



Board Meeting Summary

15 January 2025

Key Decisions and Actions:

Grant Funding

- Successfully acquitted South Australian Government grant and commenced negotiations for the next funding cycle.

Para Equestrian Committee

- Inaugural meeting held with Board representation present.
- A new committee was established, with a Chair appointed, and operational activities commenced, including the setup of a bank account and email communications.

Royal Show Collaboration

- Royal Show initiated discussions regarding the potential hosting of interschool competitions.
- The Board expressed optimism about collaboration opportunities and stakeholder engagement to achieve organisational objectives.

Jim Dunn Award

- The Board discussed maintaining the award's special nature and tradition.
- The selection panel is historically responsible for nominations, with the Board emphasising the importance of being informed while preserving confidentiality and surprise elements.
- The Board resolved to be informed of the selection panel's decision one meeting prior to the awards night for ratification.

Awards Night

- The Board discussed event preparations and FARMC's decision on Life Members and free tickets.
- Motion carried to cover Life Member tickets at cost price with one abstention due to conflict of interest.
- The Board discussed event coordination and the support of the discipline committee Chair for presentations.

Meeting Schedule

- The Board discussed the need for regular monthly meetings with flexibility for additional meetings as required.
- Approved the 2025 monthly meeting schedule.

Life Membership

- The Board nominated and confirmed a new Life Member, acknowledging dedication and impact on the organisation.
- The discussion emphasised the nominee's contributions and the unanimous support for the appointment.

AGM Preparations

- The Board discussed finalisation of the detailed presentation to ensure clarity and understanding of resolutions.
- Communications are planned for all members with registration reminders and participation instructions for both in-person and online attendance.
- Board discussed the appointment of the Returning Officer with an alternative contact to be provided.

Board Code of Conduct

- The Board discussed the draft code, including potential consequences for breaches.
- Acknowledged challenges of virtual meetings and suggested mitigation strategies.
- Draft to be refined with input from all Board members for future formal adoption.

Chair Authority

- The Board discussed the need for the Chair to engage with external parties while maintaining transparency.
- Chair requested authorisation to initiate discussions and represent Board interests, with any commitments requiring Board approval.
- Chair committed to providing regular updates.
- Motion passed with one abstention, resolving that the Chair may engage with government bodies, sponsors, and other organisations on behalf of the Board.