

Equestrian SA Annual General Meeting

(Appendix 1)

Member response to Board request for any other business;

In response to the Equestrian South Australia's email to the membership on 22 September 2023 requesting members advise of any other business or motions, the Board received eight submissions from members. Upon consideration of submissions, the Board has come to the view that a number could not be considered as motions, but rather as questions on notice. The following submissions fall into this category and will be responded to at the AGM:

1. The ESA Board advise how much money has been spent on legal fees in the 2022-2023 financial year and outline to the membership how these fees were spent ie. what the matters were spent on and what the budgeted amount is for 2023-24 for legal fees and what has been expenditure to date?
2. The Board explain to the membership, whether correct or incorrect, if the former dressage chair provided a riders name that was ineligible, to the former Chair of ESA and EO, subsequently signed off on an application to the ORSR to obtain grant money and this was done in the full knowledge that the name and other names used in the application were not within the parameters of the state grant (which are strictly for South Australians based athletes)?
3. The ESA Board to divulge to the membership the current insurance situation including any withdrawal of insurance cover over the past financial year and if there was any withdrawal of coverage, the events that lead to that occurrence?
4. The Board disclose full particulars of legal expenditure of individual matters in the previous financial year?
5. A request to investigate the matters that led to the resignation of the previous Board.

The following submissions were considered as proposals which seek to usurp the powers of the Board under the constitution and cannot be considered motions per se. The following submissions fall into this category:

1. The ESA office be opened five days from 10am until 4pm for the benefit of servicing the membership and now that COVID is not a pandemic that the EO be required to attend the office daily except when having meetings approved by the Board.
2. Equestrian South Australia funds not be invested in unsecured investments without the agreement of the ESA membership via the AGM or a GM.
3. That legal expenditure be limited to \$10,000 in total per financial year. Expenditure exceeding \$10,000 total per financial year be referred to the membership for approval.
4. The Board cap the salaries of employees at no more than 55% of the net (total amount of membership fees less Equestrian Australia levies) amount of membership fees received in a financial year.

Following the AGM the Board will address the above questions.