

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACING, HELD IN THE HUNTERVILLE ROOM, ASCOT STAND, ON 31 OCTOBER 2023

Present D Alderslade (Chair), M G Chitty, J R I Crawford, G E Vazey, M Blackwell,

R Winder, P Wilcox, C Baker, L Madden, D Greenaway, C Fenwick,

K Steven-Riley and the following members:

L W Allchorne, K Attwood, K Balu, R J Bell, B G Black, D Black, S E Cole, B A Collins, A P Dell'Isola, G J Donoghue, J F Dix, P J Edmunds, R N Ennis, W J Gianotti, D Harries, R Hawthorn, N Humphries, R J Humphries, G Jenkins, K Long, E J Long, J K Masterson, J Maxted, V C Olsen, M K Otto, D Paykel, C J Pearce, A Rolston, J A Rowan, M Saba, C J Sansome, W G Slee, A Stove, M A Sumich, S J Townsend, P E Vermunt, P J Walker, G J Williams and

J Wyatt Sargent

Apologies A M Musson, D Nakhle, B Spooner, T G Carrington, R James, A Sutherland,

P F Dooly, P McDowall, D C Martin, B E Emerson, D C Ellis CNZM,

L Hutchison QSM, JP, PT Kiely, I Bridge, RF McCarthy, N Crawford, M Coles,

A R Coles, S J Kember, R M Warwick and R J Chitty

CEO P Wilcox welcomed the members to the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing and noted the agenda for the meeting.

**Chair** D Alderslade declared the AGM open at 4.30pm.

D Alderslade noted the apologies received and asked for apologies from the floor.

D Alderslade acknowledged the members who had passed away in the past year with

a moment of silence.

Chair's report D Alderslade gave a broad introduction and presented the Chair's Review of the Club

or 2022/23.

The motion to accept the Chairman's report was put.

(Moved M Blackwell / J R I Crawford)

**Motion Approved** 

**Finance report** P Wilcox presented the Financial Report of the Club for 2022/23.

The motion to accept the Finance Report and accept the Statement of Accounts for

2022/23 was put.

(Moved J R I Crawford / M Blackwell)

**Motion Approved** 

**Property review** R Winder presented the Property Review.

**Racing review** M Chitty presented the Racing Review.

## **Motion**

That the 2022 AGM minutes are approved by the members of the Club.

(Moved G E Vazey / R Winder) **Motion Approved** 

General business A member commended the board for the vision and courage for proceeding with the track upgrade and various property matters, to enhance the future of the club.

> He also commended the club for doing the site master planning for Ellerslie and Pukekohe.

He also noted while the club is working on the site master planning and rebranding, he suggested looking at the colour of the signs for the driving range attached to the fence.

A member requested an update on the budget for the track development.

The original budget was approved at \$44.2m and with the last body of work to be finished it will be at \$55m. We had 93 extra rain days, which impacted on delivery and costs. Inflationary measures and other mitigating circumstances added to the increase.

The member noted that the increase seems acceptable.

The member requested an update on any discussions the club is having with Avondale Jockey Club (AJC).

ATR has engaged with AJC and kept lines of communication open.

A member asked if the club will have any 880m races for two-year-olds going forward.

There is a lot of debate around 880m races for two-year-olds, we need to see how the track plays out, but they may not be run at Ellerslie going forward.

The member asked if any of the clubs Group one races are under threat?

Yes, our Derby has been under threat, but the alert has been removed due to our horse of the year winning the Derby. Stake money is one of the key drivers to retain horses in New Zealand. The Zabeel Classic is at risk.

The member asked if the "new" pedestrian tunnel is in fact new or the same one the club has always had.

The tunnel is not new, but has had a renovation, with new lighting, CCTV cameras and refreshed paint job.

The member asked is a deposit has been paid by Simplicity Living.

Yes, the deposit has been released to the club.

The member asked if Fletchers Residential Limited have settled on The Hill transaction.

The club has received the deposit and first tranche paid to the club. The final tranche to be paid to the club in September 2025.

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