



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 29 June 2022
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.10pm on 29 June 2022 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
P Borg, L Tabbakh, J Fletcher, J Schaper, H King, J Coffey.

Apologies

W Morrison
M Holtham

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved P Borg **Seconded** L Tabbakh that the minutes of the meeting held 1 June 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

J Diederich noted the correction to the Agenda, with no new members since the previous meeting

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that membership will be encouraged as part of the raffle.

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses 29 April

J Diederich advised that there appeared to be support for the Laurie Kennedy Race for Roses to be elevated to Group 2 status. Work was still occurring on the feature races under the new HRA rules. **Action: J Diederich**

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

H King advised that only two payments were outstanding. These will be followed up in due course **Action: H King**

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

2.3 – Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares

J Diederich thanked Committee members J Fletcher and J Schaper for assisting with the on-track presentation to the winning connections of Bettors Destroya. J Diederich advised that every effort will be made to retain these restricted races in the new racing calendar, although it was unlikely they would retain Group status..... **Action: Completed**

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

J Diederich expressed her disappointment that the RWWA harness office had not seen fit to increase the stakes for these races to \$30,000 as they were less value than a standard metropolitan race due to the absence of the Westbred Bonuses

Committee attendance was requested for the on track presentations... **Action: Committee**

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

Bev Clarke will be in attendance for the presentation. Committee attendance was requested for the on track presentations. **Action: Committee**

2.6 – WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares in August

Following the decision of GPHR to take on board the rugs for the 2YO and 3YO Westbred Classics, it was agreed that a rug and garland would be provided this year for this race, along with the trophy.

Trophy to be arranged..... **Action: J Diederich**

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 advised that she was still waiting on the start date to be provided by RWWA for the Westbred Bonus increases and the first start bonus.

J Diederich to continue to follow up on commencement dates **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich noted that stakes increases (\$5,000 to \$6,000, and \$8,500 to \$9,000) will commence 1 August.

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 industry participants have advised that it is difficult for horses to be accepted into the OTT program as there are a number of actions that must be completed before they will be considered – farrier, vet, teeth - but there is no defined timeline for acceptance. It was thought that the horses should be accepted at the OTT property in Dandalup and these services then charged to the owner.

J Diederich to discuss with RWWA at an appropriate opportunity..... **Action: J Diederich**

Payment for SPPHAWA invoices for event entries has been completed **Action: Completed**

J Diederich referred to the Royal Agricultural Society inclusion of a Standardbred program and commented that it was important for these events to be as successful as possible and anyone with suitable horses should be encouraged to enter.

J Diederich noted that a sponsorship request from the Swan View & Districts Agricultural & Arts Society Inc had been approved at the last meeting and an invoice would be forthcoming in due course.

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 forwarded a letter of thanks for the efforts of D Boydell in promoting the WA Sales, following his resignation **Action: Completed**
J Diederich noted that there would need to be a discussion regarding the future of the APG WA Sale Awards night, with APG management structure undergoing change. The list of Award night invitees and attendees was forwarded to APG **Action: Completed**
- 11 3YO RACING OPPORTUNITIES**
J Diederich and H King to pursue as part of the overall discussion around racing opportunities. **Action: J Diederich/H King**
- 12 RACE DISTANCES FOR 2YOS**
Discussion deferred to the August HRCG Meeting **Action: J Diederich**
- 13 WASBA RAFFLE**
H King reported that progress has been made in obtaining the right stallions for both the Stallion Raffle and Stallion Tender. H King to progress further discussions with the studs and owners or shareholders.
H King to continue to liaise and advise Committee if Raffle and Stallion Tender should proceed **Action: H King**
- 14 NOMINATION OF HARNESS CODE DIRECTOR**
J Diederich advised that the agreed WASBA response has been forwarded to the department **Action: Completed**

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 29 June 2022

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$70,493.81</u>
INCOME	\$ \$602.81
EXPENDITURE	\$ 1,294.79
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$69,801.83</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 4,755.42
	Business Cash Reserve	\$65,046.41
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

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

Correspondence

IN

- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) "Invoice for WASBA Subsidy for Event entries", email 31 May 2022, to H King 31 May
- HBV "Request for mailing list for Stallion Guide", email 3 June 2022, reply 13 Jun
- Computer Sashes "Invoice WASBA Sashes Westsired Classics", email 6 June 2022, to H King 9 Jun
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) "Request for feedback on WASBA Subsidy for Event entries", email 7 June 2022, reply 9 Jun
- T Starling (RWWA) "Circular Notice - 'Industry Covid-19 Vaccination Requirements' for consideration", email 9 June 2022, to Committee 9 Jun
- T Blee "Issues with Microchipping and DNA", email 10 June 2022
- T Starling (RWWA) "Club Circular 04/22 - COVID-19 Vaccination Rule for WA Racing Revoked", email 21 June 2022
- V Tapper (Vicki Photos) "Photos Dual Code Spectacular", email 21 June 2022, reply 23 Jun
- Dept Primary Industries and Regional Development "Review of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007" email 23 June 2022, to members 23 Jun
- G Newton (ASBA) "ASBA Agenda - General Meeting 26 Jun 2022" email 23 June 2022
- Exclusive Trophies "Invoice 60191 trophy bases", email 23 June 2022, to H King 23 Jun
- M Radley "John Wasba" email 25 June 2022, reply 26 Jun
- Dept of Agriculture "Have Your Say on the Veterinary Practice Regulations 2022 - tranche 2 consultation", email 27 Jun 2022 (home email), to BOTRA 27 Jun

OUT

- M Radley (GPHR) "Westbred Classics - Rugs and Garlands", email 1 June 2022, reply 3 Jun, to Committee 5 Jun
- N Scott (HOM RWWA) "Cancellation of 2yo and 3yo races", email 1 June 2022, copied reply 2 Jun
- P Watkinson (APG) "Departure of David Boydell", email 2 June 2022, reply 3 Jun
- HBV "Westbred Advertisement in Stallion Guide", email 5 June, reply 5 Jun
- Piaffe Equestrian "WASBA WOOLLEN RUG ORDER – Virgil Queen and Bob Humphries", email 7 June 2022, reply 21 Jun
- N Scott (HOM) "Request for change to barrier draw conditions – WASBA Virgil Queen", email 7 June 2022, reply 9 Jun
- Eligible Bodies "Offer to Coordinate Response on Behalf of the Eligible Bodies", email 9 June 2022
- N Scott (HOM) "Request for change to stakes for Western Crown, Country Oaks and Westsired races follow up", email 9 June 2022, reply 9 Jun
- Piaffe Equestrian "WASBA WOOLLEN RUG ORDER – WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Pace", email 13 June 2022, reply 21 Jun
- M K Garlands "Request for Garland for WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Pace" email 13 June 2022
- Penrose Park Garlands "Request for Garlands Virgil Queen and Bob Humphries" email 13 June 2022
- M K Garlands "Request for Garland for WASBA Country Oaks" email 13 June 2022
- C Gannon (Gannons) "Request for Silk rug for Country Oaks", email 13 June 2022
- Exclusive Trophies "Request for Trophy Cup for Country Oaks", email 13 June 2022
- L Chopping (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) "Request for nominations for harness racing industry representatives the RWWA Board" letter 15 June 2022
- HBV "Westbred Advertisement in Stallion Guide", email 18 June 2022
- M Kemp (RWWA) "Ramifications of HRA Changes to Stallion Registrations", email 27 June 2022

Information Only

- "WASBA May Newsletter", to members 2 June 2022
- Harness Breeders Victoria "Breeders Bulletin June", email 2 June 2022 2022
- B Thomas "Lokenzo Park Newsletter Edition 3", email 5 June 2022, to Committee 9 Jun
- T Starling (RWWA) "Industry Update – Chief Racing Officer", email 7 June 2022
- APG "APG National Mixed Sale Entries Now Open", email 7 June 2022, to members 9 Jun
- OTTWA "OTTWA Clinic in Coolup, 2 & 3 July - Registrations Opening 3 PM Today!", email 8 June 2022
- OTTWA "OTTWA New Combinations Clinic Registrations Opening at 3 PM", email 15 June 2022

- OTTWA “OTTWA June Newsletter: Clinic Registrations Open & Sponsored Event Wrap Up”, email 15 June 2022
- OTTWA “Correction: OTTWA SOR Classic Clinic & Social Ride Registrations Opening at 3 PM”, email 20 June 2022
- SPPHAWA “SPPHAWA New Merchandise Range” email 20 June 2022
- OTTWA “OTTWA Clinic in Coolup, 2 & 3 July - Registrations Close Sunday!”, email 23 June 2022
- APG “A Very Special Sale”, email 23 June 2022, to ES members 23 Jun
- “WASBA June Newsletter”, to members 26 June 2022
- J Ovens (RWWA) “A message from Jeff Ovens”, email 27 June 2022, to Committee 27 Jun
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Media Release – Leadership renewal in WA Racing”, email 27 June 2022, to Committee 27 Jun

Moved H King and **Seconded** P Borg the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (**Carried**).

Reports

1. ASBA General Meeting 26 June 2022

J Diederich reported that the meeting was quite productive:

- An updated Constitution was approved to permit teleconferences, proxies and appointment of specialists.
- J Coffey was appointed as a breeding expert to assist ASBA, and Tony Britt has been appointed as a Biosecurity and Welfare consultant.
- Issues need to be resolved with HRA moving forward.
- Victoria is currently the only state that undertakes freeze branding
- USTA has a phone app to interact with microchips and the US database to enable easier identification of horses.
- The 2023 Sales will be the first sales where yearlings are not microchipped. Lack of freezebranding has not had an impact on the Sales as yet.
- Request HRA treat mares the same as trotters with respect to Group racing levels.
- T Britt reported on action of activists with the thoroughbred code.

J Diederich to liaise with R Fowler as to status of microchip app initiative that HRA was thought to be developing..... **Action: J Diederich**

General Business

1 Delays in DNA and Microchipping

J Diederich requested feedback on the current RWWA process..... **Action: Committee**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) will be held on 27 July, **format by teleconference unless otherwise advised**.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

J Diederich
Chair



29 June 2022
Date