Rodeo. We were well rewarded for our volunteer service of running the gate. I actually think we have the easiest duty out of all the volunteer jobs at this event.

The donation we get gifted with goes towards subsidising our rallies, providing lunch at the rallies, and purchasing of equipment. We are very fortunate that we are invited back each year to run this service for the Merrijig Rodeo so please put your hand up next year as it means the more we have the less the shift time is. Best of all its fun and quite social.

Back in 2019 MADEC won TTT Showjumping, which meant we could host the event in 2020.

With COVID restrictions putting a stop to running the event in 2020 & 2021, the committee were very confident that Oct 2022 would finally see the event occur. But nooooooo, the elements were against us again. With so much rain over the course of months, the grounds are way too soggy to cope with cars and floats being driven on it. So yet again (4th time) we've had to reschedule to Dec 2022 – lets pray the grounds have dried out enough by then.

Hosting a TTT event is a massive undertaking for any club at the best of times without having to deal with all the above. Due to this I wish to express my sincere thanks to the committee for all their hard work in trying to bring this moving beast of an event to fruition.

Just on the committee, I encourage any member to join the committee team. It's not onerous and we have lots of fun. All you need is enthusiasm, enjoy a night off from cooking per month and choose what type of rally you'd like to run/co-ordinate. Committee meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at one of the local restaurants.

If any members have ideas for future rallies, instructors or how we deliver rallies, please let one of the committee members know. Input and feedback are gold.

Please remember the new date for TTT showjumping is 10-11 Dec. It's expected all members to contribute towards the event, whether its volunteering on the days the event is running or for those not available that weekend assisting with set up and or by proving baked goods for the canteen.

MADEC will be holding its Christmas party on Saturday night of TTT (10 Dec) and we look forward to seeing new and older members enjoying MADEC festivities. More details to come.

In the home stretch now for completing the year of 2022, so let's hope there are no more 'incidents' from mother nature so we can all enjoy our equine passion to its fullest.

Looking forward to an uneventful, instead of out of my control, 2023.

Cheers

Nik Nye

President

Election of Office Bearers and Committee members

The president stepped down and Catherine Pentony took the chair and declared all positions open.

Nominations:

Executive Positions

President: Nicole Nye

Vice President: Amanda Lovick

Secretary: Kirsten Lingard

Treasurer: Kerryn Gooding

General Committee Members: Judy Dixon, Sarah Macdonald, Alexandra Parratt

As there were not more than one nomination for any of the executive positions, Catherine declared the nominated members as elected to their positions.

The President took the chair and thanked Nicole Embling, who is moving to Alexandra, for her time and contribution to the Committee. She then thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed: 2:00pm