

1 MEETING OPENED – 10.04 am

ATTENDANCE

C Dengate (President), J Hall (Director), A Newton (Director), S McPhee (Director), L Slee (Director), L Wear (Director), A Lord (Director) Kate Clark (Office Manager), B Parker, N Parker, H Currie, A Newton, L Hall, K Mills, C Gleeson, R Gleeson, V Hume, K Trigg, J Hudson, T Warneken, T Scown, S Carlson, S Egan, G Thornton, J Ralston, R Ralston, J Dennis, A Dennis, D O'Reilly, J Fletcher (Auditor)

APOLOGIES

A Sproules, D Drew, D Davis, S Sommer, D Egan, H & G Bentley, N & C Anning, C Burton, D Sullings, K Lonski, S Newton

2 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

08-014 Motion: To accept the minutes from 2 April 2007.

Moved: A Lord

Seconded: S McPhee

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Paint Horse Association held 2 April 2007 be accepted as true and correct.

All in favour - carried

3 BUSINESS ARISING from Previous Minutes

Nil

4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C Dengate read the President's report.

Moved: K Mills moved to receive and accept the President's Report.

Seconded: N Parker

5 AUDITOR'S REPORT

C Dengate introduced the Auditor, Jon Fletcher of Ferrari Gardner.

J Fletcher commented that for the calendar year ending 31 December 2007, the Association made an overall loss of <\$6,374>. Like all other organisations in the Horse Industry, the Outbreak of Equine Influenza (EI) and the ongoing drought has had a dramatic impact both socially & financially. Fortunately the PHAA had made a profit of \$51,506 for the six months ending 31 December 2006, on top of a profit of \$22,502 for the twelve months ending 30 June 2006, which has given the Paint Horse the financial resources to carry on.

J Fletcher continued that that the PHAA had two good 18 month periods that has kept the Association trading in the face of EI due to good management. However, cash flow is still to be monitored as the bank account balances have reduced considerably.

A comparison between 2006 and 2007 has seen an increase in memberships and registrations; however other income areas have decreased. Expenses increased in the areas of advertising and final wage payouts resulting from the departure of two long term employees. The National Show needs to be monitored in relation to costs.

When EI is over it would be good to see the Directors resurrect the Youth Incentive Sires Classic (YISC) as historically it has made a significant profit. Income in June 2006 saw half the Association's profit come from YISC.

J Fletcher's recommendation for next six months is to ask members to pay their memberships early with a small discount offered, approach suppliers with a request to pay later, and keep an eye on General Account and cash flow.

Whilst EI has had a dramatic impact on the PHAA, the Association has done well to survive. J Fletcher

also wishes the Association all the best for next twelve months. The Association was doing well in the six months prior to EI.

C Dengate responded to J Fletcher's comments and mentioned that the Board is taking his recommendations into account. Some additional measures have been implemented / researched since the previous Board meeting and the Board will also be looking at adopting a user pay system in certain events. Self contained events will be reviewed, for example, the National Show would only spend the amount of money it receives in entries and sponsorship.

L Hall asked the Company Secretary if the financials were available prior to the meeting. The Auditor responded that they were available the Friday prior. J Fletcher explained there were three reasons they were delayed – there was more time available last year due to Easter falling in April, this year a large number of his clients had AGMs in March which was earlier than their usual time, and increased audit requirements. The company's software did not cope well with the change of year end and the previous reporting being a six month period and did not handle the comparative figures which then had to be manually entered. L Hall accepted the explanation but highlighted clause 315 of the Corporations Act. Financials were available online 18 days prior to the 2007 AGM.

T Warneken commented that Other Expenses had quite a large difference. J Fletcher responded that page 4 is a summary and included all expenses that did not fit into the specified categories.

S Egan commented on a huge difference in Employee Benefits. J Fletcher explained that two employees departed and it included Long Service Leave, Annual Leave and Superannuation.

G Thornton highlighted that the 2006 column is 6 month period.

L Hall mentioned that there was an area named Blood typing – the Association does not offer this any more. J Fletcher mentioned that it may have been a typing error.

L Hall commented further that Amateur Owners had an income of \$990 - was there fundraising other than the raffle? L Wear responded they had the halter. L Hall also commented that the Paint-O-Rama sponsorship income never has GST.

C Dengate replied that the Board is aware that there are adjustments to be made. L Hall offered her assistance which was accepted by C Dengate and K Clark.

5 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 08-015** C Dengate moved to accept the 2007 Financial Statements, with the understanding that the PHAA has not met the distribution deadline as per Clause 315 of the Corporations Act and that the PHAA will review the submitted Financial Statements.
 Moved: C Gleeson
 Seconded: G Thornton
 All in favour - carried

6 NOTICES OF MOTION

A Newton and C Gleeson nominated as counters.

08-016 MOTION 1 – MOVED: ANGELA NEWTON | SECONDED: LINDA SLEE

ARTICLE 24

Delete: The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.

Replace with: The Board may meet together or via electronic means, including teleconferences, for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.

Comment – The Corporations Act 2001 allows for electronic meetings and electronic voting by Directors via "Replaceable Rule". Because our Constitution was written prior to 2001 we are unable to utilise these rules. With vast distances between Directors and meetings held only every three months there are often decisions which are not made as promptly as could be facilitated.

Note: Voting on issues via electronic means will adhere to **strict rules of debate** and the same majority rule as done in a normal meeting of the Board.

Further to the published comment, A Newton added that the Corporations Act allowed this change and has guidelines on how they are to occur. Advice had also been received and this process was also considered to be a cost saving exercise. This process would not replace meetings and wouldn't be used for anything other than a timely nature. The intent was that people need to discuss issues and will be using a similar format as read out at this meeting.

L Wear summarised that is was about making decisions outside Board meetings using the same framework inside a meeting. An important area as there are issues that need to be dealt with outside a Board meeting.

L Hall asked A Newton if advice had been received to which A Newton responded yes. L Hall continued that the PHAA has on at least 3 occasions received verbal and written advice and that this can only be accepted on a unanimous vote of all Directors and all Directors must be included as per clause 248A of the Corporations Act. Clause 135.1 comments that you cannot used replaceable rules and we are not for a profit and can't use it. This motion is also in conflict with another article. L Hall commented that on the basis of Director's Guidelines she would like to call a motion 'out of order'.

A Newton responded that the advice given from 2002 was not aimed at electronic meetings, how can we pass a resolution without a meeting. I propose to hold electronic meetings that are used as a discussion.

S McPhee commented that it would not be used without precedence – many other companies conduct meetings in this way.

C Dengate bought the meeting to order.

L Hall moved it 'out of order' through the chair. N Parker seconded. L Hall commented that it is the Chair's decision.

L Hall commented that Article 34 also needs to be altered. A Newton responded that Article 34 is not in a meeting. K Mills commented there seems to be uncertainty.

S Carlson asked if this is for one item, or one fits all. Are proxies still valid if this is not resolved here and now? Chair responded that this will be resolved today.

C Dengate asked for a minute to deliberate.

K Trigg asked if it would involve teleconferences, emailing or everyone in one location (or two groups in two locations). Sometimes some forms of electronic communications are good, sometimes not.

A Newton responded that yes, teleconferences, video conferencing, email or a combination.

B Parker commented that video and teleconferencing were used in the Health Service. Don't know about email as wording can be misconstrued. At least with video you can see. There would be high outlay initially.

C Dengate commented he believed the motion is in order.

L Hall commented she has a huge problem with email meetings. Some people do not get their emails in a timely manner.

V Hume suggested adding 'excluding email'.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 1:

ARTICLE 24:

The Board may meet together via electronic means, including teleconferences and excluding email, for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.

Moved: V Hume

Seconded: L Hall

For: 73 / Against: 7

Carried

C Dengate thanked J Fletcher for his contribution. J Fletcher left the meeting 11.32am.

08-017 MOTION 2 – MOVED: ALISON LORD | SECONDED: SHIRLEY SOMMER

ARTICLE 13

Amend from:

No person shall be elected to the Board unless he or the entity he represents is at the time of his nomination:

- (a) a financial member of good standing of the Association for a period of at least 12 months prior to their nomination.

To read:

No person shall be elected to the Board unless he/she or the entity they represent is at the time of nomination:

- (a) A financial member of good standing for a minimum of the previous two years;
- (b) Has at no time been suspended or expelled from the Association;
- (c) Any nomination for a position on the Board must be accompanied by a resume together with at least two current references. This resume and the references must be made available to members wishing to view them prior to any election for the Board of Directors.

Comment - Any person standing for a position on the Board of Directors needs to be a person of good standing, and it is the right of every member to be fully aware of who they are voting for to represent the membership on the Board. By adding a more comprehensive set of requirements to the Article members will be better informed and this will empower the membership who can then select the most suitable candidates to represent them. This also leans towards the voting and selection process being more transparent.

A Lord would like to add that the person moving and seconding should know who they are moving for the Board.

L Hall agreed however is concerned that every election has had vacancies, and also concerned we have few numbers and this could scare people away. Suspension is good, maybe need a time frame, also agree with movers. She would like to see as a Bylaw. A Lord is happy with suspended as a Bylaw.

A Lord believes that if you are going to nominate and second, a reference should be submitted in relation to the suitability. Also commented that (c) be part of By-Laws and (b) suspension for period of 10 years.

J Hudson did not agree with suspension as it could be minor or major. Expulsion he would accept.

B Parker commented that instead of written references, referees could be a requirement.

S McPhee agreed it should be a change to the article. References aren't really worth the paper they are written on and in some cases neither are referees. Item (c) agree with A Lord. You don't get suspended lightly. Agree that you are doing the right thing for the Association.

G Thornton commented – does (c) effectively stop someone from being voted from the floor at an AGM?

A Lord moved an amendment to remove (c) from Article to become a By-Law and alter (b) to include in the past 10 years. H Currie – would like to see ten years. The Association doesn't suspend lightly.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 2:

ARTICLE 13

No person shall be elected to the Board unless he/she or the entity they represent is at the time of his nomination:

- (a) A financial member of good standing for a minimum of the previous two years;**
- (b) Has at no time in the previous 10 years been suspended or expelled from the Association.**

Moved: A Lord

Seconded: L Slee

For: 71 / Against: 9

Carried

08-018 MOTION 3 – MOVED: ALISON LORD | SECONDED: SUSAN CARLSON

ARTICLE 12

Insert after 12(a) (ii)

- (iii) Members may only be nominated and stand for a position to represent the State or Territory in which they reside;
- (iv) Should there be no nomination from a member who resides internationally this position may only be filled in the following manner:
 - (A) By a resident from any state or territory who, in the case of an election does not gain a position representing the state or territory in which they reside, but receives the next largest number of votes taken over all States and Territories;
 - (B) Or in the case where there has been no election this position may be filled by nomination from the floor at the AGM.

Article to read:

- (a) (i) The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) elected members plus the Immediate Past President;
- (ii) The members of the Board of Directors shall consist of two members who reside in Queensland or the Northern Territory, two members who reside in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia or Tasmania, two members who reside in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory and one member who shall reside anywhere in Australia or internationally plus the Immediate Past President.

Insertion of 12 (a) (iii & iv)

- (v) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President and one additional member of the Board to be elected by the Board.
- (vi) All powers of the Board of Directors, except the power to change rules and regulations pertaining to registration of horses, shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- (vii) The Retiring President may only hold the position of Immediate Past President for a maximum of two consecutive years.

Comment - In closing the International position to members who are resident internationally gives a greater opportunity to those members to be truly represented, and may in fact encourage true international representation.

Should no International member stand for that position, and there is an election held for all other positions this enables the member who is deemed by the membership to be the next most eligible candidate to gain a seat on the Board with a true mandate from the membership irrespective of where they reside in Australia.

If there is no election then any member, irrespective of where they reside; may stand from the floor at the AGM and be duly elected.

This also prevents any manipulation, whereby should no-one stand for this position and there are more candidates than positions in one or all States and Territories a candidate may opt to stand for the International position and thus gain a seat on the Board without a duly held election.

Most of all this will ensure that the process is more transparent to the membership and the members therefore are represented by those people they most want on their Board.

L Hall agrees however it is in conflict with Article 14(e). It was discussed in 2004/2005 and needs rewording for 2009 AGM. A Lord and S McPhee confirmed that 14(e) is from the floor.

L Hall stated that it probably shouldn't have State but Geographical area.

L Wear concerned that numbers will be state heavy.

A Lord commented that when ballots go out all members vote for all positions. Vast majority of members live in NSW and QLD.

A Lord asked the chair if the members would like to change State to Geographical area.

Moved: A Lord

Seconded: S Carlson

For: 58 / Against: 21 / Abstain: 1

Motion 3 defeated

**08-019 PROPOSED SHOW AND PERFORMANCE RULE BOOK
MOTION 4 – MOVED: HAL SAVILL | SECONDED: SHIRLEY SOMMER**

That investment in the proposed PHAA Rule Book be suspended until -

1. The Association is in a financial position to support the ongoing cost to maintain and distribute it;
2. The majority of the PHAA members feel that the Australian Western Industry is large enough to source the Judges;
3. There are more than 6 shows (National and State Shows) for the Rule Book to be utilised.

Comment - Until such time as the PHAA is in the financial position to not only maintain and distribute a Rule Book, but to also train and manage judges, and there are sufficient members/horses to warrant a separate Rule Book from the rest of the Western Industry it would be foolhardy to continue with a new Rule Book. We have just had a reprint of a rule book at great expense both in time and money. The Western Industry should look at a more cohesive rule system between the breeds to enable members to compete more easily at all breed shows without confusion/disqualification and therefore be better able to better promote the Paint Horses of Australia.

To do so could also be the death knell of smaller Regional and State Clubs as the costs involved in running shows under a separate PHAA Rule Book would prove extremely difficult if not impossible. Smaller clubs/states would be forced to source judges from interstate as it is highly unlikely that judges will PHAA accredit and pay a membership/judges training etc for one breed that only holds one or two PHAA specific shows per year. This would also impact on our National Show should the PHAA not be in a position to afford International judges. We would have a very limited pool to choose from if any at all; as it stands we currently have the option of HSAA or AQHA judges.

We are the Paint Horse Association of AUSTRALIA and our rules reflect our needs, conditions and requirements. The American rules are in many aspects not suitable for our conditions, population/membership levels and do not adequately cater for imported horses, their eligibility criteria as our current rules do.

A Lord commented on behalf of H Savill. He would like to see a 5 year cost analysis on the rule book.

J Hudson is against when it comes to shows and promotion. I can't see why we cannot have our rule book at local shows – we show under Quarter Horse rules in Appaloosa shows that are affiliated with Quarter Horse. He would like to see the book go ahead because it will mainly be used at Paint shows. Later on down the track it may be a bigger issue. I think the cost would have to be investigated. Too many shows running under many rules anyway.

L Hall commented that she thinks people have panicked. The proposed Rule Book doesn't change what we have. There is no difference to have an APHA judge in Australia to judge under HSAA rules. Further down the track we can look at training judges.

L Wear relayed feedback she had received - that we have asked for feedback from membership and have advertised that the Rule Book is open for comment until 30 April 2008. Members are uneasy that it has become a motion being pushed through the AGM before feedback is due. They feel the Association is not financially ready to go ahead but to look at it in the future.

S McPhee asked if the proposed Rule Book is for approved shows. J Hall responded not the intention. L Hall understands but doesn't agree with wording of motion.

A Newton read member letter from CD Paints.

L Hall understands the concerns of the Board. The Board is the one who makes the decisions. L Hall asked the Board if they are going out to print. It is a draft Rule Book. The Board is to make the financial decisions of the Association.

C Dengate commented that when the Association is in a financial situation – the Board is to decide.

G Thornton commented that if we pass the motion as it is written, it will not be passed at all in the future. He commented that he would like to see combined Western Rule Book. Don't want to rule it out.

A Newton relayed feedback she had received – don't want to move away from HSAA. Issues of producing own Rule Book is offset by supporting HSAA. Majority of HSAA members are Paint members. No advantages with dissention between breeds. We will still show at other shows that use other Rule Books.

	<p>A Lord asked to move an amendment by changing point 2 to read: The majority of the PHAA members present at an AGM feel that the Australian Western Industry is large enough to source the Judges. Moved: A Lord Seconded: T Scown</p> <p>H Currie supports the full cost analysis and that the Board would be the ones who decide if we are in the financial position. Further to L Hall's comment - we are giving ourselves another Rule Book. It doesn't bring us into line with the HSAA.</p> <p>S Egan is concerned about the cost and doesn't understand why it would be a drain – we have to pay for Rule Book with HSAA. Why not have a \$20 fee.</p> <p>H Currie commented that rule changes would have to be printed and distributed. Commented on and reviewed.</p> <p>C Dengate is not comfortable with line 1 on the motion. Discussion followed regarding the word Association instead of Board; and the costs associated.</p> <p>S McPhee relayed feedback she had received – concerns about the costs and number of shows. She added that the Board manage finances. What is the objection – the Board or follow HSAA.</p> <p>A Lord mentioned dual concern. EI has affected us all. Why mend the wheel when it isn't broken.</p> <p>K Mills believes it is going too long and to vote on the amendment.</p> <p>AMENDMENT TO MOTION 4: That investment in the proposed PHAA Rule Book be suspended until -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The Association is in a financial position to support the ongoing cost to maintain and distribute it; 2 The majority of the PHAA members present at an AGM feel that the Australian Western Industry is large enough to source the Judges; 3 There are more than 6 shows (National and State Shows) for the Rule Book to be utilised. <p>Moved: A Lord Seconded: T Scown For: 49 / Against: 29 / Abstain: 2 Carried</p>
<p>MOTIONS 5 , 6, 7 & 8 – MOVED: JEFFREY HALL SECONDED: KEVIN MILLS</p>	
<p>08-020</p>	<p>MOTION 5 The proposed Paint Horse Association of Australia Ltd (PHAA) Show and Performance Rule Book (as posted on the PHAA website) be adopted to become effective from 1 August 2008.</p> <p>08-021 MOTION 6 The PHAA Show and Performance Rule Book to be reviewed annually.</p> <p>08-022 MOTION 7 All proposed rule changes to the PHAA Show and Performance Rule Book must be approved by Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the membership.</p> <p>08-023 MOTION: 8 Any proposed rule changes to the PHAA Show and Performance Rule Book, after annual review, become effective 1 August following the meeting at which it was passed.</p> <p>J Hall withdrew Motions 5, 6, 7 & 8. L Hall commented that we currently have no Rule Book for approved shows. S McPhee confirmed that we can adopt which ever Rule Book we choose. L Wear commented that the word used in the motion was 'suspended' not 'abolished'. Members still have time to comment.</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned 12.35pm Meeting resumed 1.22pm</p>	

NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C Dengate advised that the following vacant positions had been filled unopposed –

Queensland / Northern Territory	Angela Newton / Amanda Sproules
New South Wales	Sally McPhee
Victoria / South Australia / Western Australia / Tasmania	Vicki Hume
Open	Jeffrey Hall

All have been elected unopposed and therefore will need to stand down at the next Annual General Meeting.

There are presently 2 vacancies to be filled. Place of residence will not be taken into account when filling these vacancies. All Directors appointed from the floor will be required to stand down at the next Annual General Meeting. C Dengate explained the procedure and called for nominations from the floor.

A Lord confirmed that she would like to hand her proxies to the second proxy.

C Dengate asked for silent vote. All agreed.

M Hogan nominated L Wear, seconded by K Mills.

L Hall nominated K Mills, seconded by S Egan.

A Newton nominated A lord, seconded by T Scown.

A Newton nominated C Gleeson, seconded by A Lord.

S McPhee nominated L Slee, seconded by T Scown.

C Dengate asked the nominees if they objected to their nominations. The nominees accepted their nomination.

L Wear and A Lord elected via secret ballot.

Counted by K Clark, observed by T Scown and K Trigg.

C Dengate passed on sincere thanks to those Directors not re-elected for their assistance over the last twelve months.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

L Hall nominated Ferrari Gardner, seconded by Kevin Mills.

C Dengate explained concerns relating to the increase in the fees and timeframes.

All in favour – carried.

Meeting concluded 1.35pm

WORKSHOP

Meeting opened 2.05pm

AMATEUR OWNER – WESTERN BREEDS RULE COMPARISON

L Hall asked if we had any feedback from the journal. L Wear responded that we hadn't.

S McPhee questioned if we needed to change. C Dengate feels current rule is successful. Motivation is to get participation. There will always be controversy around money.

L Hall mentioned the AGM of 2006 and no one has commented about the rule changes.

L Slee responded that it is positive the three breeds Associations are talking about it.

C Dengate commented that the Paints have been second to the Quarter Horse however that is now changing. Quarter Horse Association are now more approachable.

POINTS

S Carlson asked about Points. Two years ago she suggested that if you were part of a team (eg. Team Penning / Polo Crosse etc) that the points should be broken down so you can obtain points.

A Newton mentioned that points have been incorporated for Polo Crosse and Camp Drafting. **A Newton requested that S Carlson forward information on point score system (ie. Gympie Show categories).**

C Dengate has asked that if any member can see opportunities to please be proactive and let the Board know.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK

L Hall highlighted the proposed Rule Book.

S Carlson noted that there is a market for our distinctive horses.

RIDDEN FUTURITIES

C Dengate commented that during the last Board meeting he proposed award points for ridden futurities, as we currently do not offer them. In open events we are always competing against Quarter Horses. He believed that people submit for the prize money and he would like the PHAA to be the first to do that.

A Lord didn't agree. If it is available for Performance, why not Halter. Then separate the sexes.

CATTLE EVENTS

D O'Reilly asked about cattle events. ie. buckles. She would like to see Camp Drafting in the same way that NCHA and NRHA highest placed horses are recognised. And would also like to see more Paint Bred classes within the timed events.

A Newton responded that she is currently working on cow/horse events and has been receiving feedback for Paint Bred classes. 2008 is a tough call but 2009 looks promising.

D O'Reilly asked if we have a Cutting class. J Hall responded that we currently have an open class.

A Newton is looking to have cutting classes.

J Dennis asked if we could put it in the journal.

S Carlson asked A Newton if you are generating interest, do you think Camp Drafting classes will be included. A Newton commented that if someone helps.

S McPhee commented that she and C Gleeson had looked at having open cattle events in NSWPHA and couldn't manage due to costs.

G Thornton mentioned that you don't need a specific Camp Draft area. There is a group within the Camp Drafting Association who are championing short course events. You could hire from a number of locals.

H Currie asked if there was a local club to contact and talk about events.

G Thornton suggested an initiation event because of the numbers.

A Newton said her charter is 2009 on working cattle events.

OFFICE

C Dengate discussed the office methods highlighting the level of incorrect paperwork. He encouraged members to take an extra couple of minutes to check their paperwork.

S McPhee mentioned that we are working on online forms.

S Egan commented that as long as they are up-to-date on the website. It is an enhancement. Electronic has changed the process.

Discussion followed on the use of old forms and the office procedure when received.

D O'Reilly congratulated the office as she had no mistakes on her paperwork and all looked good. The AQHA was the opposite.

K Mills commented his experience was the opposite. A Newton commented she had requested more information in this situation and was waiting on that to be supplied.

CATTLE EVENTS REVISITED

H Currie asked to revisit the cow/horse and asked that in relation to the NCHA buckle, she would rather the buckle money to be spent on the cattle rather than the buckle.

C Dengate asked members to send letters of interest.

H Currie commented that it is one of traditional events as S Carlson had mentioned. More technical events are not happening. More classes have been added in Hunter In Hand or Hunter Under Saddle or pleasure classes.

J Hal commented that we need to cater for requests. Would like to support but we need the numbers.

B Parker commented that in others shows there are Paint numbers in Cutting, Camp Drafting etc. Why are they going and have the numbers?

J Hall commented that it is the dollar factor.

B Parker said we need to come up with a plan of attack. Why are they heading in that way? Draw them to the National Show.

A Newton shared feedback from responses: not coming to Dubbo for one event; where can we expand the event; emphasis is on pleasure not on cattle events. A Newton will do her best to promote and put together options to expand and grow.

J Hudson commented that at our previous National Show he camped for one week to show on one day. Segregate events so you can have staggered stabling etc.

H Currie commented that people would stay around until the Sunday for cattle events.

S McPhee said we are forcing people to stay due to spread out events.

L Slee commented there has been difficulty due to drought etc and costs associated.

L Hall added to L Slee's comment that farmers don't want to round up Easter Saturday for a Sunday event. Handler issues were identified previously by J Tink. Once you get the cattle there, no one wants to help.

S Carlson said the majority rules - the majority are interested in arena events. Find a Camp Draft Association to run paint classes.

S Carlson suggested she could approach Gunalda Camp Drafting and see if they will have a Paint event.

C Dengate commented that the only thing stopping us is not having the input from members and the man power. B Parker commented a plan should be a part of suggestions being submitted.

D O'Reilly suggested that instead of the National Show, a cattle series could be created like the Camp Draft Association / NCHA.

L Hall suggested that next year we could look at splitting National Show and have National Cattle / Cutting / Cow/Horse at another time.

L Slee commented that it is not a bad suggestion but hesitates to split the show as some people want to do different events and cattle are shortage.

G Thornton asked how many Paints are currently Camp Drafting. If we put on a Paint Camp Draft how many would turn up.

S McPhee suggested we have all other events with it. Quarter Horses are locked in with Coonamble. We need to form an alliance with events such as the Cloncurry Challenge or smaller organisations.

L Slee commented that the larger groups may not run a series but might run a couple of classes.

J Dennis commented that Trangie have just started and it may be an idea to align with them.

L Hall highlighted the Horse Festival which will be held in Dubbo 21-25 May 2008.

C Dengate commented on closing the meeting that if there are any suggestions to please forward them to Angela or the Board. C Dengate read a member letter from D Drew.

C Dengate thanked all for attending.

Meeting concluded 3.06pm