



# MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 1 June 2022  
By teleconference

*Meeting declared open at 6.05pm on 1 June 2022 by Chair J Diederich (President)*

## In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),  
P Borg, L Tabbakh, J Schaper, H King, P McAllister.  
6.52pm W Morrison

## Apologies

J Fletcher  
M Holtham

## Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved** H King **Seconded** J Schaper that the minutes of the meeting held 27 April 2022, having been previously circulated to members of the Committee, are accepted (**Carried**).

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### 1 Standing Item - Membership

#### 1.1 - New Members

There was one new nomination for membership as listed on the Agenda

**Moved** P Borg and **Seconded** J Schaper that the nomination received for Ordinary Membership be accepted as a new member of the Association, as soon as membership is confirmed as financial. (**Carried**).

#### 1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that membership was at a good level, with only a few members to be followed up.

Further reminders likely to be for 2 years membership ..... **Action J Diederich**

### 2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

#### 2.1 – Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses 29 April

J Diederich reported that L Kennedy’s brother David was in attendance as a guest of Gloucester Park, as well as close friends of Laurie.

The presentation was well received by all.

J Diederich to seek support from Gloucester Park for elevation of this race to Group 2 status, following J Schaper discussion with M Radley. .... **Action: J Diederich**

#### 2.2 – \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes 6 May

Horse sponsorships and race sponsorships were successful. All previous sponsors continued, along with new sponsor Australian Premium Feeds. Overall this was a good fundraising event.

J Diederich reported a very positive evening, with hospitality for 10 provided by Gloucester Park. Committee member J Fletcher attended with guests from Larkhill and PSC Insurance, and invited guests D Trobe, W Dixon and R McKinnon.

Hamilton Content Creators were given free advertising, with some photos to be made available to WASBA.

Thank you responses to be provided after payment received..... **Action: J Diederich**

### **2.3 – Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares**

J Diederich reported that Peter Capararo will be in attendance for the on-track presentation.

Committee members have been requested to attend. .... **Action: Committee**

### **2.4 – Westsired Finals -2YO (1 July) 3YO (8 July)**

J Diederich has requested RWWA increase the stakes to \$30,000 as they are currently worth less than a standard metropolitan 2YO and 3YO race. Increases to Western Crown and Country Oaks will also be requested ..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich reported Sashes have been ordered in readiness for On-track presentations.

Committee attendance to be discussed at next meeting..... **Action: Committee**

### **2.5 – Kerry Clarke Westbred 4YO/5YO Final (8 July)**

Trophy is in stock and base has been made in readiness for on-track presentation

Committee attendance to be discussed at next meeting..... **Action: Committee**

## **3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing**

Suggestions/comments for discussion with the Harness Office include:

- double concessions (mare and junior)
- preferential draw (fillies/mares/juniors)
- Heat opportunities (such as John Higgins, subsequent wins don't penalise eligibility for final)
- adjustment of \$L5 conditions to enable metro horses to start in midweek races
- Accumulating points in race series
- Issues around having adverse barrier draws when dropping back in class

Some options to be developed for horses that are not progressing.

J Diederich and H King to progress discussions..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

## **4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA**

### **4.1 – Development of Training Requirements**

No further update. .... **Action: M Holtham**

### **4.2 – Breeding Initiatives (Epona Proposal, HRA Breeding Report Initiatives, Other State/NZ Initiatives, Westbred Bonus Scheme)**

J Diederich referred to the Appendix included with the Agenda – “RWWA HRCG Agenda item 3.2 Funding to support the Harness Strategic Plan”. The Plan includes increases to the Westbred Bonus for races with stakes above community level, increases to community level and country stakes, and inclusion of a first start bonus for WA bred horses. J Diederich advised that she was still seeking clarity on commencement of the initiatives as well as amounts for the first start bonus ..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich referred to the second Appendix document relating to WASBA Funding Priorities going forward. Refer Summary of this document attached to the Minutes

It was **agreed** that these will be the WASBA priorities going forward.

### **4.3 – Life after racing / re-registration**

No further update ..... **Action: J Diederich**

## **5 Off The Track Rehoming**

J Diederich to discuss options with B Thomas..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich reported that D Trobe attended the Dual Code Spectacular in Guidlford to assist with presentations. The event was very well run by SPPHAWA and very successful, These events that showcase Standardbreds are producing good results in promoting the adaptability and high level presentation of Standardbreds and their owners.

Payment for SPPHAWA invoices for event entries to be arranged ..... **Action: H King**

The Royal Agricultural Society program for Standardbreds is partially complete, with the

full program expected to be available soon.

J Diederich advised that there may be a need for members of the Committee to assist with Standardbred events at the Royal Show. Any advice regarding this will come from either SPPHAWA, who are on the Royal Show Working Group, or the RAS.

**6 Honor Role for Broodmares**

No further update ..... **Action: J Diederich**

**7 Expo Day**

No further update ..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

**8 Other Fund Raising Activities**

No initiatives brought forward to date ..... **Action: Committee**

**9 Member benefits**

Committee to continue to consider initiatives for the membership ..... **Action: Committee**

**10 APG SALES FUNCTION / WASBA AWARDS NIGHT**

J Diederich to liaise with Gloucester Park regarding available refreshment packages for the function ..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to finalise attendee list and discuss with APG ..... **Action: J Diederich**

H King reported that D Boydell had resigned from APG. D Baring would take over in a temporary capacity.

J Diederich to forward letter of appreciation to APG for the efforts of D Boydell to improve and promote the WA Sale ..... **Action: J Diederich**

**11 NOMINATION FEES FOR FEATURE RACES**

J Diederich put forward WASBA's opposition to nomination fees and rankings at the May HRCG meeting. The majority view as spoken was to accept fees and rank nominations.

J Diederich noted that the biggest races across the world are all run with Heats, including Eliteloppet (previously run across several days but now with Heats and Final on one day) and US and Canadian features.

..... **Action: Completed**

**12 3YO RACING OPPORTUNITIES**

J Diederich reported that was raised at the May HRCG meeting, with RWWA responding that it was not feasible given the timeframe, costs and limitations on software. Operations Manager N Scott agreed to look into how 3YO races could be better managed.

J Diederich to progress discussion ..... **Action: J Diederich**

**13 RACE DISTANCES FOR 2YOS**

J Diederich reported that this was raised as an Agenda item at the May HRCG meeting, but discussion has been postponed to the August meeting ..... **Action: J Diederich**

**14 STAKEMONEY SPLITS**

J Diederich put forward WASBA's agreed position in relation to metropolitan and feature stakes (55/20/10/10 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> to the May HRCG meeting. The view was supported by WABOTRA and WACHRA. However, HROAWA and GPHR both opposed the reduction in stakes to the winner. RWWA put forward another version with higher stakes to the winner (up from their proposed 56% at the February meeting to 58%), more in line with HROAWA, and indicated that their decision was final and RWWA was not obliged to consider a majority viewpoint from the Eligible Bodies.

HROAWA supported this outcome ..... **Action: Completed**

**15 WASBA RAFFLE**

H King reported that initial approaches had been made to Alabar and Woodlands. Although both organisations were supportive of WASBA, they were still unsure regarding the status of the breeding arrangements for their stallions for 2022. The Studs have

requested HRA add donated services to the stallion cap.

H King to continue to liaise and advise Committee if Raffle and Stallion Tender should proceed.....**Action: H King**

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## Treasurers Report

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### Financial Report to 31 May 2022

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$66,118.13</u></b>
INCOME	\$ 5,526.51
EXPENDITURE	\$ 1,150.83
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,493.81</u></b>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 5,450.21
	Business Cash Reserve	\$65,043.60
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

**For noting:** 30 May J Diederich - Secretarial (March April May) \$750.00

**Moved P McAllister and Seconded J Schaper** that the Treasurers Report be accepted. **(Carried)**

**Moved P Borg and Seconded J Schaper** that payment to J Diederich for Secretarial Honorarium be ratified **(Carried)**

**Moved P Borg and Seconded L Tabbakh** that the Secretarial Honorarium be increased to \$300 per calendar month **(Carried)**

6.52 W Morrison entered the meeting.

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## Correspondence

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### IN

- T Starling (RWWA) "HRCG| Circular Notice 'Prizemoney Percentage Split", email 21 April 2022, to Committee 25 April, response to RWWA 6 May
- T Starling (RWWA) "Agenda Pack | HRCG Meeting 11 May 2022", email 27 April 2022
- A Parker "State Number in Microchip number", email 28 Apr 2022, reply 4 May
- M Lee-Newland (Penrose Park Garlands) Invoice Breeders Stakes Garland", email 29 April, to H King 30 Apr
- T Starling (RWWA) "Revised Agenda Pack | HRCG Meeting 11 May 2022", email 5 May 2022
- C van Niekerk (Swan View & Districts Ag and Art Society) "Request for Sponsorship Ag Breed and HIA 22 & 23 October 2022", email 19 May 2022, reply 21 May

- Steve Spallarossa (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) “Request for nominations for harness racing industry representatives the RWWA Board”, email 25 May 2022, to Committee 25 May
- T Starling (RWWA) “Unconfirmed Minutes and Action List | HRCG Meeting held 11 May 2022”, email 27 May 2022

## OUT

- K Gebert (HRA) “Request for State Number in Microchip number”, email 28 Apr 2022, reply 4 May
- N Zaccaria (GPHR) “Racebook advertisements and sponsor logos for this Friday Breeders Stakes night racebook”, email 2 May 2022
- N Zaccaria (GPHR) “\$20 Horse Sponsors for Racebook”, email 3 May 2022
- W Cameron (RWWA) “Request for Sponsor promotion WASBA Breeders Stakes”, email 4 May 2022, reply 4 May
- N Zaccaria (GPHR) “WASBA Breeders Stakes On-course scripts”, email 4 May 2022
- J Preston (RWWA) “RWWA KPI for horses earning more than \$30,000”, email 12 May
- D Hunter (RWWA) “Clarification on TheTrotsWA Magazine and the 2YO Westbred Classics”, email 17 May 2022, interim reply 17 May, reply 24 May
- Exclusive Trophies “Trophy bases for WASBA” email 18 May 2022
- M Radley (GPHR) “WASBA On track presentations June and July”, email 26 May 2022
- N Scott (RWWA) “Stakes for Western Crown and Westsired Classics”, email 27 May 2022
- Computer Sashes “WASBA Annual request for V Shape Sashes by 24 June”, email 27 May 2022

## Information Only

- Off The Track “OTTWA Albany Regional Clinic Registrations”, email 28 April 2022
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Breeders Bulletin May”, email 3 May 2022
- Hoofbeats May 22 Update”, email 6 May
- RWWA “Media release: Outstanding women of the WA harness racing community celebrated”, email 8 May 2022
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Online Live - The IRT Victorian Breeders Awards”, email 10 May 2022
- Off The Track “OTTWA Geraldton Regional Clinic Registrations”, email 10 May 2022
- T Starling (RWWA) “Industry Update – WA TAB Sale”, email 10 May 2022, to Committee 11 May
- Off The Track “Off the Track WA May Newsletter: Clinic Registrations Open & Sponsored Events Wrap Up”, email 12 May 2022
- J Anderson (The Breeders Voice) “Say No to a Stallion Tax Petition”, email 13 May
- L Prater (RWWA) “Media Release - RWWA Announces Departure of Chief Racing Officer”, email 19 May 2022, to Committee 19 May
- Off The Track “OTTWA Metro Clinic & Training Day Registrations Now Open”, email 24 May 2022
- Off The Track “One Week Left – Submit Your Event Sponsorship Application Today”, email 25 May 2022

J Diederich referred to the correspondence from A Parker (28 Apr) and advised the issue had been raised with HRA, who indicated it was not possible to include a State number in the internationally manufactured microchips that were being used in Australia. However, HRA would look into providing a “state of birth” for foals on the HRA website.

**Moved** J Schaper and **Seconded** P McAllister the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (**Carried**).

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## Reports

### 1. Teleconference with HRA (A Kelly and C Brown)

J Diederich reported that the discussion was useful and a number of different topics were covered. WASBA does not agree with the imposition of a stallion levy and this position did not change.

### 2 May HRCG Meeting (items not covered elsewhere)

NIL

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## General Business

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### 1. Request for Sponsorship - Swan View & Districts Agricultural & Arts Society Inc

J Diederich reported that WASBA has received a request for \$50 sponsorship for Sashes for Breed show on the 22 October and an RAS qualifying HIA event 23 October 2022

**Moved** P Borg and **Seconded** W Morrison that WASBA provide the requested sponsorship to Swan View & Districts Agricultural & Arts Society Inc for their scheduled events (**Carried**).

### 2. Nomination of Harness Code Director

J Diederich referred to the letter received from the Department of Local Government Sports and Cultural Industries, advising of the expiry of the term (on 31 July) of the current Harness Code Director and Alternate Director.

**Moved** J Schaper and **Seconded** P McAllister that WASBA support Robert (Bob) Fowler to continue as Harness Code Director, and Albert Walmsley to continue as Alternate Director, for a period of 12 months from 1 August 2022 (**Carried**).

J Diederich to put forward this position to the EHRB to enable a majority vote to be determined and forwarded to DLGSC by the due date .....Action: J Diederich

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) will be held on 29 June 2022, **format by teleconference unless otherwise advised**.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

J Diederich  
Chair



1 June 2022  
Date

## ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES 1 JUNE 2022

### **SUMMARY - WASBA FUNDING PRIORITIES**

WASBA fully supports the funding proposals from RWWA in May 2022 that will see a timely increase to the Westbred Bonus payments, and commencement of a first starter payment additional to the current first win. These are both very positive moves and should see an increase in starters. The first starter payment must only apply to WA bred horses.

Other initiatives:

- Change the distribution to 60% winner, 20% second, 12% third, 8% 4<sup>th</sup> (currently 68/18/9/5) when the new Westbred Bonus levels (listed as \$5,000 and \$7,500) – offers better encouragement to compete against quality horses.
- Drop the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of Westbred Bonus when all stakes are above \$6,000

Additional funding:

1. Broodmare Bonus. (first raised with MHR Noel Reilly) a successful broodmare bonus voucher system, for those mares that have produced winners – suggested level \$500 per winner per season and cumulative. The resulting vouchers are based on the success of a specific mare in producing winners, and are therefore not transferable.
2. Cash incentive on a live foal, or fee reduction.
3. Breeder Bonus increase. to 20% (currently 12.5%).
4. Increase the EPONA limit to \$8,000.
5. Westbred Bonus promotion
6. Aged Westbred win bonus in races less than \$12,000. ie Westbred winners 4yo and over to receive a suggested \$250 bonus for a win . Consider in lieu of or in conjunction with stakes increases.

Additional incentives that do not require additional funding, (at least \$150,000 to \$250,000 of the budget is unspent each year and could be better used):

1. Increase the current RWWA “\$10,250” races to \$11,500.
2. Increase the Pearl and Diamond 2yo Heats to \$10,000
3. Increase RWWA component of WASBA races to \$12,000
4. Increase stakes for Country Oaks to equal the Country Derby.
5. Review all country feature races that existed in 2017 (and new initiatives) including races like the DeCampos (were \$20,000, now \$10,000), the Village Kid Sprint at Northam (was \$20,000).
6. Re- Introduce some feature racing at country meetings which could be accommodated if country clubs were allowed to downgrade a race occasionally to supplement stakes for a mini feature.

We are in the business of supporting more of our local product into racing and continuing to race and subsequent breeding

J Diederich

President of WASBA

1 June 2022