

President's report 2010/2011

To all members of the AWPA,

The 2010/2011 year has again showcased the talent in our country which was first recognised by a small group of people who originally gathered on the side the Ovens River in 1991.

Congratulations to all members for your efforts in organizing and assisting in the running this year's Australian titles here in Sydney. I would also like to thank the Royal Canberra Show society committee for their support in hosting the national titles in previous years.

As the Association is now in its 20th year it is very fitting to see the AWPA gain the support from the Sydney Royal Easter show in hosting the National titles this year. Along with the ongoing support from RM. Williams sponsorship for both Australian & NSW Titles this year. Sydney holds fond memories for the association and the long friendship which were formed in the lead up to the 2000 Olympic Games.

The sport of whipcracking is becoming increasingly popular and we are fortunate to now have 4 clubs to help promote the sport in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and Qld. However, it is not just major events which are attracting new members.

Its popularity is being driven by each and every individual in a personal way. By just promoting the sport of whipcracking at local show, festivals or even at your local school level can only enhance the image of this sport throughout Australia. The pioneering families of our association would be very proud to see the standard which is being maintained throughout all divisions.

Thanks yet again to Simon Martin & his Committee in Tasmania for their ongoing commitment to ensure whipcracking features at most venues throughout Tasmania and his passion to hold coaching clinics each month.

Thanks need to go out to all the members and their families for supporting & promoting the sport over the past 12 months. From today's National titles here in Sydney through to the remaining NSW, VIC & TASMANIA championships new champions will be awarded with state titles throughout the year. The highlight from the entries received is that all members are actively travelling Australia and supporting this truly Australian sport.

Simon Martin for his ongoing efforts with the AWPA web site, www.australianwhipcracking.org, where all members and Non-members have an informative place to access all relevant information regarding the association both past and present. Could I also ask members when visiting the site to email Simon with country show dates within their area?

The AWPA has secured insurance for the association for the period, 2010/2011 as previous years for approximately \$1400.00.

Finally, I personally would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts and support over the past 12 months.

Kind regards,

Steve Wicks
PRESIDENT

Sydney Show AGM, 23rd April, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened: 6:03 p.m.

Present Members: Steven Wicks, Simon Martin, Anthony Rennick, Ronny Hunter, Kirby Hunter, Judy Hunter, Mason Hunter, Scott Kelly, Alison Kelly, Ian Fritsch, Luke Fritsch, Lynette Fritsch, Lisa Fritsch, Ann Rennick, Narelle Wicks, Daniel Wicks, Katie Wicks, Katie East, Emiliqua East, Scott Hetherington, Jodie Pitman, Andrew Pitman, Jane Hetherington. **Apologies:** Darren & Cathy Williams, Andrea Cook, Lissy & Jamie Davies, Kathy & Noela Angel, Shane Cooper

Steve Wicks (President) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for apologies. He noted that due to unforeseen circumstances that Kathy & Noela Angel and Shane Cooper from South Australia had entered the championships but were unable to attend. It was then moved by Steve Wicks that the 2010 AGM minutes be accepted as presented to members and this was seconded by Ian Fritsch. Steve then read the presidents report and made particular thanks to RM Williams and the RAS of NSW for their support of the Australian Championships.

Anthony Rennick presented the treasurers report and asked for questions. None were asked and it was moved by Andrew Pitman that it be accepted. Seconded by Scott Hetherington.

Steve thanked the committee and all those who helped out for the Australian Championships including judges, and scorers. Andrew Pitman then took the chair for election of office bearers:

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS- Chaired by Andrew Pitman

PRESIDENT – STEVEN WICKS nominated by Ian Fritsch seconded Alison Kelly

VICE PRESIDENTS – IAN FRITSCH nominated by Steve Wicks seconded Jane Hetherington
CATHY WILLIAMS nominated by Simon Martin seconded Katie East

SECRETARY – SIMON MARTIN nominated by Steve Wicks seconded Scott Kelly

TREASURER – ANTHONY RENNICK nominated by Ian Fritsch seconded Simon Martin

EDITOR – FRITSCH FAMILY nominated by Simon Martin seconded Anne Rennick

PUBLICITY OFFICERS – ALISON KELLY nominated by Steve Wicks seconded by Jodie Pitman
FRITSCH FAMILY nominated by Steve Wicks seconded Jodie Pitman

AUDITORS – Twomey Patterson of Wagga Wagga

Office Bearers then took their positions and Anthony Rennick discussed membership fees regarding new members. It was agreed by all members present that Anthony Rennick as the treasurer can reduce membership fees to \$15.00 Single and \$35.00 Family, to new members only, when joining with less than 6month membership to 30th of June, as that is when membership starts from. A motion was moved by Judy Hunter and seconded by Lynette Fritsch that the above motion be accepted. It was then discussed about the upcoming championships with the NSW Titles confirmed to be back at the Deni Ute Muster on October 1st. A Novice event will be held at Deni on the 30th of September but AWPA members can not compete on both days. The possible date for the Victorian Championships at the Melbourne Show will be the 24th of September. The Tasmanian Titles will be in Launceston on the 8th of October. Steve Wicks mentioned that it would be good for AWPA members to stay longer at Deni as this will give younger members opportunity to be coached by more experienced members. The Australian Championships will again be held at the Sydney Show for the next 2 years, but exact date is yet to be confirmed.

Steve Wicks then read an email that was sent to the committee in April from Dennis O'Connor asking that a letter of thanks be sent to Greg Charleston, David Manwaring, Noel Cutler, and Frank Scott's Family (deceased) for their work in getting the association involved with the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Steve mentioned that it was agreed by the committee that (minutes continued on next page)

members would be asked for their opinion regarding this at the AGM as these members were given a certificate of appreciation at the time and the committee didn't see the need to repeat what had already happened in the past. Steve made special mention that those people had done a lot to help the promotion of whipcracking but they should already know that they are appreciated. All members agreed with Steve and Steve said he would send a reply to Dennis O'Connor to thank him for the letter and of the decision made by members.

Ian Fritsch then thanked Steve and the committee for organizing the best Australian Championships he had attended and members applauded. Steve thanked all the kids for their commitment and especially the parents for bringing them to the event. Insurance was discussed and that the Deni Ute Muster raffle is an excellent money raiser to help cover the cost of the \$1400.00 association public liability insurance. Anthony then mentioned that new rules brought in by the Australian Taxation Office no longer require the association to have an auditor, however Anthony suggested that the association continue to use an auditor especially while the bank balance was in such good shape. All members agreed. Steve thanked Anthony Rennick for all his hard work as treasurer and asked if anybody had anymore questions. None were asked and Steve closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 6:48pm

