

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
 Of the Australasian Team Roping Association  
 Held at 8.00am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
 Bridgeman Park, Capella QLD 4720

#	Item	Presented By
1	<b>Meeting Opened by Chairman</b>	Meeting opened by Peter Swain at 8:05am
2	<b>Present</b>	See Attendee List
3	<b>Apologies</b>	Greg Harris, Terry Flute, Gary King, Craig Mearns, Alistair Malone.
4	<b>Minutes of the previous AGM</b>	<b>Moved:</b> Netta Wharton <b>Seconded:</b> Clint Dolan
5	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	Nil
6	<b>AGM correspondence</b>	Nil
7	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<b>Peter Swain</b> read Chairman's Report. <b>Moved:</b> Russel Stanley <b>Seconded:</b> Alan Woods <b>Chairman's Report Accepted.</b>
8	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<b>Rachele Malone</b> read Treasurers Report. <b>Moved:</b> Netta Wharton <b>Seconded:</b> Russel Stanley <b>Treasurers Report Accepted.</b>
	<b>Annual Financial Statement/ Audit</b>	<b>Moved:</b> Travis Tattam <b>Seconded:</b> Ian Wharton  <b>Motion:</b> Tony Walsh of Walsh Accounting to be engaged for the 2025 ATRA Audit.  <b>Moved:</b> Rachele Malone <b>Seconded:</b> Clint Dolan
9	<b>Marketing Report</b>	<b>Mark Hrycek</b> provided marketing update on behalf of Cowboy Communications.  Mark advised that we are now in our second year of the Corporate Partnership Program engaging 258 targets to provide support. New

significant first time partners include Circle L Australia, Greg Grant Saddlery, Central Highlands Regional Council and Flexihire Emerald.

This year the program comprised 30 event partners and \$77,000 cash and in kind (excl. GST). Prior year comprised \$57,592 cash and in kind.

2024 breakdown:

Cash: \$34,000 (46% increase from last year).

In Kind: Almost \$25,000 (18% increase from last year).

Product: \$18,548 (36% increase).

Completed migration of the website from our wordpress platform this season, to provide simplicity for our members. This delivered a user friendly calendar and a more cost effective membership renewal process. Website stats since new website launch in late January include 11,216 website visitors, almost 25,000 google impressions and just over \$56,000 in memberships processed.

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### **Election of Directors**

*12 positions available, 9 nominated.*

**Terry Flute (QLD)**

*Nominated: Nicola Lillyman*

*Seconded: Deon Lane*

**Brian Lovett (QLD)**

*Nominated: Teal Shorten*

*Seconded: Coben Ayers*

**Alistair Malone (QLD)**

*Nominated: Grant Eagle*

*Seconded: Ty Pokarier*

**Debbie Height (NSW)**

*Nominated: Netta Wharton*

*Seconded: Ian Wharton*

**Greg Harris (NSW)**

*Nominated: Robin Dowsett*

*Seconded: Karen Harris*

**Shane Kenny (QLD)**

*Nominated: Ashleigh Bush*

*Seconded: Campbell Hodson*

**Nathan Day (NSW)**

*Nominated: Justin Fuller*

*Seconded: Toni Fuller*

### **President**

**Peter Swain (NSW)**

*Nominated: Casey Lillyman*

*Seconded: Netta Wharton*

### **Secretary**

**Kirstie Tattam (QLD)**

*Nominated: Brian Lovett*

*Seconded: Ashleigh Bush*

### **Treasurer**

*Vacant – Kirstie to take on dual role.*

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### **Election of Executive Board of Directors:**

**President** Peter Swain

**Secretary** Kirstie Tattam

**Treasurer** Vacant

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### **Notices of Motion**

#### **Current:**

10 slide is considered an open roping where, if you win a place within the roping incentivised points are awarded across all team roping events equal to or higher than that teams classification.

#### **Replace with:**

One lot of points are to be awarded to the team roping events based on that teams classification i.e if a number #8 teams win points within a 10 slide, they are only entitled to be awarded points within the #8 team roping division.

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**Moved:** Travis Tattam

**Seconded:** Jim Tattam

**Motion:** Lost.

**Shane Kenny** raised concern of the lower numbered heelers being crucified in the proposed motion.

**Cody Granger** suggested the idea of the bonus points allocation (what is posted for the entire roping) be allocated only in the event class/ incentive that applies to the team.

**Amended Motion:** For a slide roping event, points (including bonus points) are only allocated in the event class/ incentive that applies to the team. i.e. If a #10 team wins the Slide roping they receive points applicable to first place, and if a #8 team place second they receive points applicable to second place. Only ten placings are allocated and points are only allocated once. Rule change effective immediately.

**Moved: Travis Tattam**

**Seconded: Cody Granger**

For: 31

Against: 2

Motion carried

## #6 (#3 CAP) ROPING RULES

### Current:

The #6 (#3 Cap) Team Roping event is capped at a #3 roper. This event can be ran as two head on the dummy, and live steer or dummy for the short round (to the discretion of the promotor). One catch on the live steer overrides the times on the dummy (i.e. if a team catches two dummy's and no live steer and another team catches one dummy and live steer but is a longer time, then the team that caught the live steer will place higher). Heelers don't have to dally on the live steer (judge to be notified prior to run), however they will be awarded a 5 second penalty. This also applies at the National Finals.

### Replace with:

A #5 Team Roping be introduced to replace the #6's and #4's Team Roping.

#### #5 (#3 CAP) MACHINE ROPING RULES

1. The team's run will commence with both partners are standing in the box area.
2. The Machine Operator shall start upon the nod of the Header.
3. Time will commence at the discretion of the event setup (manual or electronic).
4. The Header will rope the head and pull the slack out of the head loop, and is not required to dally.
5. The Machine will be turned when the slack is pulled out of the head loop.
6. The Heeler will rope the heels and pull slack & dally if they so choose.
7. If the Heeler uses the No Dally Option, a five (5) second penalty will be applied. Time will be stopped when the Heeler has pulled slack high.
8. The Promoter must notify the competitors if the Machine is not suitable for dallying tight. In this case, all Heelers will pull slack high. It is recommended that the Promotors provide a dummy that is suitable to dally on.

**Moved: Tony Lillyman**

**Seconded: Netta Wharton**

**Tony Lillyman** stated that this change would stop domination in the dummy roping events, as a #3 roper would be required to rope with a #2 to participate.

**Netta Wharton** noted the ongoing cost to the Association across #4 and #6 awards expensed individually currently. This motion would consolidate this expense.

**Clint Dolan** affirmed that its important that if this change is implemented that it remain in place for enough time for everyone to get used to it and avoid confusion.

**Brendan Kenny** noted the importance of ensuring promotors provide a suitable dummy that works and functions correctly.

Votes-

For- 29

Against- 0

Motion Carried

## OPTION TO NOT DALLY

### Current:

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12.3

Heelers in the #6 team roping event can opt to not dally (at the discretion of the promotor). The flag judge must be notified prior to their run and they will receive a five (5) second penalty. This option is not available in the other Team Roping Events.

**Replace with:**

Heelers in the #8 team roping event can opt to not dally. This option is capped at a #3.5 heeler. The flag judge must be notified prior to their run and they will receive a five (5) second penalty. See separate rule for ATRA National Finals. Rule Change effective immediately.

**Moved:** Netta Wharton.

**Seconded:** Ian Wharton.

**Cody Granger** recommended that a cap be introduced on what ropers can opt to not dally. Ian clarified that anyone opting to not dally is already aware of the disadvantage so will be striving to progress to dallying anyway.

Votes-

For- 27

Against-0

Motion Carried

## RECOGNISED EVENTS

**Current:**

One of the major benefits of running events with the ATRA is the Regional and High Point End of Year Awards and competing at the National Finals. The events recognised by the ATRA are as follows:

- Open Team Roping
- #12 Team Roping
- #10 Team Roping
- #8 Team Roping
- #6 Team Roping - Capped at a #3 roper
- #4 Machine Team Roping – capped at a #2.5 roper, therefore no roper classified higher than a #2.5 can enter and the team must not exceed #4.
- All Girls Team Roping (Do not need to qualify for the National Finals – entry for this event is taken at the finals)
- Century Team Roping (Do not need to qualify for the National Finals – entry for this event is taken at the finals)
- Junior Looper (Do not need to qualify for the National Finals – entry for this event is taken at the finals)
- Ladies Breakaway Roping
- Junior Breakaway Roping (Under 18 years of age)
- Open or Divisional Barrel Race (divisional points always being awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions. It is the promotor's discretion as to how divisions are paid out). Divisional Barrel race is run at the finals.
- Under 7 years Junior Barrel Race assisted (Do not need to qualify for the National Finals – entry for this event is taken at the finals)
- Under 7 years Junior Barrel Race unassisted (Do not need to qualify for the National Finals – entry for this event is taken at the finals)
- 8-12 years Junior Barrel Race
- 13-17 years Junior Barrel Race
- Rope & Tie Contest
- Steer Wrestling

**Replace with:**

The ATRA adopt the following events as Standard Events and all other events as optional events:

STANDARD EVENTS OF ATRA

1. Open Team Roping

2. #12 Team Roping
3. #10 Team Roping
4. #8 Team Roping
5. #5 Team Roping
6. Ladies Breakaway Roping
7. Open or Divisional Barrel Race

**OPTIONAL EVENTS**

- Junior Breakaway Roping
- 7 years and under Junior Barrel Race
- 8-12 years Junior Barrel Race
- 13-17 years Junior Barrel Race
- Rope & Tie Contest
- Steer Wrestling
- Century Team Roping
- All Girls Team Roping
- Kings and Queens Team Roping

This change is effective immediately.

**Moved:** Netta Wharton.

**Seconded:** Ian Wharton.

It was agreed that competitors won't be impacted in implementing this change effective immediately.

Votes-

For- 28

Against- 0

Carried

12.5

**Motion:** To be eligible to run an ATRA Affiliated Event at least one of the standard events must be conducted. Effective immediately.

**Moved:** Ian Wharton.

**Seconded:** Netta Wharton.

**Votes-**

**For-** 27

**Against-** 2

Carried

12.6

**Motion:** Sufficient funds must be generated in each "OPTIONAL EVENT" before yearly awards can be generated for that event.

**Moved:** Ian Wharton.

**Seconded:** Netta Wharton.

**Peter Swain** asked Ian what should be considered sufficient? Ian invited the floor to contribute to this decision.

**Revised Motion:** Sufficient funds must be generated in each "OPTIONAL EVENT" before yearly awards can be generated for that event. A minimum number of 5 events conducted within the region to qualify for an award, and the levy revenue generated needs to at least equate to double the value of the award cost. Both of these standards must be met before an award is issued. This change to be effective immediately.

**Moved:** Ian Wharton.

**Seconded:** Netta Wharton.

**Emma Forster** raised her concern that the junior events with little numbers would be impacted by this change as its unlikely the proposed criteria would be satisfied.

**Allan Wood** suggested that each region be allocated a set amount for their optional events to be allocated as they see fit within the region. **Peter** advised that this will be reviewed at Board level once values can be quantified to inform the decision.

**Votes:**

**For- 9**

**Against- 10**

Motion Lost.

### **BARREL RACING RULES**

**Current:**

A contestant will be given a "no time" for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel, including to keep it from falling, is permitted without penalty. Competitors will be disqualified for not following the correct pattern (i.e. crosses their track during the run) or not being ready when name is called.

**Replace with:**

A contestant in the Divisional Barrel Race with the ATRA will be given a "no time" for knocking a barrel. All Open and Junior Barrel Racing events will incur a 5 second penalty only. Touching a barrel, including to keep it from falling, is permitted without penalty. Competitors will be disqualified for not following the correct pattern (i.e. crosses their track during the run) or not being ready when name is called. Effective immediately.

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**Moved:** Netta Wharton.

**Seconded:** Ian Wharton.

**Netta** clarified that this relates to the N/T for knocked barrel that seems to have carried through to the junior events. No other change to the rule.

**Votes-**

For- 26

Against- 0

Carried

### **5. JUNIOR BARRELS**

**Current:**

Age groups are to be as follows for junior members. Junior events will be run as per an open barrel race with no divisions within each age group. A contestant will be given a "no time" for knocking over a barrel.

**Replace with:**

5. In all Junior Barrel Racing events a contestant will be given a five second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Effective immediately.

12.8

**Moved:** Netta Wharton.

**Seconded:** Ian Wharton.

Votes-

For- 22

Against- 0

Carried.

### **National Finals Rules**

**Current:**

8. All competitors at the ATRA National Finals must dally except any heeler fifty (50) years or older who ties on, women who tie-on (see tie-on rule). Heelers who have Board approval or are 12 years old or under and have Australasian Team Roping Association Board approval can elect not to dally and take a 5 second penalty. These heelers must notify the flag Judge when entering the box or a "No Time" will be given.

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**Replace with:**

8. All competitors at the ATRA National Finals must dally except any heeler fifty (50) years or older who ties on, women who tie-on or heelers who have ATRA Board approval. Heelers with ATRA Board approval must notify the Flag Judge.

**Moved:** Netta Wharton.

**Seconded:** Ian Wharton.

Votes-

For- 29

Against- 0

Carried.

### General Business

**Robert McPhee** raised concern that we don't have ATRA affiliated events in places for members to qualify for our National Finals. Particular mention of Northern Territory and Western Australia competitors who are restricted from qualifying for the finals. He asked that Wild Cards be open longer to align with entries closer to the event. **Nathan Day** clarified that the Wild Card were introduced post covid, however this will be reviewed this year to consider only extreme circumstances. Robert's scenario could be considered an extreme circumstance.

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**Ian Wharton** thanked the board for their contribution to the Association and their ability to manage ongoing items that weren't complete prior to the new Board's term. Ian acknowledged Rachele Malone, for going above and beyond her voluntary expectations. Ashleigh Bush was also thanked for taking on the office role.

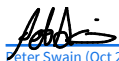
**Ian** stated that he believes Rule Book and Constitution items appear to have gone missing. Ian would like to appoint two individuals to audit these documents. This to be completed in a short time frame i.e. 6 months and to ensure website updates are in place. This review to be completed prior to the next AGM.

**Brain Lovett** suggested that Board Member terms be reviewed to a longer service to 2 or 3 year terms, to ensure consistency exists in the Association.

**Clint Dolan** requested that the board complete further analysis on what is considered sufficient funds for awards.

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Meeting closed by Peter Swain at 10:11am

  
Peter Swain (Oct 22, 2024 13:54 GMT+11)


# AGM Minutes 26 September 2024


Final Audit Report


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