Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Welcome

8:01am Tuesday 04 August 2026, Avro Room, Royal on the Park, 152 Alice Street Brisbane, Australian Campdraft Association President Robert Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Robert noted the importance of in person meetings, allowing attendees to get a true sense of the room while helping councillors develop rapport, trust, and stronger working relationships.

Robert made special mention of returning councillor Stewart Wallace and newly appointed councillor Brooke Grove.

Condolences

The Management Committee Members and observers paid respect to Robert Smith, Mick Browne, and Graham Ross observing a minute's silence.

Apologies, Proxy Votes, and Attendees

Apologies and Proxy Votes Received

Management Committee Member	RSVP	Proxy
Allister Butcher	Yes	Glenn Evans
Annie Williamson	Yes	Kay Radke
Andrew Stallman	Yes	Glenn Evans
Charlie Smith	Yes	Kay Radke
Gayle Shann	Yes	Norma Shannon
Jack Morris	Yes	Brian Elliott
Jack Southern	No	
James Moorhead	No	
Jim Daley	No	Dane Bateman
Jono Battle	Yes	Dane Bateman
Katie Birney	No	
Mat Durkin	Yes	James McAuley
Kylie Moffatt	Yes	Shelley Curr
Wendy Wockner	Yes	Jenni Ievers
Tony Kehl	Yes	Ben Hall
Zach Wass	Yes	Tom Gleeson

Attendance – Management Committee Members, Staff and Other Persons

Management Committee Member	Executive Position/Zone
Robert Daly	President
Jason Comiskey	Vice President
Kay Radke	Vice President
Tania Moorhead	Vice President
Shelley Curr	Treasurer
Les Hopkins	Secretary/Operations Manager
Erica Hanrahan	Central Zone
Norma Shannon	Central Zone
Pete Comiskey	Central Zone
Wade Clein	Central Zone

Bill Carey	Eastern New South Wales Zone
Ben Stanger	Northern Zone
Dan Condon	Northern Zone
Jenni Ievers	Northern Zone
Cheri Stanger	Northern Territory and North West Western Australia Zone
Stewart Wallace	Northern Territory and North West Western Australia Zone
Harvey Walters	Northern Territory and North West Western Australia Zone
Dane Bateman	South East Zone
Glenn Evans	South East Zone
Scott Haley	South East Zone
Brian Elliott	Southern Zone
Brooke Grove	Southern Zone
Fiona Radke	Southern Zone
James McAuley	Southern Zone
Lloyd Davidson	Southern Zone
Nathan Bradley	Southern Zone
Ben Hall	Western Zone
Josh Phelps	Western Zone
Tom Gleeson	Western Zone
ACA Office Team	**Position**
Siobhan Davison	Office Manager
Emily Castrigno	Campdraft One Lead

ACARESAUG26-01 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Fiona Radke that the apologies and proxies as presented in the agenda be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Management Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 09 June 2026

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Tuesday 09 June 2026, were included as Appendix A in the agenda.

ACARESAUG26-02 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, held Tuesday 09 June 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration Of Interest & In Committee Discussions

Note To Management Committee Members

Management Committee Members were reminded of their duty to declare any interests prior to an item of conflict being discussed.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Horse Owner Wording in Rule Book

Brought forward from the Code of Conduct Sub Committee a review of COR012 ACA Rule Book has been made regarding the wording around a horses 'owner'. Not all horse owners nominate and compete on their horses many have a designated agent that does. This should be reflected in the wording of the rules to ensure no confusion occurs as to where the responsibility lies if a horse is brought forward to the Code of Conduct for review regarding nominations or behaviour, which in turn could incur the suspension of a horse from competition.

The recommendation taken to the NCCA to amend the following rules to include the words 'and/or rider' after the word 'owner' was carried at the NCCA meeting held 30 June - 01 July 2026:

Classes of Horses 8.1.C
NCCA DRUGS AND WELFARE POLICY FOR HORSES USED IN CAMPDRAFTING, Rule 3.e
NCCA CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COMMITTEES OPERATING A CAMPDRAFT
GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CAMPDRAFTS, Rule 1 and 2.

These NCCA rules have been upheld and now changed.

ACARESAUG26-03 MOVED Glenn Evans SECONDED Scott Haley that the following ACA Rules wording be amended to include 'and/or rider' after the word 'owner':

A.12 All horses are to be run in the first round as nominated by the owner.

To

A.12 All horses are to be run in the first round as nominated by the owner ***and/or rider***.

And

A.15.C Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate stating their age, obtained at owner's expense.

To

A.15.C Unregistered horses must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate stating their age, obtained at owner's ***and/or rider's*** expense.

And

C.2 Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner or lessee is a full financial member of ACA.

To

C.2 Registration is current for the life of the horse, provided the owner, ***rider*** or lessee is a full financial member of ACA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rookie Horse Syndicate Sponsorship Competition
Gayle Shann asked the Management Committee to consider the ongoing relevance and viability of the Rookie Horse Award and the associated Syndicate Competition. She highlighted the importance of the National Rookie Horse Title, noting that every horse commenced its campdraft career as a Rookie.

It was explained that funding for the competition was derived from Rookie Horse nominations, syndicate sponsorship and the Rookie Horse National Sponsor. At the conclusion of the competition season, eligible Rookie Horses were invited to compete in a two round event to determine the Rookie Horse Syndicate

Sponsor Aggregate Winner. The number of invitations issued was determined by the number of syndicate sponsors secured during the season.

8:20am Robert Daly suggested that this item be put aside until other members arrived. The meeting moved to Mort Street Lease – Office.

8:56am The meeting moved back to Rookie Horse Syndicate Sponsorship Competition.

The administrative process involved the office progressing through the Rookie Horse standings where an eligible horse is unable to attend the finals, until the required number of horses had been obtained. Prior to the event, syndicate sponsors are randomly allocated to the nominated horses. The Horse Owner Competition round prize money is paid to fifth place, representing two thirds of the total prize pool, with the aggregate prize money representing the remaining one third and being paid to sixth place. The syndicate sponsor pool is paid to third place.

The Management Committee considered whether the competition should be retained, revised or dissolved. There was some consideration given to a potential Rookie Horse Shoot Out at the National Finals. It was noted that points from Novice and Open drafts conducted at the National Finals do not currently contribute towards the Champion Rookie Horse Title. However, points gained from the two round Syndicate Sponsor Competition were allocated to the Champion Rookie Horse Title. Ben Hall suggested that Rookie Horses should still be nominated as a Rookie through Campdraft One, but those that competed in the Novice and Open events at the National Finals would earn points towards the Champion Rookie Horse Title. Erica Hanrahan agreed with the concept Ben presented. In this instance the Syndicate Sponsor Competition would cease to be held.

Erica Hanrahan advised that the proposal had not yet been considered by either the Awards, Promotions & Committee Liaison Sub Committee or the National Finals Sub Committee and sought feedback regarding the relevance of the Syndicate Sponsor Competition.

Discussion followed, with Norma Shannon noting that the Rookie Horse program promoted horses during their first year and supported the Maiden competition.

Shelley Curr noted that it was the only Champion Title currently monetised and questioned whether this was appropriate.

The general consensus was that, while the Champion Rookie Horse Title remained important, the format of the Syndicate Sponsor Competition and the allocation of points at the National Finals required review.

Robert Daly asked whether those present wished to continue the discussion or refer the matter back to the relevant Sub Committee. Fiona Radke suggested that, out of respect for the proposal, from Gayle Shann the Management Committee could take an informal vote by way of a show of hands on the available options.

Harvey Walters stated that the title concept was strong and that the primary concern related to funding and sponsorship, suggesting that solutions to these issues should be investigated. Dane Bateman noted that other issues also contributed to holding the current competition beyond funding, including the number of horses nominated and their attendance at National Finals, as well as other administrative duties throughout the year and post finals.

A show of hands was sought regarding the following options:

1. Retain the title as a standalone Rookie Horse Title, with the title no longer monetised.
2. Revamp the existing competition, including consideration of changes to the syndicate sponsorship component.

The above were both supported in the majority.

The discussion confirmed that any proposed changes would apply to the following competition season, being 2027/28.

9:12am Josh Phelps entered the meeting.

Robert noted that opinions around the table varied and recommended that the matter be referred to the relevant Sub Committees for further discussion and development.

The Sub Committees were requested to provide recommendations at the next meeting. Emily asked that any proposed changes be referred to the office before final consideration to allow any associated costs or structural implications to be assessed.

ACARESAUG26-05 MOVED Lloyd Davidson SECONDED Wade Clein that the Rookie Horse Title and Syndicate Sponsorship Competition be reviewed jointly by the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee and the National Finals Sub Committee, with recommendations to be presented to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:16am The meeting moved to Campdraft Board Game.

Mort Street Lease – Office

The Mort Street lease is due for renewal on the 24 August 2026. Robert Daly provided an update, advising that confirmation was being sought from the landlord regarding a proposal for a twelve (12) month lease, with the landlord having been contacted numerous times in the past weeks.

The meeting moved to General Business: Campdraft One Update.

10:23am Wednesday 05 August 2026, Robert Daly discussed the lease agreement, advising that the lease could be renewed for a three (3) year term, with a subletting fee of approximately 10% of the annual lease value (approximately $5,000) should ACA break the lease within the three (3) year term.

ACARESAUG26-40 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Fiona Radke that the lease for 134 Mort Street be renewed for a further three (3) year term, commencing 24 August 2026, with the proviso that, should Australian Campdraft Association terminate the lease during the three (3) year term, a subletting fee of approximately 10% of the annual lease value, estimated at $5,000, would apply.

CARRIED

Campdraft Board Game

The office has been collaborating with the designers to provide ACA Logos and design material during the mock up stage. ACA will continue to assist as requested. The designers have offered to provide previews that are inclusive of ACA content as they progress through game development.

9:18am The meeting moved to General Business: NCCA Rule Changes Review.

General Business

Campdraft One Update Presented by Emily Castrigno

A presentation as shown in Appendix B in the agenda was given.

Emily advised that Warwick would be using Campdraft One, with Condamine also a possibility, which will drive a significant number of users to the ACA App. Emily also advised that the ACA App content management system had been hacked overnight.

Emily presented the Campdraft One costs in relation to the new National Finals rules, being double points at the finals going to Zone Titles, double points for finals placegetters (still in trial for Longreach), and round points, which had been passed by resolution, at the June meeting. The proposal of Zone Awards being presented at the National Finals Presentation Dinner would be difficult with time constraints, however can be done.

In April, NWC reached out regarding the migration of the two websites, and a major maintenance upgrade to Campdraft One. After discussion with Operations Manager Les Hopkins, it was decided that while there was merit, due to budgetary limitations and the time of year it would be revisited at a later date. This was relayed to NWC.

NWC proceeded with the upgrade and advised the Campdraft Team approximately one week prior to its release that it would be implemented. NWC requested that testing be completed within the staging site during that period. Although it had previously been communicated to NWC that the timing was not considered appropriate for the release of a significant upgrade to Campdraft One, NWC proceeded with the implementation within its proposed timeframe. The release caused multiple issues over the course of the following weeks.

8:36am Harvey Walters entered the room.

8:39am Bill Carey entered the room.

Nathan Bradley asked whether only secretary use was disrupted, or also members entering events. Emily advised that both nominations and secretary use were affected, and that as one bug was fixed another appeared. It was confirmed that bugs were fixed within a twelve (12) hour period or sooner.

8:43am Brian Elliott entered the room.

Norma Shannon asked about payment for the maintenance upgrade. Les Hopkins advised that the Finance and Administration Sub Committee had decided ACA would not be contributing to the maintenance upgrade, and this had been relayed to NWC.

Les commended Emily, and the ACA Office Team for the way they handled the disruption, a sentiment Tom Gleeson and Robert Daly reiterated. Emily is extremely invested in damage control and asked that any affected secretaries or members be directed to her, as she would like to apologise and give them an understanding of what happened.

Stewart Wallace asked, as it is now ACA's platform, what is paid outside of the monthly payments. Emily advised that bugs are paid for within the monthly Scope of Work 3 (SOW3), while enhancements are budgeted, requested through quotes, and rolled out as necessary. Emily outlined the benefits of the upgrade as listed in Appendix B.

Norma Shannon asked whether, after payments have been completed, ACA could make changes themselves. Emily stated that she is not a developer, so any enhancements would still need to be quoted and paid for, whether by NWC Group or another contractor. Emily noted that despite the issues, NWC Group are heavily invested in making sure Campdraft One works, and are unique in that they understand what is required by campdrafters as well as web design. There is approximately two (2) years on the SOW 3 contract remaining.

Nathan Bradley noted that ACA would need quotes from outside contractors after SOW3 is completed. Robert Daly confirmed this would be the case, and that any ongoing costs associated with future enhancements after the completion of SOW3 would need to be brought to the Management Committee for approval through budgeted expenditure.

ACARESAUG26-04 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Stewart Wallace that the Campdraft One report be received.

CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY

8:56am The meeting moved back to business arising from previous meeting; Rookie Horse Syndicate Sponsorship Competition.

NCCA Rule Changes Review
To consider ACA's position on recent NCCA rule changes and amendments introduced following the June 2025 and June 2026 NCCA meetings.

Glenn Evans raised concerns that the changes were introduced without sufficient consultation and may not accurately reflect current competition circumstances.

The Management Committee were asked to review the below rule changes and determine ACA's position on each amendment.

Rules for Review:

- Judging – Course new as of June 2025:
  - *Rule 4.18.* A *stockwhip shall only be used to commence an event or terminate a run.*

Robert Daly noted that the NCCA decides by vote and ACA holds four (4) of the ten (10) votes, so the matter could be taken back to the NCCA, but the outcome may not change.

Glenn Evans understood the animal welfare reasons for Rule 4.18 but felt it was poorly worded. In his view, any inappropriate use of the whip by judges should be addressed through education or referred to the Code of Conduct Sub Committee. Views around the room varied, with members generally supporting the rule on animal welfare grounds while noting concerns about how it is being applied.

Members agreed that judges need further education on the rule. This can be done through Judges Seminars and the judges meeting held before a campdraft begins. Judges at this meeting should discuss any issues that may arise over the weekend and how to handle these, addressing them immediately with an explanation of the rules and supporting each other to be well informed, perform in a professional manner, and all be on the same page regarding the rules, in particular animal welfare. Glenn noted animal welfare is definitely addressed at Judges Seminars.

Following general discussion, the Management Committee agreed that, where a judge was required to remove a recalcitrant beast from the camp or move cattle from the arena, a stockwhip should not be required. Judges should instead use appropriate stockmanship practices to manage the situation.

It was determined that NCCA Rule 4.18 was sufficient.

Glenn Evans appreciated everyone's input, and did not feel Rule 4.18 needed to be referred back to the NCCA, however judge education needs to happen.

NCCA Rule - Judging – Course amended June 2026:

- **Rule 4.16**

FROM

Where the judge terminates an outside run due to interference or safety concerns and the competitor is awarded a restart, the competitor will start again with the lesser of the two Cut Out scores with the original entitlement of cattle.

TO

Where *the judge terminates an outside run due to interference or safety concerns and the competitor is awarded a restart, the competitor will start again with the lesser of the two Cut Out scores with the original entitlement of cattle,* ***with their previous cutout faults carried forward.***

Glenn noted that, essentially, the competitor is being penalised for the judge stopping the event.

- Judging – Cut Out/Camp amended June 2026:
  - **Rule 2.9**

FROM

Where a re-run is awarded in relation to Rules 2.7 and 2.8, the competitor shall receive the lesser of the two Cut Out scores.

TO

Where a re-run is awarded in relation to Rules 2.7 and 2.8, the competitor shall receive the lesser of the two Cut Out scores, ***with the previous faults carried forward.***

Glenn asked the Management Committee to consider the following NCCA Rules regarding the amended Rule 2.9 noted above.

NCCA Rule 2.4. If a judge deems it necessary to interrupt a competitor's Cut Out, a fresh beast may be selected if so desired. The original beast chosen must first be removed from the camp and replaced with a fresh beast, with all previous faults carried forward.

And

NCCA Rule 2.7 In the event of a beast breaking out of the face of the camp before the competitor calls for the gate, they must follow it. If the judge considers the competitor has been unduly disadvantaged and has not significantly contributed to the breakout, a re-run may be awarded.

And

NCCA Rule 2.8 In the case of a breakout of cattle from the camp, the number of replacement cattle is equal to the number of breakout cattle.

And

NCCA Rule 2.13 In the event of a beast jumping out of the side or back of the camp where a re-run is required, the competitor will start with the same amount of cattle with their previous faults carried forward.

Glenn notes that with regard to 2.4 & 2.13, the competitor had not left the Cut Out, and therefore a Cut Out score **has not** been determined, and therefore there are no faults to be carried forward.

If the competitor's beast breaks out of the Cut Out (whether with other cattle or not), they must follow it, and this is when 2.7 would be applied. With regard to 2.7, the beast and rider would have left the Cut Out and as such, a Cut Out score **has** been determined.

Rule 2.4 may be applied if a breakout from the Cut Out does not involve the competitors beast. The judge may deem it necessary to interrupt the cut out because of the break out.

Rule 2.8 refers to the replacement of cattle and does not pertain to any faults of the competitor but refers only to the number of cattle that broke out of the Cut Out will be the number of cattle added back in to the Cut Out. Therefore, it should be considered to be removed from Rule 2.9.

In Rule 2.9 the wording which was amended to include 'with previous faults carried forward', should be considered to be removed.

Rules 2.4, 2.7, and 2.13 noted above are relevant and therefore the amended wording to Rule 2.9 'with previous faults carried forward' is irrelevant and unnecessary.

9:54am Harvey Walters left the room.

9:58am Harvey Walters returned to the room.

10:01am The meeting recessed for morning tea.

10:28am The meeting resumed and moved to Rules Sub Committee Report.

Glenn Evans brought this item forward again during General Business on Wednesday 05 August 2026, seeking a motion to have the recent changes to Rules 4.16 and 2.9 revoked through the NCCA.

ACARESAUG26-44 MOVED Glenn Evans SECONDED Scott Haley that ACA NCCA delegates present a proposal at the next NCCA meeting to have the recent changes made to Rules 2.9 and 4.16 revoked.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Outward Correspondence

General Correspondence

Outward Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday, 9 June 2026, is outlined in the table below.

Reference	Date	Description/Recipient
LH92	2026 06 18	Joint Media Release from ACA and Paradise Lagoons Campdraft Re 2026 ACA National Finals Results
LH94	2026 07 07	Letter to Dale Chicken from Operations Manager Re Retirement from Management Committee
LH95	2026 07 07	Letter to Simon Knight from Operations Manager Re Retirement from Management Committee
LH96	2026 07 07	Letter to Shay Pratt from Operations Manager Re Retirement from Management Committee
LH98	2026 07 28	Letter to Amelia Rea from OM Re Proposal to Address Late Scratchings and Refund Structures

Judges Correspondence

Judges Correspondence sent as of last meeting, held Tuesday, 9 June 2026, is outlined in the table below.

Successful Trial	Unsuccessful Trail	Successful Open	Unsuccessful Open
Aaron Prior		Aaron Willis	
Adam Clothier		Harry Steiger	
Angus Rains		Scott Hurley	
Bill Hawkins			Cheyenne O'Brien
Bill Prior			Deb O'Brien
Bruce Knight			
Brooke Quartermaine			
Bree Sexton			
Christine Bensted			
Claudia Steele			
Dan Want			
Erin Garde			
Glen Connolly			
Glen Duncombe			
Jessie Myles			
Jordyn Olditch			
Keely Smith			
Kevin Taylor			
Lachlan Bensted			
Peter Garde			
Renee Bester			
Renee Core			
Shawn Clarke			
Shae Pasetti			
Shelly Taylor			
Sam Terry			
Troy D'Adonna			

Timina LeBrocq			
Teighan Williams			
Tony Smith			

It was noted that Cheyenne O'Brien and Deb O'Brien were not unsuccessful, but were asked to resubmit paperwork.

ACARESAUG26-10A MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the Outward Correspondence and Judges Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Inward Correspondence

Inward Correspondence

Inward Correspondence received as of last meeting, held Tuesday 09 June 2026, was included as Appendix C in the agenda.

Reference	Date	Description/Received From
INC497	2026 05 18	Letter from Rathdowney Campdraft Committee Re Request to Hold Perpetual Barrel Race
INC499	2026 06 16	Letter from Mac Shann to OM Re Resignation from the Management Committee
INC500	2026 07 16	Email from Kathleen Gleeson Re Encouragement Rider Category
INC503	2026 07 11	Email from Grace Hemming Re Clarification of ACA Rules – Futurity Eligibility
INC504	2026 07 14	Email from NCCA Secretary Re ABCRA Member Suspension
INC505	2026 07 27	Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee Re ACA Rule Q.1
INC506	2026 07 27	Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee Re ACA Rule A.10
INC508	2026 07 30	Email from Nic Fordyce to the Management Committee Re Campdraft One Service Disruption

INC499 Letter from Mac Shann to OM Re Resignation from the Management Committee
FOR NOTING

INC500 Email from Kathleen Gleeson Re Encouragement Rider Category

Requesting that NCCA Rule 10.4 Encouragement Rider eligibility criteria be reviewed in regard to the exclusion of a competitor once they have placed a minimum of three (3) times in an Open aged campdraft.
FOR DISCUSSION

Tom Gleeson noted he may have a declarable interest, the letter being from Kathleen Gleeson. Les Hopkins read the letter to the meeting.

It was noted that many committees pay to four (4) places, and that placing three (3) times therefore excludes a member from competing in Encouragement events without any actual change of status, with not all committees or members aware of this. Stewart Wallace recalled that when the rule was brought in, prior to Maiden 4 Maiden events, some Encouragement events had very large nominations, and this was to restrict the numbers. Les Hopkins noted there are some very experienced riders who have not won a draft, however an Encouragement win against such riders may take the shine off the win.

Emily Castrigno referred to the NCCA introduction on page eleven (11) of the ACA Rule Book, and noted some campdrafts restrict Encouragement riders from Open aged events as a way to handle nominations. Jenni Ievers felt it should have been left at two (2) wins. Dan Condon, Josh Phelps and Shelley Curr felt it should only be a win, not a place, with Brooke Grove noting one (1) win would be simpler to administer. Lloyd

Davidson asked whether there was an Encouragement section within nominations, with Emily advising Campdraft One does not track this, and eligibility is honesty based.

Jason Comiskey suggested this may need to be discussed at an NCCA level to obtain a ruling on Encouragement rider status. Nathan Bradley noted that if eligibility is based on a win only, committees could be recommended to restrict Encouragement riders to Maiden, Maiden 4 Maiden and Encouragement events, and not other Open aged events such as Novice and Open. Glenn Evans noted the NCCA Rules state what an Encouragement Rider is, and ACA could create rules about an Encouragement campdraft. Tom Gleeson thanked the room for the discussion and asked that the matter be addressed further in General Business.

INC503 Email from Grace Hemming Re Clarification of ACA Rules - Futurity Eligibility
Email from Grace Hemming requesting clarification on ACA Rules for Futurity horses competing in Open aged events.
FOR NOTING

INC504 Email from NCCA Secretary Re ABCRA Member Suspension
FOR NOTING

INC505 Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee Re ACA Rule Q.1
Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee pertaining to ACA Rule Q.1.
FOR DISCUSSION
This was addressed within Rules at the meeting.

INC506 Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee Re ACA Rule A.10
Letter from Gayle Shann to the Management Committee pertaining to ACA Rule A.10.
FOR DISCUSSION
This was addressed within Rules at the meeting.

INC508 Email from Nic Fordyce to the Management Committee Re Campdraft One Service Disruption
Regarding the service disruption that occurred between 21 - 25 July 2026, after a maintenance upgrade release of Campdraft One.
FOR DISCUSSION
This was addressed in Campdraft One Lead Emily Castrigno's update.

ACARESAUG26-11 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Tania Moorhead that the Inward Correspondence, as presented in the agenda, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:34pm The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:22pm The meeting resumed and moved to Rules: ACA Rule Q.1.

Officers Reports

Operations Manager Report Presented by Les Hopkins
As you are aware from the last meeting, we advertised to fill the vacant position in the office. However, the Executive decided to place the recruitment process on hold to assess the impact of the fuel crisis on the budget. A decision has now been made to proceed with the recruitment process, and it is currently underway.

I would like to raise the issue of Management Committee Members not responding to emails. The office regularly forward emails relating to a range of matters, including clinics and seminars, seeking feedback so

that informed decisions can be made regarding approval of applications. It can be extremely frustrating when responses are not received. While I appreciate that everyone has busy schedules, your feedback is essential to ensure matters are processed efficiently and in a timely manner. I therefore ask that, when you receive an email or text requesting a response, you please reply as soon as possible.

Robert Daly noted this is important, to ensure the Management Committee is providing support to the ACA Office Team in responding to members' queries.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work being carried out by the Office Team under challenging circumstances. Managing a vacant position while also addressing leave commitments has placed significant pressure on the office as a whole. Despite these challenges, the team continue to represent ACA in a highly professional manner.

I continue to spend as much time as possible in the office. I spent a week in the office during July and will again be spending a week in the office during August.

Management Committee Members were invited to submit questions or queries to Les.

ACARESAUG26-13 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED Tom Gleeson that the Operations Manager report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Reports Presented by Treasurer Shelley Curr
Financial reports of the ACA were included for the Management Committee as Appendix D in the agenda.

Period: January – June 2026

Executive Summary

Figures as of 30 July 2026

- 6627 Annual Memberships, which is to 96% of the budget.
- 1020 Casual Memberships, which is 85% of the budget.
- 131 Committee Affiliations, which is 94% of the budget.
- 563 Horse Registrations, which is 88% of the budget.

Observations and Implications

Overall budget performance:

I am satisfied with how the budget is tracking. The revenue reduction reflects the sponsorship year change; even with the reduced sponsorship revenue, sponsorship income remains higher than in previous years.

Expenditure:

Expenditure is on track and is expected to come in within the Budget.

2027 Budget considerations:

For the 2027 Budget, I recommend increasing membership fees by CPI or at least 1.7%, as we will no longer be able to pass card processing fees onto members from October 2026.

Next Steps

- Review and approve the 2026 Budget Review.
- Consider the 2027 membership-fee uplift approach (CPI-based vs. a minimum 1.7%).

ACARESAUG26-14 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Dane Bateman that the payment of accounts (nil cheques) and the Direct Debits, Electronic Funds Transfers and Credit Card Payments from Monday, 1 June 2026 to Friday, 31 July 2026 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG26-15 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Dane Bateman that the Financial Report as of Tuesday, 30 June 2026 showing a Credit Balance of $1,784,204.31 as presented by the Treasurer be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance and Administration Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly

Payment to the 2026 National Finals Host Committee

The Management Committee were asked to endorse the payment to the Paradise Lagoons Campdraft Association Inc. for the donations of 2026 National Finals Host Committee, Sponsors Function, Campdraft Buckles being INV-202625 for $18,700 including GST and Presentation Dinner Guest Tickets being INV-202635 for $6,595.60 including GST, and the Top 30 Shoot Out sponsorship of $5,000.

ACARESAUG26-18 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED James McAuley that the payment of $30,795.60 to the Paradise Lagoons Campdraft Association Inc. be endorsed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bendigo Term Deposit

The term deposit of $813,529.56 with Bendigo Bank that matured on the 08 July 2026 was rolled over and reinvested for another three (3) months at 2.75%. The review date will be the 08 October 2026. The Term Deposit Statement was shown in Appendix E in the agenda.

ACARESAUG26-19 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Wade Clein that the term deposit and interest received with Bendigo Bank rolled over on the 08 July 2026 for a term of three (3) months is endorsed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Teams Meetings – Management Committee Meetings, Presented by Les Hopkins

To consider a trial of Microsoft Teams as an option for Management Committee Members to attend meetings remotely when unable to attend in person.

The proposed use of Teams is intended to complement, not replace, the formal face-to-face meetings currently held by the ACA.

Norma Shannon asked whether this would mean the meeting would always be held in the same place. Les Hopkins suggested this may be the case due to the equipment that would need to be used, which is also a reason why limited places would be made available, along with requirements for the venue regarding sound quality. Les asked that everyone read the proposed conditions.

Glenn Evans, who uses Teams regularly, noted the receiver can be anywhere, and that security of the information is a concern; it is the meeting room that needs to be clear, and sound quality would potentially need some speakers. Nathan Bradley raised concerns that those in the minority that never attend would abuse this style of meeting format. Fiona Radke asked whether there was a contractor that could provide this.

Proposed Conditions:

- A Management Committee Member's first meeting during their term must be attended in person.
- Management Committee Members who have not attended a meeting in person during their current term will not be permitted to attend virtually.
- Management Committee Members must attend at least one meeting in person each year.
- Management Committee Members may attend a Management Committee Meeting virtually via Teams on one occasion per year only.
- Management Committee Members attending via Teams must have their camera switched on for the duration of the meeting.
- If a virtual attendee needs to leave the meeting temporarily, they must notify the meeting through the Teams platform.
- Virtual attendance will be limited to a maximum of six (6) members per meeting, for eligible members.
- Management Committee Members who wish to attend a meeting virtually must contact the Office to ensure a virtual seat is still available.

Technology Requirements:

To effectively support virtual attendance in the ACA meeting room, which accommodates 16+ participants seated in a square configuration, the system must provide:

- Clear audio coverage across the full table.
- Adequate speaker output.
- A wide-angle camera.
- Expandable microphone capability.
- Reliable integration with Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

Recommended Equipment:

- **Logitech Rally Bar Huddle** – approximately **$3,099**
  - High-quality all-in-one conferencing solution.
  - Excellent audio and video performance.
  - AI-powered framing and noise suppression.
  - Compatible with Microsoft Teams and Zoom.
- **Logitech Expansion Microphones (2-Pack)** – from **$659**
  - Likely essential given the size and layout of the ACA meeting room.
  - Extends microphone coverage across the table.
  - Ensures all attendees can be clearly heard by remote participants.

Estimated Cost: Approximately $3,758, excluding any installation or additional accessories.

The recommendation was not moved, and no resolution was passed on this item. More investigation will be done and brought to the next meeting.

2026 Budget Review
The 2026 amended budget was shown in Appendix F in the agenda.

ACARESAUG26-16 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the 2026 Amended Budget, as shown in Appendix F, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2027 Budget
In readiness for the 2027 budget preparation, the Sub Committee discussed fees, charges and expenses for next year, and a method for increased input from the wider Management Committee into the document.

Discussion was held regarding membership fee increases. Support was expressed for regular annual increases, with consideration given to rising costs, CPI, transaction surcharges and member perceptions. Members agreed that clear communication regarding the reasons for any increase would be important.

Dan Condon noted there is potential to lose $50,000 within the ACA budget, which is already a tight expenditure budget.

ACARESAUG26-17 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Brian Elliott that the fees and charges increase in line with CPI.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:57pm The meeting recessed for afternoon tea.

3:16pm The meeting resumed.

Animal Welfare Sub Committee Report
Presented by Chairperson, Josh Phelps

Relatively low volumes of Animal Welfare incidents have enabled us to continue in our pursuit of Welfare One.

During the recent National Finals, Professor Sabina Knight (JCU lead researcher) identified several suitable ACA members to interview for the purpose of developing a questionnaire that will eventually be sent to all members. A separate survey will also be sent out to all committees. Please encourage your local members and committees to complete and return, this is vital information required for the JCU case study.

The Animal Welfare Sub Committee implores the continuing practice of Judges meeting prior to the beginning of a Campdraft. These meetings have proved very effective especially for the Trial Judges, topics discussed as a group such as number of cattle in the yard, rules, emergency procedure (should an animal be maimed etc) are all pro-active steps towards mitigating animal welfare incidents.

Lastly, as we are all well aware, our increasingly 'connected' world allows no room for ill-discipline in any sport. Careless use of the humble phone camera threatens to leverage unwanted attention against our association.

Moving forward there will be a zero tolerance position taken by ACA in regard to any excessive spurring, running backwards or cruelty of horses while in the public eye. That is, while in the arena, members are

expected to conduct themselves in an absolute professional manner. All Judges are encouraged to swiftly condemn any unwanted or cruel behaviour while an ACA event is being run.

ACARESAUG26-20 MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the Animal Welfare Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

App Development Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

The Office continues to provide member support for downloading and navigating the app. Overall performance is satisfactory, with improvements to be pursued as funding from app-generated income becomes available.

App uptake as of 30 July: 4148 Total Invitations Sent; ACA Members with unique emails.

Total users made up of the following:

1860	Apple Users
236	Android Users
453	Subscriptions

Partnerships and Pricing

Eminent Equine & Select Sires: Were offered a discounted rate of $275 GST inclusive per annum per listing for a minimum of 30 stallion owners, equating to approximately a $110 discount per horse. The arrangement aims to populate stallion profiles on the platform with minimal ongoing work, as profiles are drawn directly from their database.

The rationale behind these partnerships is intended to enhance profile coverage with limited setup effort while expanding platform visibility.

Status: Eminent Equine Advertising Agreement reached. Eminent Equine has accepted the proposal, and the contract has been issued for execution.

Select Sires awaiting confirmation.

Revenue Strategy

- Advertising revenue remains a priority and is actively being pursued on a daily basis.
- Ongoing work includes identifying and developing revenue pathways involving advertisers, traders, and stallholders.
- Acknowledgement that additional tweaks and monetisation opportunities will be pursued as funding from app-generated income becomes available.

Next Steps

- Formalise and monitor onboarding and performance of Eminent Equine (and Select Sires, if confirmed).
- Continue development of advertising revenue and broader monetisation strategies; evaluate new revenue channels as funding allows.
- Prepare the next update to assess progress and adjust plans as needed.

Lloyd Davidson asked if the draws could be easier to read, noting it would be great to view the draws on the App, and members have mentioned this. Emily Castrigno advised that the major complaints have been around logging in and logging out, along with location and postcode, which have both been fixed and will be released. Emily asked whether it is the draws or the leaderboard members want to view, noting this has to do with filters.

Harvey Walters advised he does not use the App, as it does not show the information required. Cheri Stanger stated that this is exactly what the Sub Committee requires, to know what the membership wants. Shelley Curr asked what it is in Campdraft One that members cannot view on the App, with the response being in particular the draws, to see who is drafting at an event. Nathan Bradley mentioned that the filter changes each time and needs to be created again.

ACARESAUG26-21 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Erica Hanrahan that the App Development Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED

Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Erica Hanrahan

The Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee have had some lengthy discussions in regard to sexing up the National Finals and how to get more people involved and recognise more achievements across our great sport. I have spoken with the member for Gregory about grants for women in sport to see what we will be eligible for.

Planning for prizes for the 2027 National Finals to be held at Longreach is underway.

ACARESAUG26-22 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Wade Clein that the Management Committee approve the adoption of the following National Awards; Champion Open Lady Rider Award along with a Champion Maiden Lady Rider Award, that come directly from the National Titles, being Champion Rider and Maiden Rider respectively.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG26-23 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Bill Carey to refer to the National Finals Host Committee that the Host Committee for the National Finals be permitted to run a Shoot Out of their choosing in lieu of a Top 30 Shoot Out.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion was held on the Management Committee adopting a National and Zone Title for Maiden horses, where at the time the horse breaks its Maiden status the points stop accumulating, and it no longer accrues any points towards that title. Emily Castrigno advised that the cost to implement this Title in Campdraft One would increase significantly, to ensure points are stopped at the time horses break their status. Norma Shannon asked whether this would leave way for the Maiden horse award going to the last horse in that award. Bill Carey noted this brings it back to grassroots level, encouraging the member base to attend the finals in pursuit of the Maiden Horse Title.

ACARESAUG26-24 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Brian Elliott that a Maiden Horse Title be investigated further in the associated costs of implementing the Title, along with a recommendation of how points would be awarded, to be brought back to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG26-25 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Josh Phelps that the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Code of Conduct Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Fiona Radke

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee met in July to deliberate on a case, the ruling has been sent to the member, who contests the grading and penalty, therefore that case is going to tribunal. There is another case still pending.

The Sub Committee continues to carefully review all matters brought before it, ensuring that all protocols and processes are followed in accordance with the ACA Disciplinary Bylaw.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the ongoing commitment and dedication of the Sub Committee members. The Committee continues to carefully consider each case on its individual merits, with all members actively contributing to the deliberations. This collaborative approach ensures a fair, balanced, and highly democratic decision-making process.

The work of the Committee is not always easy, particularly given that the outcomes of Incident Review meetings can have a direct and significant impact on people's lives. Throughout these deliberations, members consistently demonstrate professionalism, integrity, and sound judgement, approaching each matter with the utmost care, respect, and diligence.

I commend all members for their contributions and commitment to ensuring every case is considered thoroughly and fairly.

Fiona thanked Harvey Walters for his expert advice and ongoing support on a voluntary basis, and thanked Siobhan Davison and the Sub Committee members individually.

ACARESAUG26-26 MOVED Fiona Radke SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the Code of Conduct Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Norma Shannon asked why the Management Committee does not go into committee to hear the cases being brought forward. Harvey Walters answered that the final appeal process is to the Management Committee, and therefore this protects the process, giving integrity to the final appeals process.

It was noted that a new Tribunal member is to be appointed by the Executive and brought to the next Management Committee Meeting.

ACA Code of Conduct – Members & Competitors

The Code of Conduct Sub Committee proposed the following be added to COR012 ACA Rule Book. Due to limited direct rules within the Rule Book pertaining to horse behaviour, Fiona Radke asked for discussion around the implementation of the following rules.

That under the section ACA Code of Conduct – Members & Competitors; Members Must; the following points be added immediately after point 11:

ACA CODE OF CONDUCT – MEMBERS & COMPETITIORS

MEMBERS MUST:

12. *Ensure horses do not exhibit dangerous behaviour or otherwise compromise the safety of ACA members, committee members, judges, volunteers, or members of the public while attending an event.*

13. *Take all reasonable steps to maintain control of their horses at all times and ensure their horses do not pose a threat to, or act in a dangerous manner toward, other animals while at an event.*

National Campdraft Council of Australia (NCCA) Rules
That under the section National Campdraft Council of Australia (NCCA) Rules – General Rules, ACA recommend to the NCCA to consider adding the following rules immediately after point 11.11:

National Campdraft Council of Australia (NCCA) Rules

11. GENERAL RULES

11.12 Horse Behaviour

A horse exhibiting behaviour that poses a risk to the safety of its rider, other competitors, officials, cattle, spectators, or other horses may be subject to investigation.

Upon completion of the investigation, appropriate disciplinary outcome may be applied. Such outcomes may include, but are not limited to, no action, suspension of the horse and/or rider from competition for a defined period or indefinitely.

A. Where a horse exhibits behaviour considered dangerous, an official may immediately direct that the horse be removed from the area and isolated to eliminate any risk to persons, livestock, or other horses. An Incident Report, Complaint Letter, or Dangerous Horse Behaviour Report may then be submitted for investigation.

11.13 If a horse is suspended from one member body of the NCCA, that horse is suspended from all affiliated NCCA member organisations.

Robert Daly thanked the Sub Committee for their work, and determined that no new rules will be added, confirming rules cannot be retrospectively applied. Glenn Evans pointed to the ACA Constitution 11.g regarding undesirable behaviour. Shelley Curr asked, regarding animal behaviour, how rules are to be implemented. Harvey Walters suggested that a matter currently pending may make findings that would assist in determining how rules are implemented, which could allow for past performance. Fiona appreciated Harvey's advice.

No motion was moved on the proposed additions to the ACA Code of Conduct or NCCA Rules at this meeting.

Disciplinary Bylaws
The Management Committee were asked to hold open discussion on the addition of Appendix Three (3) ACA's Scale Of Grading System Definition - Horses to the current COR002 Disciplinary Bylaws. The initial draft document was shown as Appendix G in the agenda. The Management Committee were reminded that this is a first draft of Appendix Three (3) and were asked to read it giving it consideration and for other to contribute

towards the addition of Appendix Three (3). Iin order for the COC to undertake their duties accordingly it was noted that Disciplinary Bylaws should have clear outlines in addressing horse behaviour. The proposed draft shows a scaling of behaviour and likelihood of occurrence which is fair and reasonable.

Jason Comiskey asked the room how to define a dangerous horse, suggesting that from some points of view a horse that bites cattle might be considered dangerous, however it is common behaviour. Josh Phelps agreed that it will be difficult to define dangerous behaviour in horses. Harvey Walters noted that the disciplinary powers in the ACA Constitution are limited, and suggested more can be added to the Disciplinary Bylaw to give ACA more power to remove dangerous animals when the association sees fit.

Fiona Radke asked for the matter to be left for consideration and for discussion at the next meeting.

4:37pm Robert Daly adjourned the meeting for the day, to resume at 8:00am.

8:00am Wednesday 05 August 2026, Robert Daly declared the meeting open.

Judges Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Jason Comiskey

In mid July the newly reformed Oakey Campdraft Committee held a Judges Seminar with over 20 participants, including a couple of Juveniles in attendance. This seminar proved extremely popular, with attendance filling up immediately. Thank you to facilitators Mat Durkin and Jay Pearce. From this seminar there are ten (10) Trial Judge Applications to consider.

Two (2) expression of interest forms to hold a seminar have been received from Blackall and Burke and Wills committees.

A review of the *EXT019 Judges Seminar Structure & Expression of Interest* has been done, as shown in Appendix H in the agenda. Of note, committees should follow the framework as stated in the form.

Discussion was held on committees hosting Judges Seminars in conjunction with a campdraft. Blackall is proposing to hold a seminar in conjunction with their campdraft, with theory to be done on the Thursday prior to the campdraft. On the Friday, approximately fifty (50) runs from the Maiden A and B will be used to conduct in practice, real time judging. Ben Stanger and Jason Comiskey will each judge either the A or B, while the participants gather as a group with the facilitator that is not judging.

Robert Daly wanted to ensure the participants are involved, and Jason wanted to ensure the participants remain focused. Lloyd Davidson and Cheri Stanger thought it a great concept, with a small group it should work well. Tom Gleeson thought it a great idea, as there will be incidents that can be discussed, with facilitators able to give the reason behind how and why it would be judged pertaining to a rule. Fiona Radke asked where the participants would be in relation to the grounds. It was agreed facilitators should report back to the Management Committee on how the trial went.

ACARESAUG26-27 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the Blackall and Burke and Wills Judges Seminars be approved to run under the new trial format, held in conjunction with their campdraft, with facilitators to report back to the Management Committee on the outcome.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fiona Radke asked what expenditure ACA funds, noting the facilitator costs. Jason Comiskey responded that it is case by case, with some facilitators requiring accommodation. Josh Phelps asked whether there is a list

of approved facilitators; Jason replied there is no specific list, with facilitators approved by the Judges Sub Committee, and expenditure costs through the Finance and Administration Sub Committee. Josh asked whether Burke and Wills are able to hold the event without the full funding requested. Ben Stanger stated it will be held regardless, now being aware it does not need to have an ambulance, but rather a first aid responder, and the committee would be happy with whatever ACA could contribute.

Tom Gleeson asked whether juveniles would be competing or participating in the seminar. Jason commented it is great to have juveniles there, recognising they cannot submit a Trial Judge application until they are eighteen (18).

Fiona Radke noted that facilitators should be a current Open Judge. Brian Elliott, Dane Bateman, Brooke Grove and Pete Comiskey agreed facilitators should be an Open Judge. Glenn Evans felt preferably an Open Judge, however contributors that are great educators can help.

ACARESAUG26-29 MOVED Nathan Bradley SECONDED Wade Clein that the wording regarding facilitators being a Management Committee Member be removed from the *EXT019 Judges Seminar Structure & Expression of Interest*, being amended from:

> *All Facilitators must be full financial ACA members and either a current ACA Open Judge and/or a Management Committee Member.*

To

> ***All Facilitators must be full financial ACA members and a current ACA Open Judge.***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGAINST Tania Moorhead, Dan Condon, Erica Hanrahan, Jenni Ievers

ACARESAUG26-30 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the *EXT019 Judges Seminar Structure & Expression of Interest* amendments be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG26-31 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the Judges Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Gleeson asked whether, when the meeting moves into committee, it is a requirement that the ACA Office Team must leave the room. Robert Daly said yes, as sometimes the discussion involves the office.

Tom Gleeson moved that the meeting move into committee to review and deliberate on the listed Judges applications, with Les Hopkins assuming the role of minute taker.

Open Judge Applications
An Open Judge application was received from:

ACA OPEN JUDGE APPLICATIONS			
Name	**Proposers**	**Seminar Attended**	**Events Judged**

Jack Southern	Brent O'Donnell Lloyd Davidson Stephen Sheppard Nathan Maller Mat Durkin	Chinchilla Mac & Gayle Shann	Novice A Taroom 2022 **ACA** (183) Ladies Warrego 2022 **ACA** (62) Maiden Dirranbandi Show 2023 **ACA** (178) Novice A Wandoan 2023 **ACA** (140) Novice B Westmar 2023 **ACA** (137) Ladies Nindigully 2024 (70) Novice A Nindigully 2024 (111) Ladies Surat 2024 (63) Novice B Paradise Lagoons 2024 **ACA** (235) Maiden A Roma 2025 **ACA** (145) Novice A Burrandown 2025 **ACA** (191) Novice A Eumamurrin 2025 **ACA** (188) Maiden A Julia Creek 2025 (147) Futurity Julia Creek 2025 (39) Maiden Dirranbandi Show 2026 **ACA** (172)

Jason Comiskey and Josh Phelps counted the votes.

ACARESAUG26-32 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Scott Haley that the Open Judge application from Jack Southern be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was raised that there have been some Trial Judges who were asked to judge said they were unable to, however they then competed in the campdraft. Robert Daly stated that the committee is able to manage this scenario.

Trial Judge Applications
Trial Judge applications were received from:

ACA TRIAL JUDGE APPLICATIONS				
Name	**Proposer**	**Proposer**	**Seminar Attended**	**Facilitators**
Brendan Kelly	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Brodey Wondrock	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Burnett Fahey	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Gerard O'Sullivan	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Harry Scott	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Kate Southern	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin

Lachlan Darr	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Sam Donnelly	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
Terry McWhirter	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin
William Chugg	Jay Pearce	Mat Durkin	Oakey	Jay Pearce & Mat Durkin

Jason Comiskey and Josh Phelps counted the votes.

ACARESAUG26-33 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Scott Haley that the following Trial Judge applications be accepted; Brendan Kelly, Brodey Wondrock, Burnett Fahey, Gerard O'Sullivan, Harry Scott, Kate Southern, Lachlan Darr, Sam Donnelly, Terry McWhirter, William Chugg.

CARRIED

Tom Gleeson moved that the meeting move out of committee, Siobhan Davison resumed the role of minute taker.

National Finals Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Dane Bateman

A review of *EXT021 National Finals Policy* has been done, with some minor administration changes to be considered for adoption. The changes were shown in *EXT021 National Finals Policy DRAFT* as Appendix I in the agenda. These changes will allow for more transparency between ACA and the Host Committee regarding obligations and commitments.

8:57am Ben Stanger left the room.

8:58am Ben Stanger returned to the room. Pete Comiskey and Josh Phelps left the room.

Shelley Curr asked whether the Top Thirty Shoot Out would need to be amended. Dane Bateman said at this point it will not affect this year's policy, but may be looked into the following year.

9:00am Jason Comiskey and Glenn Evans left the room.

9:02am Josh Phelps, Jason Comiskey, Pete Comiskey and Glenn Evans returned to the room.

Ben Hall mentioned that Longreach does want to hold a Maiden, but outside of the finals program, because of the need for all horses need to be registered with ACA to compete at the finals. It was noted that if it was run outside of the finals program, it would be a completely separate program and restrictions applied per committee discretion.

Ben asked why the Maiden horse is restricted, suggesting Maiden horses should be allowed to compete at the finals in all events they are eligible for, to encourage good horses to compete at the finals, and that the wording regarding the restrictions applied to the Maiden event at the finals be removed. Dan Condon noted the Greenvale finals were permitted to hold a Maiden, and that young and less experienced competitors would appreciate a Maiden event at the finals. Tom Gleeson believed it has to do with the allocation of points. It was noted that if the Maiden is part of the finals program, points will be allocated according to the National Finals policy, and if not part of the finals program, points will be allocated as per normal season points.

9:16am Brooke Grove excused herself and left the room.

Ben Stanger felt the points should be allocated as per all the other events at the finals. Ben Hall clarified that a Maiden at Longreach outside of the finals is fine for them, with the finals program then starting as a completely separate event.

ACARESAUG26-34 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Ben Hall that point three (3) of Format of the ACA National Finals, in the *EXT021 National Finals Policy*, be removed from the policy:

> *The host committee may run a Maiden event. In the case of a Maiden event all horses will be limited to two (2) first round starts excluding the Ladies, Juvenile, Junior, and invitational events.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACARESAUG26-35 MOVED Dane Bateman SECONDED Nathan Bradley that the amended *EXT021 National Finals Policy* be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

National Finals Venue Stability Presented by Shelley Curr

Discussion was held on the idea that the ACA National Finals be conducted at the same venue for a minimum period of three (3) years. Shelley Curr advised that ACA is eligible for Destination Queensland funding of $100,000 per year for three (3) years.

Jason Comiskey was in favour. Glenn Evans said funding is always worth pursuing; it may take away from host committees, however it is difficult to find committees to host, and holding the finals at the same place each year is worth pursuing. Dan Condon agreed it is a good concept, dependent on the particular committee because of the large committee resources required, and was in favour to investigate, with ACA supporting that committee as much as possible, noting the policy changes allow much more flexibility. Jenni Ievers felt it is worth pursuing but limits which committees could host.

Shelley stated it depends on the destination, not necessarily the committee; for example, in the Mt Isa region it could potentially be held one year each by Kelvertoft, Cloncurry and Mt Isa. Pete Comiskey supported the idea. Fiona Radke supported the idea and asked what the funding has to be spent on. Shelley advised the $100,000 must be allocated directly to the event; it is particularly targeted to smaller regional and rural towns, with the funding about overnight stays to bring finances into the town. All present supported investigating the concept, with Ben Stanger and Cheri Stanger commending Shelley.

ACARESAUG26-36 MOVED Erica Hanrahan SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that the concept of a three (3) year destination finals be investigated to access the available funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Real Estate Investment Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Robert Daly

Alternative investment options will be presented to the Management Committee, this is ongoing. Robert advised the Sub Committee had been speaking with Colliers in Toowoomba and investigated options, however none are suitable.

9:31am Lloyd Davidson, Dane Bateman and Nathan Bradley left the room.

9:32am Nathan Bradley returned to the room. Emily Castrigno left the room.

9:33am Emily Castrigno returned to the room.

Discussion was held on renewing the Mort Street lease for a twelve (12) month term with no break fee.

ACARESAUG26-37 MOVED Robert Daly SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the Real Estate Investment Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rules Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, James McAuley

Hi Campdrafters

How the year is flying, and the drafts are in full swing in 2026, and the 2026/27 ACA Season.

ACA Management Committee met only a few weeks ago at the National Finals at Paradise Lagoons for the first meeting of the year. There wasn't lot discussed, mainly some adjustments to wordings within the Rules, to reduce confusions, simplify rules, and reduce unnecessary workloads for the Code of Conduct.

I would like to thank Paradise Lagoons Committee for hosting the National Finals, it was a great week at a fantastic venue.

The Rules Sub Committee held a Teams meeting recently, to discuss some topics for this meeting, in which most came to a recommendation. There was a lot of discussion, regarding the incident that occurred in the Open draft at Paradise Lagoons last month, which had many differing opinions. There was a recommendation put forward, that the Rules Sub Committee take the matter to the Brisbane meeting for further discussion, as it was evident, that the Rules Sub Committee were not going to reach a verdict that evening, nor should we without including the entirety of the ACA Executive and Management Committee.

I would ask councillors, especially when it comes to Rules and Guidelines, to take particular note on the seriousness and repercussions, on what effect changing or amending a rule can have on another rule/s.

I would ask myself, in any instance while considering a rule change or amendment:

- Does a rule change benefit or promote our sport?
- Does a rule change benefit or improve animal welfare in a positive way?

I would like to thank the Rules Sub Committee for their work, and to those who do bring along agenda items for us to discuss. I look forward to discussions.

ACARESAUG26-06 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Dane Bateman that the Rules Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:30am The meeting moved to ACA Rule A.10.

ACA Rule A.10
This item relates to the incident that occurred during the Open Final at the 2026 ACA National Finals, where a competitor completed their run out of draw order, riding at position 21 instead of 23.

The Judge, two gatemen, back yard worker, gate marshal, announcer, and all competitors at the side of the yard were not aware that the error had occurred until after the run had been completed and scored.

Upon being notified of the error, the competitor cooperated fully, acknowledged the mistake and voluntarily offered to accept disqualification from both the score and the competition. There was no malice or intent to gain an unfair advantage, or deliberate wrongdoing. The incident was a genuine and unfortunate mistake, with several extenuating circumstances contributing to the situation.

There were two (2) Executive Members present on the Paradise Lagoons grounds, as well as nine (9) ACA Councillors, at the time the event took place; all working and/or competing.

It was suggested that Rule A.10 may be applicable in these circumstances:

A.10 A completely separate draw must be made for campdraft finals, and all finalists will be required to run in accordance with the draw. If a competitor competes on a horse in the final in the incorrect order, it will result in disqualification from the final round of that entry and the entry it replaced.

In this case, if A.10 was to be used, it would mean that the run of competitor 23 would be disqualified, and the run of competitor 21, which was replaced, would also be disqualified, despite this being through no fault of the competitor at 21, therefore rendering the application of the rule irrelevant.

The facts on this are as follows:

- There was no NCCA/ACA rule broken.
- ACA supported the judge and the committee in their decision.
- Both competitors, who's order in the draw had been alerted, admitted fault and were willing to accept the decision the judge and/or the committee made on the matter.
- There were several extenuating circumstances around this incident, including poor speaker sound quality.
- This incident has never occurred before in ACA history.

Management Committee Members were invited to discuss the matter for further clarification, or whether a rule amendment is required.

ACARESAUG26-07 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Harvey Walters that Rule A.10 not be changed at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGAINST Norma Shannon, Tom Gleeson
AGAINST by PROXY Andrew Stallman, Gayle Shann, Zach Wass

ACARESAUG26-08 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Norma Shannon that Rules A.10, A.11 and D.10 be referred to the Rules Sub Committee for consideration, with any recommendations to be brought to the next meeting.

FOR 11

11:42am Dane Bateman left the room.

AGAINST 17

DEFEATED

Robert Daly stated he felt putting forward both motions allowed for this. James McAuley felt this was brought to the room so that everyone could express their views, due to its importance.

11:47am Norma Shannon left the room.

Stewart Wallace asked that discretion is used by the Sub Committee in their recommendations.

11:48am The meeting moved to Maiden 4 Maiden Campdrafts.

Maiden 4 Maiden Campdrafts
A few committees are stretching the rules regarding Maiden 4 Maidens. There have been a few instances that have raised alarm bells. Committees are advertising that the winner will break status, whilst only have a single beast in the cut out.

Nathan Bradley spoke of an incident in the Southern Zone where, in consultation with Brian Elliott, a Maiden 4 Maiden Final was pulled up after it was noted it was being run incorrectly, as only one (1) beast was in the camp, similar to an Encouragement event, yet it allowed Under 17 year olds to enter. The winner and horse of that final (per the program) would have broken status to a Novice, however considering there was only one (1) best in the camp this should not be the case. The committee believed they were not out of order in running the event and had run the event this way for three (3) years. They did not want to run it as an Encouragement draft, as they didn't want competitors to rider against Open horses. The committee did want to allow Open horses to compete which is why they ran it as M4M to exclude Open horses. It was noted that such a restriction may be stated on an Encouragement event if committees wished to do this. This was not intentional, and committees should be encouraged to asked for assistance through the ACA Office Team.

Dane Bateman asked whether approval is NCCA approval or ACA approval. Robert Daly stated that if ACA gives approval, ACA would need to seek approval from the NCCA in this case. James McAuley interpreted that any Open aged event should have a minimum of five (5) cattle in the camp, and therefore the horse and rider break status. Brian Elliott commented that the committee wanted it to be a local draft, preventing Open horses from entering and helping the competitors by taking it back to one (1) beast in the camp.

Nathan noted this is about breaking status; committees may hold an event how they want, but if it does not break status this must be on the program. Ben Stanger stated this is then not a Maiden 4 Maiden, noting Mt Isa do not want an Encouragement, and hold a committee draft changing the yard depending on the competitor. Scott Haley felt the rules are there for a reason, and should be adhered to and not disregarded. Lloyd Davidson noted the NCCA Rules are mandatory, and ACA must write to the NCCA for any amendment, to be taken to its meeting for change.

It was noted a Jack and Jill at Tennant Creek did change status per the program conditions, with Glenn Evans noting it was an invitational, and that Brunette ran a restricted Jack and Jill. Ben Stanger asked whether ACA can recommend which events do not break status. Emily Castrigno noted the following are advised not to break status: no nominations prize money, cattle contest or time trial, teams draft, and Encouragement. James McAuley noted that if a committee wants to hold a Maiden 4 Maiden, it should be run per the rule, which Emily agreed with. Ben Stanger asked whether the Secretary User Guide states a Maiden 4 Maiden must have a minimum of five (5) head of cattle. It was stated that it is a M4M, and Oen Aged event and therefore should have a minimum of five (5) cattle in the yard. The Secretary User Guides purpose was not to restate the rules and committees should refer to the rule book, it was noted every program must comply with all ACA and NCCA Rules.

NCCA Rules are clear on how many cattle should be in the cut out yard for Open Aged events. The rule states:

NCCA RULES

1. *JUDGING – GENERAL*
   - 1.4 *A minimum of 5 cattle must be provided in the camp yard at any one time, excluding the Junior Draft, Junior Cut out, Juvenile or Encouragement Draft, unless prior approval is received from the Association and advertised at least 72 hours prior to the event.*

ACARESAUG26-09 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Lloyd Davidson that Maiden 4 Maiden Campdrafts must comply with NCCA Rules - 1. Judging - General 1.4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Managing Nominations

Due to the relaxation on committees regarding restriction on events the wording in Rule E.2.B Horse restrictions pertaining to 'exceptional circumstances' is no longer warranted.

ACARESAUG26-10 MOVED James McAuley SECONDED Dane Bateman that ACA Rule E.2 Horse Restrictions be amended from:

B. ***In exceptional circumstances,*** *Ladies and Juvenile competitors can be limited to one horse in order to get the program completed.*

To

B. *Ladies and Juvenile competitors can be limited to one horse in order to get the program completed.*

CARRIED

12:11pm The meeting moved to Outward Correspondence.

ACA Rule Q.1

1:22pm The meeting resumed after lunch. Robert Daly asked everyone to read Gayle Shann's letter (INC505) pertaining to Rule Q.1 and what occurred at the National Finals.

This item refers to the breach that occurred at the 2026 ACA National Finals in the Restricted Open Campdraft. This is not a matter that lends itself to a simple or quick fix and requires careful consideration.

Management Committee Members were asked to provide thoughtful feedback and considered input to assist in reaching an appropriate and fair resolution at this meeting.

The recommendation was that the wording of ACA Rule Q.1 be amended from:

> *Q.1* *For the National Finals draft, all horses must maintain the status they held at the end of the competition year prior to the finals.*

To

> *Q.1* *For the National Finals draft, horses status will be at the beginning of each draft, at that fixture. If a Novice breaks Open status in the competition year, they will be eligible for Novice points from the Open and Restricted Open Drafts in that competition year, as well as the National Finals.*

Shelley Curr was reluctant to change rules throughout the year, however, noted this rule is one that needs reviewing, and was of the opinion rules should be amended at a set meeting each year. Jason Comiskey asked whether a change in this rule would affect competitors in regard to how they compete, as it may affect their horse's status. Josh Phelps noted the rule is contentious, and it appears many members are not aware of it.

Tom Gleeson noted that originally the finals were held within one (1) week of the season ending, so horses were not able to break status; the longer the lag time before the finals are held, the greater the potential for numerous horses to break status. Robert Daly asked, if the issue is that the rule is not prominent enough, whether the ACA Office Team could keep a record of all horses that break status from Novice to Open after the season ending, so only these need to be checked.

Fiona Radke noted that years ago this occurred due to a delay in the finals being held, and the rule was brought in to accommodate a horse that had broken status, which was then able to compete in the Novice and Open at those finals; the rule comes into play when finals are delayed. Lloyd Davidson suggested amending the rule to ensure it is not contentious, or ensuring the rule is prominent in the promotion of the finals format. James McAuley had no real stance on which way the rule is written.

Robert asked the room how many were aware of the rule, with the majority indicating they were aware of Rule Q.1, therefore the question is how ACA promotes this rule. Shelley became aware of the rule within Management Committee Meetings, when points had been discussed. Dan Condon said it needs to come back to ACA and the nominations process, ensuring the correct horse is nominated, noting numerous horses were entered under the 2026 conditions. Pete Comiskey noted that since the rule was introduced there have been a lot of drafts that change a horse's status, and other associations take such a horse as an Open, not a Novice.

Robert gave context regarding the change of horse age and status, noting all NCCA member associations hold their championships as at the status of the competition year for which the finals are being held, and if the rule does change it will pertain to the 2027/28 season. Glenn Evans stated that, in relation to illegal entries, honest mistakes and the Code of Conduct, ACA should be wary of the words used and who is to interpret what quantifies honest.

Dane Bateman stated it is in the Rule Book, there is no excuse for not knowing the Rule Book, and he is against changing it, with education being the key; Brooke Grove and Wade Clein agreed with Dane. Erica Hanrahan noted the National Finals is not just any other event, it is where points count and titles are won. Bill Carey noted that due to circumstances multiple horses broke status because of the delay in holding the

finals, which generally is not an issue when finals are held in April. Dan trusted this will not happen again now it has been brought to attention, and that a process of noting those horses should be implemented.

Jenni Ievers noted that changing horse status but not others, such as Juveniles, does not make sense. Harvey Walters noted there have always been special rules for the finals. Fiona agreed with Shelley regarding rules being changed, and felt this rule should not be changed. Ben Hall felt that if a horse breaks status to Open, it should compete as an Open, noting the next finals will be held in late May, so this has the potential to happen each year finals are held at a delayed time. Nathan Bradley noted horse status is different from juveniles, as the horse is improving while juveniles relate to an age group. Norma Shannon was somewhat undecided.

Tom noted that with a lag time of, for example, ten (10) weeks, there is potential for forty (40) campdrafts and forty (40) potential horse status changes. Cheri Stanger and Ben Stanger agreed with Ben Hall, with Ben Stanger asking whether the end of season could be changed to assist committees in hosting finals. Ben Hall noted drought and other circumstances may always change the date, and Ben Stanger noted the north is still wet in April. Les Hopkins brought the discussion back to Rule Q.1.

Dane asked whether the rule is being changed because people did not know about it, and if so whether that should always be done, or whether it is about the horse's status.

Emily Castrigno advised that an enhancement to Campdraft One, to allow horses that broke status to Open to be entered in the Novice and Open, would cost approximately $1,600. This would prevent the issue from occurring again regardless of when finals are held after the end of season. Emily advised that when Campdraft One is used, status is updated weekly, and when Campdraft Central is used it is updated when results are received; when there is no issue it is easy to enter horses into the event correctly.

Fiona appreciated that the ACA Finals is the showcase, and that special rules apply to status and rider ages, however questioned whether changing a rule to fix a situation is the right way to use the rules. Harvey noted the onus is on the owner of the horse to ensure the status of horse and rider is correct at the time of entry. Lloyd suggested setting this rule aside for now and not changing it, but promoting the rule and creating a process that will work within the office.

ACARESAUG26-12 MOVED Lloyd Davidson SECONDED Fiona Radke that Rule Q.1 remains unchanged, and that procedures are investigated for use by the ACA Office Team, the National Finals Sub Committee and the Host Committee, with a promotional campaign of Rule Q.1 to follow to educate the ACA member base.

CARRIED

AGAINST Ben Hall, Tom Gleeson, Ben Stanger, Cheri Stanger
AGAINST by PROXY Tony Kehl, Zach Wass

A show of hands was taken on the $1,600 enhancement to Campdraft One to allow members to nominate in the correct events for the National Finals, with no members in favour. Rule Q.1 is to be enforced regarding Beginning Of Year Status, to ensure members nominate correctly. Nathan Bradley suggested this rule be highlighted in red on the National Finals program.

Norma Shannon asked about Gayle Shann's letter pertaining to Rule A.10. It was decided this matter had been discussed at length, with a resolution passed, and the letter was not read out.

2:15pm The meeting moved to Officers Reports: Operations Manager Report.

Sponsors Sub Committee Report

Presented by Chairperson, Shelley Curr

No Sub Committee meeting was held between Management Committee Meetings.

We have reduced Sponsorship goals to align with the new Sponsorship year.

Progress: The Sub Committee continues to engage with potential sponsors.

Current negotiations: In serious negotiations with Akubra, Farmbot, and S. Kidman & Co.

Next steps:

- Finalise sponsorship contracts with Ariat and FB Drilling.
- Establish a tentative timeline for sponsor commitments and deliverables.

9:36am Dane Bateman returned to the room.

ACARESAUG26-38 MOVED Shelley Curr SECONDED Pete Comiskey that the Sponsors Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee Report

Presented by Kay Radke on behalf of Chairperson, Annie Williamson

Annie is pleased to report the sub committee is going well, Norma Shannon has undergone Campdraft One Training with Emily and will be offering secretaries ground support for in her local zone. We welcomed a new member to the committee, Brooke Grove. Brooke has also undergone a refresher training on Campdraft One with Emily and will now begin to join the monthly roster system, once Colmac have set the LinkUs phone app for her, anticipating this will be in time for the September roster.

ACARESAUG26-39 MOVED Kay Radke SECONDED Scott Haley that the Voluntary Secretary Support Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee Report

Presented by Les Hopkins on behalf of Chairperson, Allister Butcher

9:38am Erica Hanrahan left the room.

Congratulations to all the winners, place getters, competitors, and all involved with the organising of the National Finals. To Dane and all the National Finals Committee members and ACA Office Team for pulling it all together, it looked a massive undertaking, well done!

The Starter and Youth Clinics have continued to progress throughout the year, with a Youth Camp held at Esk on 18 and 19 July. By all reports, it was a great success. Another Youth Clinic is potentially planned at Yaraka from 29 September to 1 October.

The funding application for the medical provider at Esk is still to be received. However, the budget remains in a healthy position, allowing the ACA to continue offering funding assistance to committees wishing to cover medical provider costs at their events. If you know of any committees considering hosting a Starter Clinic or Youth Camp, please encourage them to proceed and apply for the available funding assistance.

Thank you, everyone. I hope it has been a productive meeting, and I wish you all happy campdrafting.

Allister

9:40am Glenn Evans left the room.

ACARESAUG26-40 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED James McAuley that the Youth Camp and Starter Clinic Sub Committee report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:41am Glenn Evans returned to the room.

9:42am The meeting moved to NCCA Matters.

General Business

10:14am The meeting resumed.

ACA App Enhancements

Emily Castrigno spoke to the room regarding the enhancements members would like to see on the App. It was noted that what is shown on the Campdraft One leaderboard is what members would like to view on the App, and that the information missing from the App is the Draws page, used before and during an event. Emily asked whether another page duplicating the Draws should be added to the App, and whether the leaderboard should default to the most recent score whilst the draft is running, and from highest to lowest after the event. Emily noted the current format was laid out to be mobile friendly, however this is not necessarily correct for the App, and users can show who is leading the round by changing the filters.

10:22am Emily Castrigno left the room.

Mort Street Lease – Office

Robert Daly discussed the lease agreement, refer to Mort Street Lease – Office under Business Arising From Previous Minutes for resolution ACARESAUG26-40.

Rule D.4 Juvenile, Junior and Mini Events

ACARESAUG26-42 MOVED Les Hopkins SECONDED James McAuley that Juvenile, Junior and Mini events be exempt from the 4% of nominations Rule D.4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Encouragement Rider

Tom Gleeson asked that a recommendation be taken to the NCCA to change the Encouragement Rider rule so it refers to a win. Robert Daly asked for a show of hands of those in favour of amending the rule, which the room supported, along with a show of hands to have it changed to a win. Glenn Evans suggested it could be amended to the first three (3) places, for example, noting this change could have implications on the number of restrictions. Nathan Bradley suggested committees should be advised to restrict the Encouragement Rider, and Ben Stanger felt it should just be a win, as that is simple. It was recognised that the NCCA states each association has its own rules, which makes allowances for restricting the horses.

ACARESAUG26-43 MOVED Tom Gleeson SECONDED Nathan Bradley that ACA delegates take to the NCCA to amend the rule from:

> *10.4 Encouragement Rider: An Encouragement campdraft rider shall be 17 years or over. An Encouragement campdraft rider is one who has not won an Open age draft (ie Maiden, Novice, Open, Ladies, Associates) or a restricted draft as in 9.3 and 9.4. A win will not alter the status of the horse. Riders cease to be eligible to compete after winning one (1) Encouragement or one (1) Open age campdraft or placing three times in an Open age campdraft.*

To

> *10.4 Encouragement Rider: An Encouragement campdraft rider shall be 17 years or over. An Encouragement campdraft rider is one who has not won an Open age draft (ie Maiden, Novice, Open, Ladies, Associates) or a restricted draft as in 9.3 and 9.4. A win will not alter the status of the horse. Riders cease to be eligible to compete after winning one (1) Encouragement event, or an Open aged campdraft.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:55am Kay Radke left the room.

10:56am Shelley Curr excused herself from the meeting.

Robert Daly asked that everyone is clear on what members are voting on when a recommendation is moved.

National Finals Points

Ben Hall asked about the new points system for the finals, noting that changing how the National finals points would be allocated would not change mid-season as discussed at Goondiwindi May 2025. Robert Daly saw the point and understood that, due to the delay with the Finals and hence the first meeting, this is how it occurred again.

Fiona Radke spoke to the topic, apologising for not being at the June meeting. Fiona noted the motion to change the points allocation for the finals was not on the agenda, and it is her understanding that the agenda should have recommendations in order for a motion to be resolved. Fiona asked whether this was the correct process and was followed, so that Management Committee Members not in attendance had the opportunity to be aware of any proposed changes and enact their proxy vote accordingly. When items are not on the agenda this is not able to occur.

Les Hopkins advised that National Finals was on the agenda, however the discussion about the points was brought from the floor within the meeting, and not every motion will be a recommendation in the agenda; he stated you cannot have every single motion listed in the agenda. Fiona asked whether the proposal came directly from the National Finals Sub Committee as stated. Dane Bateman said the proposal pertaining to double points did come from the Sub Committee. Ben Hall and Nathan Bradley noted that the single points for Zones for each round had been discussed through the National Finals Sub Committee members but not the double points for the aggregate for National Titles. Jason Comiskey noted it came up in the meeting during the discussion, and the motion was created to drive attendance from the grassroots member base at the National Finals. It was noted motions should be able to come from the floor, however understood those not in attendance are not privy to motions passed within discussion at the meeting.

10:48am Ben Stanger and Cheri Stanger excused themselves from the meeting and left the room.

Pete Comiskey asked for clarification on how the points will be allocated for the 2026/27 finals. Robert Daly stated that it will be in a trial phrase at Longreach. The first round would be considered a one (1) round draft, and the second round awarded as a one (1) round draft per starters, with round points allocated as each round has its own unique final, and then the aggregate with double points allocated. Therefore, more points are gained from winning the first round, due to the number of starters, than in the second. Emily Castrigno advised this is not how it currently works in Campdraft One, being assigned as a three (3) round draft, and quotes would need to be redone, as the quotes mentioned above are for how points are currently awarded, but doubly the aggregate. It had not previously been re-laid that the way points would be allocated would be significantly different at the National Finals.

Ben Hall said the Management Committee Members appeared ill informed when members ask how the double points will be allocated, that this needs to be determined, and that he was of the understanding this was going to be applied to the 2027/28 finals. Robert stated that the points allocation be drafted and sent by email to the Management Committee as to how this would occur.

Lloyd Davidson asked whether it would be sent as a flying minute, being that it would be added as a ruling in the rule book. Robert stated it should be confirmed by the Management Committee before its release to the public.

Judges in Campdraft One
Dane Bateman noted many committees do not list their judges, and committees should be advised and encouraged to add their judges into the setup in Campdraft One as the secretary creates the event.

NCCA Rule Changes Review
Glenn Evans brought forward item 7.2 NCCA Rule Changes Review, seeking to bring a motion to the table to have the rules revoked through the NCCA. Refer to NCCA Rule Changes Review under General Business for resolution ACARESAUG26-44
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11:02am Josh Phelps asked that the meeting move into committee.

11:06am MOVED Josh Phelps SECONDED Brian Elliott that the meeting move out of committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sire's Progeny Award
Discussions around the Sire's Progeny Award were had with questions around if it should perhaps recognise the top ten (10) upcoming sires. Emily Castrigno mentioned there has been a proposal of this kind brought forward from a potential sponsor with further investigation of this to be had. However, to change the current award there would need to be a proposal tabled through the Awards, Promotion and Committee Liaison Sub Committee.

Les Hopkins noted there will be another Sub Committee review, he will send out request for preferences to the Management Committee Members and asked that everyone please reply with preferences.

NCCA Matters

Presented by Jason Comiskey

9:42am Glenn Evans left the room.

NCCA received confirmation from the Australian Sports Commission on the 10 July that the Constitutional changes required to maintain NSO recognition have been met and accepted.

This is a great outcome for NCCA, and special mention should be made to Secretary Laura Comiskey and President Ron Berkely for all dedicating their time and effort in achieving this outcome.

NCCA Championships were held at Willinga Park, under trying conditions. The ACA Team was made up of Pete Comiskey (captain), Bryony Puddicombe, Andrew Turvey, Cameron Webster, Sam Campbell and Brydie Hughes.

Although the Teams event went to ABCRA, the ACA Team rode well coming home in second place.

Congratulations to Brydie Hughes who was victorious in being crowned the NCCA Champion of Champion Rider with an aggregate score of 265.5.

Jason advised that although the constitution is approved, the governance will not allow any office bearers to sit on the NCCA board. There are three (3) years to comply with this, and delegates will have to be appointed from the member base. There will be consideration given to determining the NCCA delegates that will represent ACA in the best interest of the association.

Pete Comiskey asked whether the NCCA Champion of Champions will be held at the same place, being Willinga Park. Jason replied he is not aware when or where the Champion of Champions event is to be held, but he will find out.

ACARESAUG26-41 MOVED Jason Comiskey SECONDED Brian Elliott that the NCCA report be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:48am The meeting recessed for morning tea, to move to General Business on resumption.

Next Meeting Dates

Robert Daly proposed that Dalby be the next venue, during the Dalby Australian Stock Horse Sale, being held 2 - 6 December 2026. A show of hands indicated the majority preferred during the event, with some having no preference. Nathan Bradley confirmed the campdraft events will be held all day Wednesday and Thursday, and will ensure the venue is booked for the meeting.

Options of meeting dates will be investigated with notice forward to the Management Committee Members once confirmed.

Meeting Close

Robert Daly thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Chairperson Robert Daly closed the meeting at 11:30am.