

# The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc.

Incorporations Registration Number A0016353X

## 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc., held at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla on Thursday, 8 October 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Sandy Koch (Chair), Sharen McPhan (Secretary), Jennifer Cornell, Sharon Easton, Geoff Eberle, Dale Green, Ralph Koch, Ian Luke, Colin McPhan, Joedy Neeleman, Olive Singer, Merv Turner, Shelley Turner, Stuart Vanderpol.

Apologies: Ash Blackwood, Carla Brightwell, Mel Gray, Lorraine Green, Simon Kirkpatrick, Catherine Lawson, E'vette Levett, Fred Parker.

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm.

1.	<b><u>Apologies</u></b> <b>Motion:</b> <i>That the apologies (as listed above) be accepted.</i> <i>Moved: S Turner Secoded: R Koch</i>	<b>CARRIED</b>
2.1	<b><u>Election of Scrutineers and Returning Officer</u></b> The election of Scrutineers and a Returning Officer was held over to be addressed later in the meeting if required.	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting</u></b> <b>Motion:</b> <i>That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2014 as published in the December 2014 issue of "The Malamute Mail" be accepted as read.</i> <i>Moved: S Easton Secoded: J Cornell</i> Business Arising: Nil <b>Motion:</b> <i>That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</i> <i>Moved: I Luke Secoded: D Green</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> <b>CARRIED</b>
4.	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Nil.	
5.	<b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b> - see attached Ralph Koch distributed and presented the 2014/2015 financial report and Auditor's report to the members. <b>Motion:</b> <i>That the Treasurer's report for the last financial year, 2014/2015 be accepted.</i> <i>Moved: R Koch Secoded: J Neeleman</i>	<b>CARRIED</b>
6.	<b><u>Co-ordinators' &amp; Office Bearers' Reports</u></b>	
6.1	<b><u>President's Report</u></b> - see attached Sandy Koch presented her report to the members.	
6.2	<b><u>Secretary's Report</u></b> – see attached Sharen McPhan presented her report to the members.	
6.3	<b><u>Vice President's Report on Breed Welfare</u></b> No report.	
6.4	<b><u>Health Officer's Report</u></b> - see attached Shelley Turner presented her report to the members.	
6.5	<b><u>Puppy Register &amp; Referral Report</u></b> – see attached Sandy Koch presented the report to the members.	
6.6	<b><u>Education &amp; Publicity Report</u></b> No report.	
6.7	<b><u>Vice President's Report on Activities</u></b> – see attached Colin McPhan presented his report to the members.	
6.8	<b><u>Show Secretary's Report</u></b> - see attached Dale Green presented her report to the members.	
6.9	<b><u>Sledding Co-ordinator's Report</u></b> - see attached Ian Luke presented his report to the members.	
6.10	<b><u>Weight-Pull Co-ordinator's Report</u></b> - see attached Mel Gray presented her report to the members.	
6.11	<b><u>Backpacking Co-ordinator's Report</u></b> - see attached Stuart Vanderpol presented his report to the members.	

6.12 Obedience Co-ordinator's Report

No report.

6.13 Fundraising Coordinator's Report

No report.

6.14 Newsletter Editor's Report - see attached

E'vette Levett presented her report to the members.

**Motion:** *That the coordinators' and office bearers' reports be accepted as presented.*

*Moved: D Green*

*Seconded: O Singer*

**CARRIED**

7. Presentation of Awards

The following presentations were made:

WORKING DOG TITLES

Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

*Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET "Brock" owned by Sharen McPhan*

Associate Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

*Wolfpack Red Baron "Kodiak" owned by Joyce Winspear*

Working Weight Pull Dog

*Windchill Tambo Alaska "Meeca" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch*

Working Weight Pull Dog

*Qannik Wind Chill Factor "Bosco" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch*

ANNUAL WEIGHT PULL COMPETITIONUnder 36 kg Class:

1<sup>st</sup>: *Kataku Mystical Dawn "Luna" owned by Ian Luke*

2<sup>nd</sup>: *Chimo Ice Eagle "Chardy" owned by Mel Gray*

3<sup>rd</sup>: *Ch Kortmar Georgies Boy "Finn" owned by Ian Luke*

36-45 kg Class:

1<sup>st</sup>: *Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET "Brock" owned by Sharen McPhan*

2<sup>nd</sup>: *Qannik Wind Chill Factor "Bosco" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch*

46-55 kg Class:

1<sup>st</sup>: *Kataku All Shadow "Shadow" owned by Bradley Acht*

2<sup>nd</sup>: *Champion Kataku Major League "Wesley" owned by Merv & Shelley Turner*

Top Weight Pull Dog of the Year

*Kataku Mystical Dawn "Luna" owned by Ian Luke*

2015 Tuggy Weight Pull Shield

*Tanome Against The Grain "Darcy" owned by Sharen McPhan*

SLEDDING STATE CUP

**1-Dog Class:** Stuart Vanderpol & Maddie

**2-Dog Class:** Ash Blackwood, Mutie & Nukka

**4-Dog Class:** Colin McPhan, Jack, Darcy & Rush

SLEDDING DOG & DRIVER POINT SCORE COMPETITION1-Dog Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Vanderpol & Maddie

2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Koch & Bosco

3<sup>rd</sup> Fred Parker & Spike

2-Dog Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Easton, Gypsy & Gibson

2<sup>nd</sup> Simon Kirkpatrick, Kaya & Lycan

3<sup>rd</sup> Ralph Koch, Meeca & Wuggy

4-Dog Class:

1<sup>st</sup> Colin McPhan, Jack, Darcy & Rush

2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Luke, Daisy, Luna, Finn & Wilfred

3<sup>rd</sup> Merv Turner, Ava, Iggy, Claude & Elliott

**SLEDDING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD:** Joedy Neeleman

**SLEDDING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Geoff Eberle

ENDURANCE TITLE

*Tanome Legend of the Knight (AI) ET "Rush" owned by Sharen McPhan*

<b>8.</b>	<b><u>Election of Officer Bearers and Committee Members</u></b> The President declared all Committee positions vacant.
8.1	<b>President:</b> <b>Ian Luke</b> was the sole nominee and was declared. <i>S Koch vacated the chair, I Luke took the chair.</i>
8.2	<b>Secretary:</b> <b>Sharen McPhan</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.3	<b>Vice President (Activities):</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. <b>Sandy Koch</b> accepted the nomination by R Koch, Seconded by D Green. There being no other nominations <b>Sandy Koch</b> was declared.
8.4	<b>Vice President (Breed Welfare):</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. Shelley accepted the nomination by S Koch, Seconded by M Turner. There being no other nominations <b>Shelley Turner</b> was declared.
8.5	<b>Treasurer:</b> <b>Ralph Koch</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.6	<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. No nominations were received.
8.7	<b>Malamute Health Officer:</b> <b>Shelley Turner</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.8	<b>Puppy Registrar/Referral Officer:</b> <b>Sandy Koch</b> was the sole nominee and declared.
8.9	<b>Publicity /Education Co-ordinator</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. No nominations were received.
8.10	<b>Fundraising Officer:</b> <b>Jennifer Cornell</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.11	<b>Show Secretary:</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. No nominations were received.
8.12	<b>Obedience Co-ordinator:</b> There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. No nominations were received.
8.13	<b>Weight-pull Co-ordinator:</b> <b>Mel Gray</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.14	<b>Backpacking Co-ordinator:</b> <b>Stuart Vanderpol</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.15	<b>Sledding Co-ordinator:</b> <b>Joedy Neeleman</b> was the sole nominee and was declared.

The President thanked the club patron, Olive Singer, and members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

## Annual General Meeting Reports

### President's report

It has been an interesting year as President and we have certainly experienced a few ups and downs. The year has seen a few changes in Committee, however as usual everyone has pulled together to cover any vacancies and people have stepped up to fill the gaps for which I am very grateful.

This year saw the move of our Championship Show back to the September date as well as combining it with the Open Show which was of benefit to both, however the biggest benefit it seems was to the entry to the Melbourne Royal. Thanks to our Show Secretary, Dale Green, as well as Lorraine, for a very successful Championship Show, and to Shelley Turner and Sharen McPhan for taking care of the Open Show which made holding the 2 shows on the one day possible.

The format and dates of the shows is something the Committee will no doubt be discussing, as well as the costs involved in bringing in overseas judges as mentioned in the Treasurer's report. Being our 25th Championship Show it was fitting to have US Malamute breeder, Pat Putman as our judge, however with all Pat's knowledge and experience as a judge, breeder and with working her dogs in sledding, weight pull and backpacking, not having her present a lecture was certainly a missed opportunity.

The weight pulls have continued to be very popular and have attracted a variety of breeds this year. As usual, Mel and her merry band of helpers, namely husband Alex and members of the Committee plus Am Staff folk, all chipped in to make the weight pulls run smoothly. This year we trialled giving the handlers the option of higher starting weights as per the IWPA rules, which helped speed up the events – just as well as the large entries made for some late finishes.

The sledding events were another success story this year with quite a few different breeds competing and having a great time, which resulted in a few new memberships. Thanks to Ian for getting there early, leaving late and all the hard work in between, and also to all those who helped out, stood there patiently on the finish line with stop watch in hand, participated and showed good sportsmanship throughout the year. We were fortunate to have Canidae sponsorship of our Championship Show and State Cup Race, so thank you to Kellie Ann for organising that.

The picnic fun walks have been very popular this year with a record number of attendees with dogs of many different breeds joining in, particularly on the Studley Park walk. A few of these have gone on to try the 16 km hikes and even sledding, and again some new memberships have resulted, so well done Stuart.

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On the breed welfare side you might have read in the Malamute Mail and on Facebook of the successful prosecution of a Queensland breeder who misrepresented Hip dysplasia as being solely related to diet. The AMCV had been threatened with court action by this breeder on several occasions over the information on our website stating that Hip dysplasia has a hereditary component. This resulted in the club sending the breeder a long list of scientific journal articles in support of the hereditary nature of hip dysplasia, as well as several journal articles in their entirety. We were very pleased to learn that this breeder has been charged with several offences relating to his breeding practices and false claims, and that the information we had provided to the breeder assisted in the outcome. Many thanks to Ian, who was nominated as the AMCV's representative in assisting the prosecution, for the time and effort he put into giving evidence and for keeping the Committee and members updated.

Of course any club owes its success and smooth running to the band of volunteers who offer their own time to contribute to the club, so thanks also to Ralph for keeping the books in order, Shelley on the breed welfare and health front, Colin for overseeing activities, E'vette for churning out the newsletter, Dayna in publicity and education and last but definitely not least, Shaz in the role of Secretary.

The Secretary role is the one position that requires constant and unrelenting attention, and Shaz has done a fantastic job and I am immensely grateful for her tireless work and reminders throughout the year, and even more grateful that she has agreed to stick with it for another term – thanks Shaz!

Having a year in the role of President has heightened my appreciation for just how much work and responsibility the position entails, and just how important the support of a good committee is. So, as much fun as it has been holding the fort so to speak, I am exceedingly happy to be handing the reigns back to the ever capable Ian who was always going to be a hard act to follow.

As always, I will happy to continue supporting Ian, Shaz and the Committee in whatever way I can and look forward to another year and working with the new Committee.

*Sandy Koch*

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### Treasurers' report

The club made a loss of \$1167.33 due mainly to the expense of an overseas judge for the Championship Show which resulted in a deficit of around \$2500 for the year for showing. With a reduction in income from show entries over the past few years, subcontracting of international judges or contracting of local judges perhaps should be considered. The income from memberships was much the same as last year and counteracts the expense of the newsletter with a bit to spare.

The annual report indicates a profit of around \$1200 for fundraising, around \$500 of which was income arising from the previous financial year's fundraising efforts. With fewer events for fundraising opportunities over the year and Matthew not being able to attend many events, raising around \$700 for this year's fundraising activities was a good outcome, so thanks to Matthew and the rest of the Committee who assisted with fundraising.

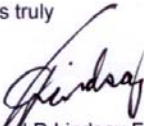
Again I thank all those who supported the club with donations, by purchasing chocolates and participation in raffles, auctions and other fundraising activities throughout the year.

We have received advice from Dogs Victoria that bank statements are now to be presented to the members as part of the financial reports, so this will be put into practice. Our financial reports already include details of income and expenditures, payments received and cheques written, however adding the bank statements will provide an additional assurance to the members that the club's funds are being managed responsibly and that the financial reports are accurate.

I am happy to be continuing on in the role of Treasurer for another term, and look forward to working with the new Committee.

*Ralph Koch*

### Auditor's Report

<p><b>MICHAEL R LINDSAY FIPA FTIA</b></p> <p>13 Woolwich Drive MULGRAVE Vic 3170 (03) 9561 2131 8 September 2015</p> <p>To Committee &amp; Members of the Alaskan Malamute Club of Victoria Inc.</p> <p>I have examined the books and records of the Alaskan Malamute Club of Victoria, and the final Financial Statements for the 12 months ending 31 July 2015, and in my opinion they present a true and accurate record of the Clubs finances.</p> <p>Yours truly  Michael R Lindsay FIPA FTIA</p>
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**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015**

<b>Working Capital</b>	<b>2014 / 2015</b>	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013
Balance as at 1 July 2013	<b>\$ 14,916.83</b>	\$ 16,084.16	\$ 13,736.26
Excess / Loss for Year	<b>\$ -1533.07</b>	\$ -1167.33	\$ 2,347.90
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 13,383.76</b>	\$ 14,916.83	\$ 16,084.16

Members Funds are represented as follows:

	<b>2014 / 2015</b>	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013
Balance of Cheque account	<b>\$ 3632.54</b>	\$ 5213.65	\$ 6,438.93
Bendigo Oxfam Investment Account	<b>\$ 9751.22</b>	\$ 9703.18	\$ 9,645.23
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>\$ 13,383.76</b>	\$ 14916.83	\$ 16,084.16

**Receipts and Payments for Financial Year ended 30 June 2015**

Category	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year Total</b>
Activities	<b>45.00</b>	10.00
Backpacking	<b>36.00</b>	45.00
Breeders Directory	<b>50.00</b>	75.00
Fundraising	<b>1910.00</b>	2361.00
Interest	<b>53.36</b>	64.39
Membership - Fees	<b>1904.00</b>	2421.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing	<b>0.00</b>	15.00
Merchandise - Other	<b>395.00</b>	128.00
Newsletter - Advertising	<b>170.00</b>	385.00
Referral	<b>240.00</b>	0.00
Show	<b>1583.50</b>	1455.00
Sledding	<b>941.00</b>	1195.50
Weight Pull	<b>407.00</b>	565.00
Working Dog titles	<b>80.00</b>	310.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7814.86</b>	<b>9029.89</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year Total</b>
Accounting	<b>20.00</b>	15.00
Activities	<b>884.83</b>	1190.57
Administration costs - CAV	<b>218.50</b>	51.40
Administration - Meeting room hire	<b>219.00</b>	285.00
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee	<b>328.00</b>	314.00
Advertising - VCA	<b>0.00</b>	192.00
Bank fees	<b>0.00</b>	2.80
Donation - Oxfam account	<b>5.32</b>	6.44
Fundraising	<b>688.74</b>	1729.23
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	<b>352.50</b>	382.50
Membership - Other	<b>30.00</b>	0.00
Newsletter - Postage	<b>503.47</b>	230.80
Newsletter - Printing	<b>941.35</b>	709.80
Newsletter - Other	<b>92.30</b>	0.00
Publicity & Education	<b>0.00</b>	279.49
Referral - donations	<b>300.00</b>	600.00
Show	<b>4071.98</b>	2744.41
Sledding	<b>385.54</b>	1258.21
Stationery	<b>58.35</b>	80.63
Weight Pull	<b>248.05</b>	124.94
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>9347.93</b>	10197.22
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>-1533.07</b>	-1167.33

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – 2014-2015 financial year**

Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
<b>INCOME</b>														
Activities						45.00							45.00	10.00
Backpacking						5.00			31.00				36.00	45.00
Breeders Directory		25.00										25.00	50.00	75.00
Fundraising	50.00	10.00	500.00			134.00			271.00	30.00	67.00	848.00	1910.00	2361.00
Interest	4.94	5.11	5.12	4.95	5.12	4.96	5.12	5.13	3.83	3.23	3.12	2.73	53.36	64.39
Membership - Fees	239.00	474.00	266.00	235.00	71.00	98.00	98.00	46.00				148.00	1904.00	2421.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing													0.00	15.00
Merchandise - Other	10.00				223.00				86.00	76.00			395.00	128.00
Newsletter - Advertising				50.00								120.00	170.00	385.00
Referral										200.00	40.00		240.00	0.00
Show		45.00	35.00	782.00	171.50	50.00	500.00						1583.50	1455.00
Sledding	110.00	204.00									627.00		941.00	1195.50
Weight Pull	10.00		245.00	30.00							122.00		407.00	565.00
Working Dog titles		30.00			40.00						10.00		80.00	310.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>423.94</b>	<b>793.11</b>	<b>1051.12</b>	<b>1101.95</b>	<b>510.62</b>	<b>336.96</b>	<b>603.12</b>	<b>51.13</b>	<b>391.83</b>	<b>309.23</b>	<b>1017.12</b>	<b>1224.73</b>	<b>7814.86</b>	<b>9029.89</b>

Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>														
Accounting		20.00											20.00	15.00
Activities			596.20			288.63							884.83	1190.57
Administration costs - CAV				218.50									218.50	51.40
Administration - Meeting room hire		48.50		48.50	48.50	48.50				25.00			219.00	285.00
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee						328.00							328.00	314.00
Advertising - VCA													0.00	192.00
Bank fees													0.00	2.80
Donation - Oxfam account	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.38	0.32	0.31	0.27	5.32	6.44
Fundraising	60.00											628.74	688.74	1729.23
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	135.00			150.00			45.00			22.50			352.50	382.50
Membership - Other		30.00											30.00	0.00
Newsletter - Postage		140.00			83.47	140.00			140.00				503.47	230.80
Newsletter - Printing		193.00			165.60	190.00			180.75			212.00	941.35	709.80
Newsletter - Other					92.30								92.30	0.00
Publicity & Education													0.00	279.49
Referral - donations												300.00	300.00	600.00
Show			183.69	2620.45	666.99	144.20	50.00		285.00	121.65			4071.98	2744.41
Sledding	265.54									120.00			385.54	1258.21
Stationery						58.35							58.35	80.63
Weight Pull			248.05										248.05	124.94
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>461.03</b>	<b>432.01</b>	<b>1028.45</b>	<b>3037.95</b>	<b>1057.37</b>	<b>1198.18</b>	<b>95.51</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>606.13</b>	<b>289.47</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>1141.01</b>	<b>9347.93</b>	<b>10197.22</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>-37.09</b>	<b>361.10</b>	<b>22.67</b>	<b>-1936.00</b>	<b>-546.75</b>	<b>-861.22</b>	<b>507.61</b>	<b>50.62</b>	<b>-214.30</b>	<b>19.76</b>	<b>1016.81</b>	<b>83.72</b>	<b>-1533.07</b>	<b>-1167.33</b>

EXPENDITURE	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
Accounting			15.00										15.00	15.00
Activities		254.50	707.70	90.00		138.37							1190.57	1063.37
Administration costs - CAV				51.40									51.40	43.90
Administration - Meeting room hire			46.50		46.50	46.50			48.50	48.50		48.50	285.00	229.50
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee			314.00										314.00	303.00
Administration costs - other													0.00	0.00
Advertising - VCA						192.00							192.00	185.50
Bank fees						2.80							2.80	0.00
Donation - Oxfam account	0.67	0.69	0.60	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.46	0.51	0.49	0.51	6.44	9.90
Fundraising	13.00			467.96	143.71	56.59				887.92		160.05	1729.23	890.97
Funds transfer: cheque to investment account													0.00	1000.00
Health - Ch'd Scheme													0.00	0.00
Meetings													0.00	0.00
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	135.00			225.00				15.00		7.50			382.50	352.50
Membership - Other													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Clothing													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Other													0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous													0.00	0.00
Newsletter - Postage		76.80			84.00						70.00		230.80	418.75
Newsletter - Printing		172.00			172.00			172.80			193.00		709.80	1102.00
Newsletter - Other													0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Float - Secretary													0.00	0.00
Publicity & Education				256.00								23.49	279.49	0.00
Referral - donations					500.00		100.00						600.00	270.00
Show	45.90	113.47		967.85	611.14				278.80	478.12	249.13		2744.41	2858.15
Sledding	276.88	467.59		49.60						60.00	313.34	90.80	1258.21	1343.40
Stationery										80.63			80.63	0.00
Weight Pull		124.94											124.94	358.29
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>471.45</b>	<b>1209.99</b>	<b>1083.80</b>	<b>2108.30</b>	<b>1557.86</b>	<b>436.75</b>	<b>100.51</b>	<b>188.31</b>	<b>327.76</b>	<b>1563.18</b>	<b>825.96</b>	<b>323.35</b>	<b>10197.22</b>	<b>10444.23</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>902.21</b>	<b>-52.11</b>	<b>-580.84</b>	<b>-1049.38</b>	<b>-623.77</b>	<b>-58.82</b>	<b>110.58</b>	<b>-137.21</b>	<b>257.85</b>	<b>-1008.08</b>	<b>118.48</b>	<b>953.76</b>	<b>-1167.33</b>	<b>2347.90</b>

### **Secretary's report**

Well I have survived my first year as Secretary! Although it was a little challenging, I must say I enjoyed it. A huge thank you must go to Sandy who has helped me immensely throughout the year. Sandy has endured my constant questions, which is greatly appreciated. Without your help there is no way I would've filled this role successfully, so thank you Sandy!

Our membership is sitting quite steady with 50 memberships consisting of 79 members. Membership renewal reminders were sent out recently to those who didn't renew, so hopefully that number will increase in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the committee for all they have contributed to the club over the past year. A few people have elected not to continue on Committee, so thank you to Dale, Colin and Matthew for all your efforts and contribution to the Committee and members.

I will be continuing in my role as Secretary and I look forward to working with the new committee for the coming year.

*Sharen McPhan*

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### **Health Report**

At present there are many research projects going on that hopefully can help our breed sometime in the future. After watching Dr Bell's DVDs I understand why it is so hard to find DNA markers for disease within our breed. Once again I HIGHLY RECOMMEND that all breeders should watch these DVD's with regard to their breeding programs.

It is sad to see that many breeders are still not testing for the basics being hips, elbows, eyes, thyroid and polyneuropathy prior to breeding. The cone degeneration DNA test is now applicable to the Alaskan Malamute as well.

Once again I urge people to come forward if a health issue arises as it can only help breeders move forward. It is honestly and the sharing of information that will help our breed in the long run.

*Shelley Turner*

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### **Publicity & Education Report**

*No report received.*

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### **Puppy & Referral Service Report**

*No report received.*

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### **Vice President Activities**

As Vice President of Activities this year I must say that it's been a very easy role to fill. Every co-ordinator in all activities has displayed excellent leadership and handled any situation that has arisen without need of me at all, so thank you all co-ordinators this year for your excellent work.

Congratulations to all the winners in all activities. It has been enjoyable watching you having fun with our wonderful breed throughout the year.

I will not be continuing on committee this year, so good luck to whoever fills this role. I am sure it will be a cruisy one for you too.

*Colin McPhan*

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### **Weight Pull**

Hi Everyone

This year for weight pull has gone so fast.

It's been a lot of fun, with quite a few new faces along the way.

This year I have seen a lot of personal best & amazing 1st timers excel. It's such a pleasure to see the joy weight pull brings to the handlers & see the beautiful bond they share with their dog. I love running these events. I am very grateful to doing it all again next year. On a personal note I am so proud of my 2 Mallies. I think Zorro has finally realised that weight pull can be fun & he can do it. Then there is Chardy who will 10yrs young this Friday & still loves weight pull & will still be competing next year.

I want to say a HUGE thank you to 2 amazing people who make my life a lot easier at each & every event Sandy & my husband Alex. Also thank you to everyone else to has helped no matter how big or small.

Bring on a new exciting weight pull season in 2016.

*Mel Gray*

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### **Backpacking**

It's been a quite a good year with the hikes having a high attendance at some of the venues, with some new faces coming along and trying new activities with their Mals.

Congratulations to Emma with Scout on having completed the required hikes to achieve the Working Pack Dog title.

Unfortunately the hike coming up this weekend at Smiths Gully will be cancelled due to temperature being over 25 degrees. The other hikes held during the year were very fortunate with the weather as they were all dry and cool.

The picnic fun walk held earlier this year at Studley Park had a huge attendance. The next picnic fun walk is coming up in a few weeks at Westerfolds Park so come along and give it a try.

*Stuart Vanderpol*

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**Show Secretary's Report**

Well the end of the year is fast upon us. Our Championship show and Open Show have been run and won. Congrats to all the winners.

I would first like to thank our Judges on the day Mrs Pat Putman (USA) for the Champ show & Ms Susie Baird for our Open Show. Also a big thank to Renee Kennedy our Steward and David Cecil our VCA Rep. and Olive Singer our Ticket Writer.

Another big thank you to Sharen and Shelley for organising the Open Show as I don't think I would have got it done. The day was a lovely day and for the first time since 2006 we were outside. Apart from the sprinkler incident the day went without a hitch.

A few other thank you are in order. To my mum Lorraine Green for being the liaison with Pat for the past year. This meant I could show.

A big big thank you to Anitra Dunshea who hosted Pat for the few days before the show. Judging by the photos they had a wonderful few days. To Sharon and Colin for organising the lunch which from what Pat said she really enjoyed. To Sandy for getting the catalogues printed. To Ian and Colin for the announcing. If I have left anybody out I apologise.

As previously stated I am not running again next year. Laura is commencing Yr 12 and September is as some will know a very busy and stressful time for both students and parents. I feel I will not have the time to commit to organising the shows with this in mind. I will however be available to whoever takes on the role to answer questions and guide them through.

So in conclusion I wish the club all the best for 2016 and look forward to the show next year.

*Dale Green*

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**Sledding**

This was my first year in the role of sledding coordinator and one I thoroughly enjoyed. With all events held at the You Yangs, the difficulties of transporting the gear was minimised. As usual, many hands made light work, and I'd like to thank everyone who helped out throughout the year. Particular thanks go to Sandy, Ralph, Stuart, Colin, Sharen, Merv and Thomas, who all helped with either timing, chute set up, track marking, pack up etc etc.

Thank you also to all who came along and participated. The usual competitiveness was there throughout the year, but sportsmanship and camaraderie shone through.

No year is complete without some spectacular crashes, and this was not different- thanks to Thomas and Evette for providing the entertainment.

Congratulations to our State Cup winners, Stuart Vanderpol in 1 dog, Ash Blackwood in 2 dog and Colin McPhan in 4 dog, and to our point score winners, Stuart Vanderpol in 1 dog, Sharon Easton in 2 dog, and Colin McPhan in 4 dog.

Hopefully I'll see everyone back out on the track next year. I'm sure Joe Neeleman will do a great job in the role and will enjoy the same level of support I did.

*Ian Luke*

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**Obedience Report**

*No report received.*

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**Newsletter**

After quite a few years break and beginning my term as fundraising officer (I did hold fundraising activities at the Christmas fun day) I found myself back in the role of Newsletter Editor this year. I have to say producing the four issues a year compared to the bimonthly monster magazines of the past made for a pretty cruisey position especially due to our esteemed President finalising the Mag and organising the printing (which I remember being a huge job stuffing all the magazines into the bags).

A huge thankyou to Sandy for all she did and also to those who contributed to the magazine. In view of the lack of interest from committee and members via very few contributions from them toward the magazine I think it's time the club looked at an online magazine which would certainly save us money and would be a faster way to get things out to our members. Of course if there were a few members who were wishing to get a hardcopy an online Mag could still be printed out and sent to them.

I am happy to continue in this role should it be vacant after the AGM (as obviously I am not there to nominate from the floor).

*E'vette Levett*

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**Fundraising Report**

*No report received.*

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