



EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

**Minutes of the annual general meeting held Saturday August 17, 2023 at 2.00pm,
Mittagong RSL Club – Joadja Room.**

Present: Gerald Farrugia, Peter Gooch, Dylan Summerell, Danny Benn, Heidi Fagan.

Meeting opened 2.00pm:

1. Welcome and Apologies.

President Danny Benn welcomed all present and apologies were noted.

Janet Doust, Sam Pulis, Guy Wailes, Brett Porter, William Bates, Elisha Bannerman, Jamie Nordstrom.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held August 19, 2023, were tabled by the secretary, having previously been circulated and placed on the association web page.

Moved: Heidi Fagan, seconded Gerald Farrugia the minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Business arising

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

4. President's report

The President, Danny Benn read his report a copy will be provided with the minutes and on the Web site.

Moved: Dylan Summerell moved its acceptance and was seconded by Heidi Fagan.

CARRIED.

President Danny Benn requested a minutes silence in respect and to acknowledge the recent passing of previous President Bruce Raines.

5. Secretary's report

The secretary, Heidi Fagan read her report to the meeting and was moved to be accepted to be tabled by Danny Benn and seconded by Gerald Farrugia.

A copy will be provided with the minutes and on the Web Site.

CARRIED

6. Judges Registrar report.

The Judges Registrar read his report to the meeting, and it was moved that it be accepted as tabled.

A copy will be provided with the minutes and on the Web site.

Moved: Gerald Farrugia. Seconded: Heidi Fagan.

CARRIED

7. Treasurers report – 2023/2024

The treasurer read her interim report and tabled the profit and loss statement for the 2023/24 year.

It was presented that the operating profit of \$3416.79 would have been greater had the insurance policy not doubled in price.

It was presented that the EPANSW annual calendar (2024) sold out and returned a profit of \$1979.00, allowing for the subsidising of the insurance policy for member clubs, the quorum discussed the importance of continuing the calendar, as a fundraiser for the EPA, and that it has been continuing now for more than 20 years.

The treasurer presented the Asset Register comprising of the assets that belong to the EPANSW and such their members (Clubs), this includes 800+ mobile metal pens purchased from Sydney International Wyandotte Fanciers in 2023 to supplement cages at the national show, currently stored for no charge at Goulburn Poultry Fanciers. Acceptance of the report was moved by Danny Benn and was seconded by Peter Gooch.

CARRIED

8. 2025/2026 Membership fees.

It was decided that the membership fees for the 2025/2026 period remain unchanged \$30.00 for clubs / affiliates and \$5.00 for individual members

Moved by Dylan Summerell and seconded by Peter Gooch

CARRIED

9. 2025 Sponsorship:

The ongoing sponsorship of the Sydney Royal Poultry and Pigeon competition was discussed and was decided that the sponsorship of \$660.00 for the Young Judges Competition continue, along with the \$100 to the Pigeon competition for a total of \$770.00.

The continued sponsorship of the NSW Young Judges Competition (SRES winner) for travel expenses was discussed (\$200)

Motion: *To continue with the \$770.00 sponsorship for the SRES Poultry and Pigeon Competition and \$200 for the winner of the Young Judges Competition to assist with travel expenses for the 2025 period.*

Moved by Danny Benn second Dylan Summerell.

CARRIED

Sponsorship of the NSW Junior Championship Show:

The NSW Junior Championship show has been held during previous years at EPANSW member Mudgee Poultry and Pigeon Club, the desire to move the show around to other clubs in NSW was always the organisers intention.

The location for the 2025 NSW Junior Championship show is Dapto Poultry Club,

The discussion was regarding the continuation of the sponsorship previously offered by the EPANSW, was it appropriate given the host is no longer an EPANSW affiliated member club?

The quorum felt that it was *not* appropriate use of EPANSW Inc funds to sponsor a show held by a NON EPANSW Inc Member club or Affiliate.

Motion: *To remove the EPANSW Sponsorship of the NSW Junior Championship until such a time that an EPANSW member club is hosting the event.*

Moved: by Dylan Summerell second: Danny Benn.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

The secretary reported that the majority of the correspondence received and sent throughout the year related to new club formation, club membership, general membership, judges' registration, provisional judges applications, and correspondence for the new insurance policy and legal waiver and purchasing of APS2, calendar and merchandise. Of recent, an increase of correspondence has been received and outgoing regarding Avian Influenza.

Resignation of Club Membership and affiliation by Dapto Poultry Club:

Formal correspondence was received by the secretary in relation to the resignation of club membership by Dapto Poultry Club.

Received July 6, 2024, from Melissa Bonniticha (secretary) and Ryan McParland (president), from the Dapto Poultry Club email address.

This correspondence follows a phone call to President Danny Benn from Ryan McParland, informing the EPANSW of the Dapto Poultry Club cessation of membership.

As per the constitution their cessation of membership was required to be submitted formally in writing and was accepted by the EPANSW and are as such no longer affiliated (or insured) with the Exhibition Poultry Association of NSW Inc.

Moved: Gerald Farrugia, seconded by Dylan Summerell that the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

11. Election of office bearers

The executive vacated their positions and Peter Gooch (Life Member) took the chair for the election of office bearers for 2024/25. The results of the elections are based on the formal nominations received from EPANSW member clubs, as per the constitution.

The EPANSW received 2 additional formal nominations for general committee positions in writing.

As only one individual was nominated for each position by member clubs, the nominations were **accepted and carried by the members present, as per the constitution.**

President:	Mr. Danny Benn
Vice President (North):	Mr. Jamie Nordstrom
Vice President (South):	Mr. Sam Pulis
Secretary:	Mrs. Heidi Fagan
Treasurer:	Mrs. Heidi Fagan
Judges Registrar:	Mr. Dylan Summerell
Assistant Secretary:	Mr. Gerald Farrugia
Committee:	Mr. Bradley O'Leary
Committee:	Mr. Guy Wailes
Committee:	Mrs. Elisha Bannerman

There were no other valid nominations for positions on the committee at this time

9. *Other Business:*

- i. The EPANSW would like to acknowledge the contribution of Cathy and Ben Newton, official photographer of the NSW State Championship Show, the amazing photos taken of the birds on display are a benefit to all poultry keepers in NSW and further.

Special mentions for thanks for their unwavering assistance in setting up and packing down the state show venue and many behind the scenes efforts: Trent Spackman, Alex Rumble, Ben Westhead (Qld) Ellie Cowan (Qld), Caleb Thomas, William Bates, Barry and Aileen Tisdell, Louis Kerbert, David Simons, Jeremy Summerell, Elisha and Mark Bannerman and the Nordstrom family.

Goulburn Poultry Club and its membership, for the many many man hours and the storage of all the pens and equipment for the state show.

Taree Wingham Poultry Club, Nowra Poultry Club, Dubbo Poultry Club, NEEPA, The OEG Club of Australia, The Belgian Bantam Club and the QLD Pekin Club for their assistance and support.

To all the Judges, Stewards and speakers who officiated and presented over the weekend.

The EPANSW would like to thank Mr Adam Nordstrom for his services as Auctioneer at an incredibly successful exhibition poultry Auction, the atmosphere was electric, and the feedback was amazing.

- ii. Bruce Raines Perpetual Trophy.

Motion: *EPA to initiate discussions with the RAS for a Bruce Raines Perpetual Trophy for the Young Judges Competition in recognition of his service.*

Moved: Peter Gooch, Second: Gerald Farrugia

CARRIED

- iii. EPANSW Logo and Name TM application Update.

An application for Trademark of the EPANSW Logo and Name has been submitted to IP Australia, and has been accepted, the finalisation of the TM should be late September.

10. **Next Annual General Meeting**

The next annual general Meeting of the EPANSW will be held on **August 24, 2024.**

The Committee is open to discussions to mode and location of the next AGM so is available to all who wish to attend (Zoom / Hybrid in person meeting)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.02pm

DANNY BENN

President

HEIDI FAGAN

Secretary