





<b>Secretary:</b>	No nominations were received. The vacancy is to be addressed by the Committee.
<b>Vice President (Activities):</b>	<b>Merv Turner</b> was the sole nominee and was declared as elected.
<b>Vice President (Breed Welfare):</b>	No Nominations were received. The vacancy is to be addressed by the Committee.
<b>Treasurer:</b>	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. Dale Green accepted the nomination by Shelley Turner, seconded by Joe Neeleman. There being no other nominations, <b>Dale Luke</b> was declared as elected.
<b>Malamute Health Officer:</b>	<b>Shelley Turner</b> was the sole nominee and was declared as elected.
<b>Puppy Registrar/Referral Officer:</b>	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. Ralph Koch accepted the nomination by Shelley Turner, seconded by Joe Neeleman. There being no other nominations, <b>Ralph Koch</b> was declared as elected.
<b>Publicity/Education Co-ordinator:</b>	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. Sandy Koch accepted the nomination by Lorraine Green, seconded by Thomas Luke. There being no other nominations, <b>Sandy Koch</b> was declared as elected.
<b>Fundraising Officer:</b>	No nominations were received. The vacancy is to be addressed by the Committee.
<b>Show Secretary:</b>	<b>Lorraine Green</b> was the sole nominee and was declared as elected.
<b>Obedience Co-ordinator:</b>	No nominations were received. The vacancy is to be addressed by the Committee.
<b>Weight-pull Co-ordinator:</b>	<b>Thomas Luke</b> was the sole nominee and was declared as elected.
<b>Backpacking Co-ordinator:</b>	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. James Ganson accepted the nomination by Sandy Koch, Seconded by Lorraine Green. There being no other nominations, <b>James Ganson</b> was declared as elected.
<b>Sledding Co-ordinator:</b>	No nominations were received. The vacancy is to be addressed by the Committee.
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	<b>Allison Pulbrook</b> was the sole nominee and was declared as elected.

The President thanked the members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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## Annual General Meeting Reports

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### President's Report

This has been a settled year, but a year in which numbers have continued to dwindle.

Our sledding season saw very few malamute teams competing, something that is common across the country at the present time. Having said that, our 2018 Mushing Boot Camp with the Perano's was a great success, and was once again an incredibly positive experience for those who attended. (On a side note, Curt Perano expects to be racing in the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod in 2019, so we can hopefully cheer on a musher who has a strong connection to our Club as he races in the 2 longest sled dog races in the world).

Our weight pull season saw good entries in general, but few malamutes competing. Our first ever ANKC event achieved a very good entry, and it was extremely pleasing to see the overall win go to a Malamute, who outshone all comers.

Our backpacking events also drew small numbers, notwithstanding the beautiful scenic trails on offer.

Our Championship Show drew an entry of less than 50, which is small compared to historical stats, but in terms of dogs being shown drew almost every active exhibitor from 3 States, proving once again our Specialty really is the premier Malamute Specialty in the country.

Simply speaking, Malamute numbers are down right across the board, right across the country. And yet, social media suggests there's a large population of Malamute owners we are not reaching. It is something I'll be urging the incoming Committee to turn its collective mind to.

Congratulations goes to everyone who has enjoyed success at any level with their dogs in the past 12 months. It's always a wonderful thing to see people out with their dogs, no matter the activity, and we thank those who have supported this Club through entries and attendances.

My thanks goes to each and every member of the immediate past Committee. Everyone has worked hard in serving the membership, and I hope to see many going around again. Special mention goes to Sandy Koch, who has again been the backbone of this Club, going above and beyond, and to Lorraine Green, who not only ensured our Shows ran smoothly, but also assisted greatly in taking entries for the weight pull, and producing a catalogue.

As always, it has been a privilege to serve the membership, and I am looking forward to doing so again over the coming 12 months.

*Ian Luke*

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### Secretary's report

Thanks to this year's Committee and to those not on Committee who stepped in and helped and supported the club in other ways by supporting our events, fundraising and making donations. Particular thanks to Taste of the Wild who sponsored our major events being the Championship Show, Tuggy Weight Pull Shield and the sledding State Cup – sponsorship is not that easy to come by so the prizes they generously donated were very much appreciated.

It has been a fairly quiet year all round with everything running fairly smoothly, thanks mainly to the hard work behind the scenes of everyone on our Committee. Alan and Thomas got chucked in the deep end with sledding and weight pull and both

did a great job. Alan won't be staying on as sledding coordinator but I'm happy to see that Thomas is going to be looking after weight pull for another year.

Allison has also done an excellent job in her first year as Newsletter Editor, so I'm glad to see she is staying on for another term. Lorraine hit the ground running as Show Secretary and is always on top of everything, so it's a great relief that she has also signed up for another year.

And as always, Ian has been a great support to the club and all its activities throughout the year, and particularly to me in the role of Secretary. Things would probably have ground to a halt without him, so it's great that he just can't seem to tear himself away from the role of President.

I, on the other hand, would like to tear myself away from the role of Secretary, so I hope someone is willing to step up. It's a fairly cushy job that doesn't require much time or effort so I thoroughly recommend it, and I will be more than happy to assist whoever the lucky person is that takes it on.

*Sandy Koch*

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### **Treasurers' report**

I would like to thank the many of you who supported the club over the past year by attending events, buying merchandise, making donations and contributing to our fundraising efforts, and particularly to those involved in organising the sledding boot camps which again resulted in a profit of around \$1000 this year. Without the boot camp, sledding would have made a slight loss for the year, mainly due to the expense of portaloos hire at all events, some of which were very poorly attended.

Unfortunately, the overall result for the financial year was a loss of around \$1500, however that in part is due to the purchase of embroidered clothing and caps for which income has started coming in but has not yet offset the expense. Fundraising is something we also need to work more on in the coming year.

As required by Dogs Victoria, the AMCV bank account statements are available at all meetings for the members to view so please let me know if you would like to have a look at them. Our auditor, Mick Lindsay has audited and approved our financial reports for the year, and I would like to nominate Mick to audit the books again for the next financial year.

I haven't renominated in the hope that someone might like to take over the role of Treasurer, so if you want it, it's all yours but I am happy to help.

*Ralph Koch*

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### **Vice President Activities report**

Well another year as come to an end for the harness aspect of our club. With small entries in all aspects of activities we have offered. Even so in all competitions the sportsmanship was great to see with everyone helping each other out. Congratulations to all the winners. Hopefully we can encourage more to come along & enjoy the events that the club provides. This is something your dogs love to do whether its running in harness to weight pulling or backpacking.

Congratulations to all those that participated and a big thankyou to everyone who helped organise & run the events.

We had our first weight pull under the ANKC Rules with a solid turn out. Hopefully we can offer more events next season under the ANKC Rules so we can get some of our dogs titled & recognised with the ANKC. Great to see the Alaskan Malamutes taking it up to the other breeds & winning. Well done Luna & Finn.

Looking forward to next season, take care over the summer & enjoy your Mals.

*Merv Turner*

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### **Backpacking Report**

Unfortunately attendances at our hikes have been well down since the ANKC hikes started up, it seems no one wants to hike with a dog unless they can achieve an ANKC title.

We were also unlucky with the weather for our picnic walk which had to be cancelled yet again, this time due to a severe weather warning.

I won't be renominating so I hope whoever takes over backpacking gets better support for the hikes.

*Stuart Vanderpol*

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### **Show Report**

Once again our 2 shows are done and dusted thank goodness. Each year gets a bit harder to do trying to get volunteers to do the work that is required on the day. Thank you to the people who helped this year with the day Sandy Koch, Mel Gray, Merv and Shelley Turner, Dale Green, Olive Singer our stewards Gerald Munro, Kathy Sproat, VCA rep Debbie Parker, our drivers who picked up the judge Leanne Cary and Eliza Perry. In particular the volunteers that were not committee members.

Congrats to the Point Score Winners and once again I would like it publicized a bit more to remind people who show to enter their results.

Would also like a big thank you to our sponsor, Taste of the Wild, and all the people who donated to our trophies and sashes for the shows. Without those donations our trophy table would be a little barer.

Our next years judge hopefully will confirm in the next week or so of her availability.

To be on the committee takes time so if you join the committee be prepared to put into the club with time and requests for help from all aspects of the club.

*Lorraine Green*

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### **Sledding Report**

Apologies for not attending.

Thanks to all the committee and members who assisted this race season with timing and track setting. A lot more goes on behind the scenes than I was aware of

The boot camp was a great success this year, Curt said it's the best location he has seen with the added benefits of quad bike usage.

Race numbers were down all season, which needs to be addressed with some new ideas to encourage and reward more people. I won't be continuing in this position next year as I will be travelling and racing again.

*Alan Pitchforth*

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### **Weight Pull Report**

This was my first year in this role, and I was fortunate in getting assistance from Mel Gray, Sandy Koch, Merv Turner, Eliza Perry from the ASTCV and Ian Luke. Thank you to all of those people, and to those who came along, entered and helped out.

We generally received a good number of entries, but not many malamutes. It was good to see the old stagers Sandy Koch, Merv Turner, Ian Luke and Brad Acht coming along, not only competing, but helping out with timing, in the chute, and in encouraging new participants. I'd like to make special mention of Brad Acht and his boy Shadow, who has competed for a number of years now, but is coming to the end of his career.

We also held our first ever ANKC sanctioned Weight Pull, which drew entries from interstate malamutes, as well as from other breeds, and was well supported. Thank you to Lorraine Green, for helping with entries, and to everyone else who helped.

Congratulations to Ian Luke with Luna, Katakū Mystical Dawn, who won both Highest Weight Pulled and Highest Power/Weight Ratio, with a pull of 832 kilos.

Congratulations also to Finn, Ch Kortmar Georgies boy for winning Weight Pull Dog Of The Year, Luna for winning the Tuggy Shield, and to all other point score winners.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the final competition for the year. Thank you to Ian Luke for ensuring the event went ahead, and to Joe Neeleman and Jennifer Cornell, who came along on the day and jumped in to help with timing and chute duties.

The year has been a big learning curve, and I'm happy to put my hand up for another year.

*Thomas Luke*

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*Stuart Vanderpol*

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### **Obedience Report**

There haven't been any recent requests for advice concerning obedience or behaviour since our last meeting coming through the club, though I'm sure we'll see some unruly dogs that need assistance at the Activities Day next weekend! Most of the issues that I've come across with Mals recently in training has been a lack of manners (jumping up on people) and a lack of handling skills with owners being dragged around by their dogs.

I'm working on an article for the Mally Mail about how having basic obedience skills can help with other activities, such as weight pull, from the aspect of the dog having markers and bridging words to help get results.

I'd be happy to continue as Obedience Coordinator if there are no other nominations.

*Kelly Byrne*

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### Health Report

There have not been a lot of advances in any DNA testing for our breed in the past year. The AMCA continues to encourage owners to submit health results to the Canine Health Information Centre (CHIC).

The following list represents the basic health screening recommendations for malamutes as determined by OFA-CHIC and AMCA:

- Hip Dysplasia
- Eye examination
- Polyneuropathy
- Autoimmune Thyroiditis
- Elbow Dysplasia.

I know we do not have something like CHIC but as a breeder I would highly recommend these tests be done on the sire and dam prior to any breeding.

It was disappointing to see that for the period July 2017 to June 2018 that only 4 malamutes had presented for eye examinations as part of the AVA-ANKC Australian Canine Eye Scheme. Our breed has Hereditary Cataract listed as a disease and should be screened for prior to breeding.

Only one health report of an osteosarcoma in a 9 year old male.

*Shelley Turner*

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### Referral Officer & Puppy Registrar Report

Since our last meeting only two inquiries were received for puppies:

One from NSW – after discussions about the breed the caller decided the breed was not suited as they live in farm land, with farm fencing and have other animals and livestock.

One from VIC – called is new to the breed, after discussions on the breed they wanted to pursue getting a puppy. Guidance was given on issue of buying from a back yard breeder, online & social media sales, and were advised to visit and contact Shelley & Merv Turner of Katakuru Kennels in Pearcedale.

There are currently five Mals listed with Arctic Rescue Victoria:

- Freya – 6 yo female, very little interest in her
- Ella (Pedigree from Whitewarrior Kennels) – going on trial soon
- Pair Roxy and Alaska – currently in boarding at Dishlickers, both severely overweight
- Riley - welfare case seized by Horsham rangers in an emaciated condition – in foster to recover

Seven Malamutes have been adopted since last meeting: Nanook, Socks, Navi, Zoe, Latte, Bebe, Mia.

The AMCV raised over \$900 in donations at activities fun days and sledding introduction events for Arctic Rescue Victoria, so thank you to everyone who attended these events and donated.

*Mirella Alencar*

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### Newsletter Editor Report

There have been 2 issues of the malamute mail, with the spring edition planned for the next few weeks. If anyone has anything they want included (interesting articles, photos, stories etc.) in the next issue please send it through.

*Allison Pulbrook*

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### Fundraising Report

Hi Everyone, I am so sorry I was unable to attend tonight.

I was going to start to talk about Weight pull for the year but realised that was my previous committee role. LOL

In regards to fundraising I organised some very cute Malamute earrings and keyrings from a supplier I found online to be sold at events which were a bit of hit. We still have some available if anyone would like to purchase them, see Sandy.

Just recently I organised and donated some awesome items which were used to sell and auction at the recent AMCV Dog Show to help raise money for the club.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the current committee for all their hard work and dedication this year.

I can't forget the members, thank you to you all and your gorgeous Mallie babies for attending events and offering support to the club, it means A LOT.

Lastly I to want to also thank my beautiful Miss Chardy who just turned 13 on Tuesday & my gorgeous boy Zorro for their endless love and support.

In ending would like to offer if no one puts their hand up to do the role as fundraising coordinator again.

*Mel Gray*

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**ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB VICTORIA, INC.***Incorporations No. A0016353X*

Financial Reports prepared by the Treasurer for the  
Annual General Meeting to be held on 11 October, 2018 at the Bulla Exhibition Centre.

**Auditor's Report****MICHAEL R LINDSAY FIPA FTIA**

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8 September 2018

To Committee & Members of the Alaskan Malamute Club of Victoria Inc.

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 2018, and in my opinion they present a true and accurate record of the Clubs finances.

Yours truly



Michael R Lindsay FIPA FTIA

**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018**

<b>Working Capital</b>	<b>2017 / 2018</b>	2016 / 2017	2015 / 2016	2014 / 2015	2013 / 2014
Balance as at 1 July	<b>\$ 14,701.91</b>	\$ 12,257.05	\$ 13,383.76	\$ 14,916.83	\$ 16,084.16
Excess / Loss for Year	<b>-1583.50</b>	\$ 2,444.86	\$ -1,126.71	\$ -1,533.07	\$ -1,167.33
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 13,118.41</b>	\$ 14,701.91	\$ 12,257.05	\$ 13,383.76	\$ 14,916.83

Members Funds are represented as follows:

<b>Account balances:</b>	<b>2017 / 2018</b>	2016 / 2017	2015 / 2016	2014 / 2015	2013 / 2014
Balance of Cheque account	<b>\$ 4,065.76</b>	\$ 5,357.96	\$ 2,481.91	\$ 3,632.54	\$ 5,213.65
Less Unpresented Cheques	<b>\$ -734.05</b>	\$ -437.48	-	-	-
Bendigo Oxfam Investment Account	<b>\$ 9,786.70</b>	\$ 9,781.43	\$ 9,775.14	\$ 9,751.22	\$ 9,703.18
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>\$ 13,118.41</b>	\$ 14,701.91	\$ 12,257.05	\$ 13,383.76	\$ 14,916.83

### Receipts and Payments for Financial Year ended 30 June 2018

Category	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year Total</b>
Activities	416.00	45.00
Backpacking	97.00	46.00
Breeders Directory	50.00	80.00
Fundraising	771.00	3173.85
Interest	5.87	7.01
Membership - Fees	1803.00	2154.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing	760.00	140.00
Merchandise - Other	88.00	350.00
Newsletter - Advertising	135.00	180.00
Show	2979.00	2457.50
Sledding	10375.18	15075.00
Weight Pull	368.00	225.00
Working Dog titles	0.00	60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17848.05</b>	<b>23993.36</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year Total</b>
Accounting	25.00	25.00
Activities	905.53	1084.83
Administration costs - CAV	56.90	55.80
Administration - Meeting room hire	78.00	102.00
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee	333.00	333.00
Bank fees	4.90	0.00
Donation - Oxfam account	0.60	0.72
Fundraising	0.00	1293.78
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	382.45	271.50
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing	1677.74	0.00
Miscellaneous - Gift	0.00	1000.00
Newsletter - Postage	381.55	622.84
Newsletter - Printing	534.58	949.20
Publicity & Education	26.31	0.00
Referral - donations	924.00	205.00
Show	4779.92	3113.85
Sledding	9131.87	12171.73
Stationery	0.00	30.00
Weight Pull	189.20	289.25
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>19431.55</b>	<b>21548.50</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>-1583.50</b>	<b>2444.86</b>



**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – 2017-2018 financial year**

Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
<b>INCOME</b>														
Activities				112.00					304.00				416.00	45.00
Backpacking				97.00									97.00	46.00
Breeders Directory	50.00												50.00	80.00
Fundraising	55.00	290.00		200.00	151.00	75.00							771.00	3173.85
Interest	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.50	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.45	0.50	0.48	0.50	5.87	7.01
Membership - Fees	672.00	107.00	521.00	132.00	84.00	46.00	58.00		58.00		84.00	41.00	1803.00	2154.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing				145.00	445.00					20.00	150.00		760.00	140.00
Merchandise - Other				48.00							40.00		88.00	350.00
Newsletter - Advertising	60.00	60.00	15.00										135.00	180.00
Show		870.00	1943.00	46.00								120.00	2979.00	2457.50
Sledding	1010.00		475.18					5387.50	1762.50		1205.00	535.00	10375.18	15075.00
Weight Pull		45.00	171.00	72.00						80.00			368.00	225.00
Working Dog titles													0.00	60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1847.48</b>	<b>1372.50</b>	<b>3125.68</b>	<b>852.48</b>	<b>680.50</b>	<b>121.48</b>	<b>58.50</b>	<b>5388.00</b>	<b>2124.95</b>	<b>100.50</b>	<b>1479.48</b>	<b>696.50</b>	<b>17848.05</b>	<b>23993.36</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>														
Accounting		25.00											25.00	25.00
Activities		0.40		905.13									905.53	1084.83
Administration costs - CAV				56.90									56.90	55.80
Administration - Meeting room hire					26.00				26.00			26.00	78.00	102.00
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee				333.00									333.00	333.00
Bank fees					4.90								4.90	0.00
Donation - Oxfam account	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.60	0.72
Fundraising													0.00	1293.78
Membership - VCA Insurance levy		94.45								288.00			382.45	271.50
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing				1077.74	600.00								1677.74	0.00
Miscellaneous - Gift													0.00	1000.00
Newsletter - Postage				267.55					114.00				381.55	622.84
Newsletter - Printing			209.00					325.58					534.58	949.20
Publicity & Education	26.31												26.31	0.00
Referral - donations	60.00						160.00			304.00	400.00		924.00	205.00
Show			3634.53	1124.39						21.00			4779.92	3113.85
Sledding	470.00		1147.99						6002.94	700.59	600.00	210.35	9131.87	12171.73
Stationery													0.00	30.00
Weight Pull			189.20										189.20	289.25
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>556.36</b>	<b>119.90</b>	<b>5180.77</b>	<b>3764.76</b>	<b>630.95</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>160.05</b>	<b>325.63</b>	<b>6142.99</b>	<b>1313.64</b>	<b>1000.05</b>	<b>236.40</b>	<b>19431.55</b>	<b>21548.50</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>1291.12</b>	<b>1252.60</b>	<b>-2055.09</b>	<b>-2912.28</b>	<b>49.55</b>	<b>121.43</b>	<b>-101.55</b>	<b>5062.37</b>	<b>-4018.04</b>	<b>-1213.14</b>	<b>479.43</b>	<b>460.10</b>	<b>-1583.50</b>	<b>2444.86</b>