



# MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 5 October 2022  
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.08pm on 5 October 2022 by Chair J Diederich (President)

## In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),  
P Borg, L Tabbakh, J Fletcher, H King, M Holtham, J Schaper, W Morrison . 6.16pm P McAllister.

## Apologies

J Coffey

## Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved** J Schaper **Seconded** P Borg that the minutes of the meeting held 7 September 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

No new nominations this month.

#### 1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that membership records will be updated prior to the next meeting. A sweep of older credit card details will also be done over the coming months.

H King advised that the online member registration now includes a capability to pay securely by credit card online through Square, and this process will be encouraged with membership reminders.

### 2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

#### 2.1 – \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes (6 May 2022)

Remaining sponsor assumed payment had been made and will forward payment after checking their records ..... **Action: H King**

End of season Sponsors thank you to be provided for Breeders Stakes, Raffle and Stallion Tender ..... **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

#### 2.2 – WASBA Country Oaks (2023)

J Diederich reported that some trainers will be sampled for their view before a decision with RWWA. It is intended to provide 3yo country trained fillies with the best opportunity to further their earnings by selecting a more appropriate date. The Bunbury Club will support WASBA in obtaining a more suitable date ..... **Action: J Diederich**

#### 2.3 – WASBA Bob Humphries (Bunbury (9 November)

Awaiting garland. Guest attendance to be discussed with the Humphries family as this is a midweek daytime meeting. .... **Action: J Diederich**

Committee members to advise their availability to attend ..... **Action: Committee**

### 3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

No progress to date. We are sounding out some trainers to assist with a meeting. Awaiting feedback on the new driver concession that applied from 2 September

Suggestions/comments for discussion with the Harness Office remaining are:

- double concessions (mare and junior)
- preferential draw (fillies/mares/juniors)
- Heat opportunities (such as John Higgins)
- 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 trainers are finding it very difficult to place their horse in any race, let alone a suitable one

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 reported that D Hunter from RWWA has advised that the Board has been asked to approve an increase to the Westbred Bonus, and a first start bonus, with both commencing with 2yos in 2023. This should be announced in October if it comes to fruition.

J Diederich to continue to follow up .....**Action: J Diederich**

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

No further action. Waiting on further advice from members .....**Action: H King**

#### **5 Off The Track Rehoming**

J Diederich advised that RWWA retrainer B Thomas will assist WASBA with the Off The Track activities on WA Derby night.

J Diederich proposed that WASBA provide a donation to B Thomas of \$1500 for support in arranging the horses, assisting with compiling information about the OTT horses and for assistance on the night

<b>Moved</b> H King and <b>Seconded</b> P McAllister that WASBA donate \$1,500 to B Thomas for support with OTT activities including assistance to WASBA ( <b>Carried</b> )
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<b>Moved</b> P Borg and <b>Seconded</b> W Morrison that WASBA provide \$150 to each of the 6 selected OTT riders to offset costs involved in participating in the WASBA OTT Derby night event at Gloucester Park ( <b>Carried</b> )
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H King to arrange payment to B Thomas (\$1500) and payments (totalling \$900) to OTT Derby night riders.....**Action: H King**

J Diederich advised that discussions were progressing with the owners of the retired Derby horses and other arrangements necessary for the night.

J Diederich to continue to finalise the event.....**Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich reported that B Thomas has advised that the OTT facility does take approved horses if space is available. There is therefore no need to raise this matter with RWWA other than this information be more readily available to the industry.....**Action: Completed**

#### **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**

The \$500 Stallion Service fee vouchers were drawn as approved in the July WASBA meeting.

J Diederich reported that the winners of the Vouchers, have all been advised individually by email, as has the full membership.

H King to request proof of breeding at the relevant time ..... **Action: H King**

J Diederich reported that this was an excellent promotion for breeding and would make membership follow up a much easier task.

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

J Diederich to liaise with APG and Gloucester Park regarding support for a 2023 Awards night APG Sale function ..... **Action: J Diederich**

**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 to be progressed as this is an important matter that impacts the racing viability of some 2yos. If there is no progress, this item will be raised again for discussion at a HRCG meeting..... **Action: J Diederich**

**13 WASBA RAFFLE AND STALLION TENDER**

H King reported on the very successful Stallion Tender, and the better than expected results in the 2022 Raffle. A total of 11 stallions were provided through the Stallion Tender, with all Tenders sold. An additional unsold Tender from the Pinjarra Stallion Tender was also sold at no cost to the Pinjarra Club.

There was one refund from the 2021 Stallion Tender with the stallion no longer available this year after an unsuccessful breeding.

Treasurer H King to follow up payments when appropriate..... **Action: H King**

**14 WASBA AGM**

The Radiant Oro room has been nominated for the AGM by GPHR for the AGM on Friday 25 November, Mares Classic night, although the room may change closer to the date.

AGM Notices can now be sent and must be forwarded to members before the end of October.

Accounts are with auditor G Scott.

Committee members whose term expire at the 2022 AGM who have advised their intention to renominate are P Borg, J Schaper, M Holtham and J Fletcher.

P McAllister’s term will also expire at the 2022 AGM,

J Diederich advised that as per a previous discussion with a WASBA member, General Business will include time for those members interested in a future Harness Code Director position to put forward information about their suitability for the role. J Diederich advised that this would not constitute an interview, but would simply enable the interested persons to introduce themselves to members present and the Committee. Current Code Director Robert Fowler has indicated that he will not seek an extension beyond his current two year term.

Committee did not put forward any nominations for Life Membership

J Diederich to progress AGM material for members ..... **Action: J Diederich**

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## Treasurers Report

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### Financial Report to 30 September 2022

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 80,441.28</u></b>
INCOME	\$ 4,832.17
EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,332.28
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,941.17</u></b>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 6,812.27
	Business Cash Reserve	\$75,128.90
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

#### For noting:

- J Diederich Secretarial Aug/Sep 2022 \$600.00
- H King Raffle results advertisement \$94.50

<b>Moved</b> P McAllister and <b>Seconded</b> L Tabbakh that the Treasurers Report be accepted. <b>(Carried)</b>
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<b>Moved</b> J Fletcher and <b>Seconded</b> W Morrison that payment to J Diederich for Secretarial honorarium and to H King for Raffle advertisement, be ratified <b>(Carried)</b>
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## Correspondence

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### IN

- F Mellors (RWWA) "Monthly Activist Report June and July" email 2 September 2022, to Committee 5 Sep
- D Stampalia "GP Redevelopment", email 6 September 2022, reply 9 Sep
- D Anderson "Mare", email 9 September, reply 9 September
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Monthly Activist Report August" email 8 September 2022, to Committee 8 Sep
- F Mellors (RWWA) "HRCG | Circular Notice - 'Industry Covid-19 Testing Protocols' for consideration" email 13 September 2022, reply 14 Sep
- F Trobe "Invoice adhoc website and domain work", email 14 September 2022, to H King 14 Sep
- D Hunter (RWWA) "Timing of Westbred Bonus increases update", email 21 September 2022
- F Mellors (RWWA) "HRCG | Notice of Meeting for 9 November 2022", email 28 September 2022

### OUT

- D Hunter (RWWA) "Timing of Westbred Bonus increases", email 5 September 2022, reply 11 Sep
- F Trobe "Request to lock .AU domain name", email 7 September, reply 14 September
- D Putland (Pinjarra HRC) "Pinjarra Stallion Tender" email 11 September, reply 11 Sep and 16 Sep
- Various "WASBA Stallion Tender – successful and unsuccessful Tenders", emails to Tenderers 13 September 2022
- B Thomas (OTT Retrainer) "OTT promotion on WA Derby night", email 21 September 2022

- Various and full membership “WASBA \$500 Stallion Service Fee Vouchers”, emails 2 and 3 October 2022
- N Zaccaria (GPHR) “Request for room for WASBA AGM”, email 3 Oct

### Information Only

- RISE (HRA) “Request for Top Story for WASBA Stallion Tender”, email 4 September 2022, reply 13 Sep
- HBV “Breeders Bulletin September”, email 5 September 2022
- Dept of Mines etc “Associations Newsletter”, email 6 September 2022
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Media release: First slot races in Western Australia” email 15 September 2022, to members 15 Sep
- Nevele R Stud “Nevele Stud News”, email 22 September 2022
- OTT “REGISTRATIONS OPENING @ 3PM MONDAY - OTTWA Social Ride: 22 October - Brigadoon”, email 30 September 2022
- SPPHAWA “Matchy Matchy Walk/Trot Encouragement Day”, email 3 October 2022, reply 3 Oct
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Monthly Activist Report September” email 3 October 2022
- “WASBA September Newsletter”, to members 27 September 2022
- OTT “REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY - OTTWA Classic Clinic: 8 October - Baldivis Pony Club” email 28 September 2022

J Diederich noted late correspondence from WASBA to the Kulin Bush Racing Committee indicating support for the Committee in resolving the issue with RWWA’s directive that older retired horses could not compete at the Kulin Bush race meeting. This would be followed up due to its adverse impact on rehoming of Standardbred horses in particular. .... **Action J Diederich**

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

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### Reports

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NIL

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### General Business

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#### 1. HRCG November meeting

J Diederich reported that the response to RWWA on our agreed funding priorities was being prepared and would be forwarded by the due date 7 October ..... **Action: J Diederich**

#### 2. Website Management

J Diederich referred to the purchase of the wasba.au domain name, which was to ensure that others could not purchase the name and undermine WASBA.

The WASBA website manager had also been requested to undertake some work on the website, to improve the online membership form and make credit card payments through a secure system, without the needs to provide written details to WASBA. This work has been completed.

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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 2 November, **format by teleconference unless otherwise advised**.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.53pm.

J Diederich  
Chair



5 October 2022  
Date

## ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES 7 September 2022

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

WASBA initiated and fully supported the funding proposals put forward by RWWA in May 2022, but notes the significant delay in implementation considering the benefits were developed from a review that was intended to commence in 2017, and was presented to the Board in 2019. There was an expectation that the options identified would be implemented in 2020.

The proposals put forward by RWWA include timely increases to the Westbred Bonus payments, and commencement of a first starter payment additional to the current first win (both very positive moves that should see an increase in starters. The first starter payment must only apply to WA bred horses.

RWWA is yet to confirm commencement dates for the first starter payment and the Westbred Bonus increases. They are considering bringing the dates forward if the budget can accommodate this.

The remaining initiatives include:

- Changes to the distribution of the Westbred Bonus to 60% winner, 20% second, 12% third, 8% 4<sup>th</sup> (currently 68/18/9/5) when the Westbred Bonus levels increase.
- Drop the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> (and lowest) tier of Westbred Bonus when stakes are above \$6,000

Additional funding options:

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, as per other State Administrations.
3. Breeder Bonus increase. to 20% (currently 12.5%).
4. Increase the EPONA limit to \$8,000.
5. Promotion by RWWA of breeding and the advantages of the Westbred incentives
6. Aged Westbred win bonus in races less than \$12,000. ie Westbred winners 4yo and over to receive a \$250 bonus for a win . Consider in lieu of or in conjunction with stakes increases.

Incentives that do not require additional funding, (on the basis of unspent money from each years budget, of around \$150,000 to \$250,000):

1. Increase the current RWWA “mini features” races to \$11,500.
2. Increase the Pearl and Diamond 2yo Heats to \$10,000
3. Increase the current Group 1 status Pearl and Diamond to \$150,000
4. Increase RWWA component of WASBA races to \$12,000
5. Review all country mini feature races including races like the DeCampos (were \$20,000, now \$10,000), the Village Kid Sprint at Northam (was \$20,000) and allow clubs to use unused race money to elevate those races up to their previous levels (eg where there are less races run than initially programmed) OR
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 September 2022