

AUSTRALIAN TRAIL HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Nomination for ATHRA Life Membership Tony Hart Member No 355

The Association's Policy *IMS-P-012 ATHRA Life Membership* states the following requirements -

CRITERIA

1. A nominee for life membership must have been a member of ATHRA for a minimum of ten (10) years, in aggregate and not necessarily continuous. The nominated member may be a past member of the Association (ie not a member for the current year).

Tony became a member of ATHRA in 1998 and has a 17 year history of continuous membership to this date. His membership number is 355.

2. During this ten year period, the nominee must have served meritoriously at a regional, state or national level in an elected or Executive Board appointed position for a minimum of ten (10) years, in aggregate and not necessarily continuous.

Tony has been an ATHRA National and/or State Executive continuously for the past 12 years in positions as outlined below:

- **Tony is a founding member of the Illawarra Trail Riders Club and held an executive position with the club from 1999 until 2002**
- **He was elected as Vice President of the New South Wales ATHRA State Executive in 2003**
- **He was elected ATHRA National President in 2004**
- **He held the National President, NSW President/Vice President positions 2004-2008, and during this period was also the National Insurance Coordinator**
- **He served as National Vice President in 2009 after standing down from the President's role because of Constitutional requirements**
- **He was re-elected National President in 2010**
- **He was elected onto the ATHRA Board of Directors in 2011 and remains in that position to this day**

3. Meritorious service includes but is not limited to: conduct and service which has merit, is deserving of reward, praise or gratitude, deserving commendation for thoroughness; honourable, praiseworthy, commendable, creditable, admirable, excellent, exemplary, outstanding.

Exemplary service at a Club level may be taken into account in the context of meritorious service on the proviso it has significantly influenced actions/initiatives at a national level.

The Board shall retain the discretionary power to accept a nominee for Life Membership where aspects of the criteria are not met, depending on the circumstances of each individual nominee.

During the 12 year period of service as outlined above Tony has either initiated or been integrally involved in the achievement of the following:

- Initiating incentives for members to attend ATHRA camps and AGM's
- Development of the new ATHRA logo
- The introduction of better ATHRA accounting practices (forecasting & budgeting)
- The introduction of Accreditation Training. He is still responsible for Trainers and the course, which has become recognised as a benchmark in the equine industry
- The introduction of grants to assist members obtain accreditation
- The development of the modern ATHRA website
- The introduction of marketing into the organisation through Equitana and the development of ATHRA saddle pads, brochures, pins and stickers and advertising in Horse Deals
- The introduction of Executive "gifts" to acknowledge their contributions
- He developed strong relationships with Insurance Brokers and other equine related associations
- The introduction of compulsory detailed reporting from clubs to gain insights into clubs, their needs, wants and activities
- The creation of statistics to glean a better understanding of insurance premiums and claims
- The introduction of "sponsorship" through product business partners
- The introduction of a professional structure and approach for ATHRA's AGM
- The restructure of ATHRA National, thus bringing ATHRA into the modern era, resulting in widespread recognition within the equine industry
- He developed and introduced the Trail Ride Challenge

NOMINATION

Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board and must include a testimonial of the achievements of the nominee based on the stated criteria.

The nomination must be made by either:

- the President, Secretary or Treasurer of an affiliated club acting on behalf of that club, or
- a current Executive Board member.

Tony's nomination was made by member De'hane Keir, Treasurer of the Horsepitality Trail Riders Club, for and on behalf of that club, and received by the Chairman of the ATHRA Board on the 14th March 2014.

The nomination must be seconded by either:

- the President, Secretary or Treasurer acting on behalf of another affiliated club, or
- a current ATHRA Regional Manager, or
- a current Executive board member.

Tony's nomination was seconded by member Alan Salter, Chairman of the ATHRA Board, and forwarded to the Board Members for their consideration on the 14th March 2014.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

All nominations must first be accepted by a majority vote by the Executive Board before they can be put to a vote by the members of the Association.

The ATHRA Board has unanimously agreed to accept Tony Hart's nomination for ATHRA Life Membership.

In the event that more than two (2) nominations are received in any one year, the Executive Board is empowered to decide which of those shall be accepted, based on merit, and put to the ATHRA membership for election.

Where a nomination fails only because, if accepted, it would have exceeded the maximum of two Life Memberships being awarded in any one year, then that nomination shall carry over for consideration by the Executive Board in the following year.

ELECTION

The election of Life Members shall take place at the Association's Annual General Meeting. Life membership shall be deemed to have commenced on 1 January of the election year.

I have reviewed all documents and the processes surrounding Tony Hart's nomination for Life Membership and declare that all aspects of ATHRA's stated policy contained in IMS Document number IMS-P-012 have been met. I will call for a vote on this motion in accordance with Rule 5(4) of ATHRA's Constitution at the Annual General Meeting on the 19th day of April 2015.

Alan Salter

Chairman of Directors

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