



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 16 November 2022
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.05pm on 16 November 2022 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
P Borg, L Tabbakh, H King, J Schaper, W Morrison. J Fletcher.
6.36pm P McAllister

Apologies

M Holtham

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 5 October 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 a sweep of older credit card details has commenced.

Membership reminders will be sent via email or SMS to a selected list.

The recent data breaches may have made some people concerned about electronic credit card payments. However this is the most secure method for payers and will be promoted for reminders as the preferred option for credit card payments..... **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

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

Remaining sponsor has paid **Action: Completed**

End of season Sponsor thank yous are still to be Prepared. Thank you letters for Stallion services also to be prepared

These will be completed before the next Committee meeting. **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

2.2 – WASBA Country Oaks (2023)

J Diederich advised that after reviewing the available dates and preferred timing of the event that a date in May is the most likely preferred date.

J Diederich to liaise with N Scott regarding the date and conditions **Action: J Diederich**

2.3 – WASBA Bob Humphries (Bunbury (9 November)

J Diederich reported that she attended the meeting with guests Denise Trobe and Bev Clarke. Bruce Jones from WACHRA again assisted with the presentation. The Humphries family was unable to attend the day meeting.

It was overall a success and was greatly assisted by Bunbury Operations Manager Kate Ryan-Taylor

WASBA will make payment for the \$2,000 difference between RWWA provided stakes and the total race stakes if invoiced..... **Action: Completed**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

No progress to date. Some trainers have been approached to assist with a meeting but have yet to accept.

A decline in maiden races for 4yo and over has resulted in a significantly reduced Bonus payment for these horses, with the original estimate by RWWA around \$600,000 and actual payment around \$300,000

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
- Maiden races
- Adequate racing opportunities

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

J Diederich reported that the newly appointed training manager at RWWA was endeavouring to develop an appropriate training program that would provide pathways for trainers and drivers to receive certified accreditation.

M Holtham to liaise regarding training initiatives that support breeding. **Action: M Holtham**

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

J Diederich reported and as advised, the Westbred Bonus increases will commence in January, along with a first start Bonus of \$500. The Westbre Bonus increase will apply to the 2019 foal crop onwards. It is likely that the first start bonus will apply from the 2019 foal crop as well, although the RWWA announcement was not clear on this.

J Diederich reported that in general, the initiatives put forward by WASBA for funding were not supported by RWWA. The Initiatives will continue to be supported by WASBA.

There was however some support for an increased focus on promotion and other media that would better support the harness product. An owner brochure similar to thoroughbreds was being developed for release in the 2023 season.

J Diederich to liaise with B Fyans.....**Action: J Diederich**

GPFR proposed increases to the 3YO Westbred stakes to \$150,000 each J Diederich requested an increase in the 2YO Pearl and Diamond to \$150,000, given that owners pay for entry, every horse paid up is able to start in a Heat and the turnover results reflect a much greater interest in these races compared to other juvenile features.

J Diederich to follow up with D Hunter.....**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 provided great assistance for the OTT parade on Derby night and that overall the participants were extremely happy with their involvement and the opportunity to show their horse on track.

J Diederich reported that she had forwarded thanks to those involved at RWWA and GPFR in supporting the event, and it was WASBA's hope that RWWA would work with the clubs to make these events more regular.

Payments of \$1,500 to B Thomas and \$150 to each of the 6 riders, as agreed at the October meeting, have been completed

Moved J Schaper and Seconded P Borg that provision of the Body sashes costing \$218.52 and embroidery on the OTTWA donated saddle pads costing \$240 be ratified (**Carried**)

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

Payment of the \$500 Stallion Service fee vouchers has commenced.

J Diederich reiterated that this had been a very positive promotion of breeding and should be under consideration as a standard practice as long as funds permit.

10 APG SALES FUNCTION / WASBA AWARDS NIGHT

J Diederich reported that APG through D Baring was considering whether to run the APG Sales/Awards function in 2023 due to the considerable number of complaints received following the 2022 event, principally around the lack of food.

J Diederich to liaise further with APG regarding support for a 2023 Awards night APG Sale function **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to liaise with APG regarding their support for the \$1000 sponsorship for open Group 1 winners (currently Never Ending and Tricky Micky qualify as long as membership is current).

11 RACE DISTANCES FOR 2YOS

No further progress. Discussion to be included at meeting with Harness Operations Manager (HOM) N Scott..... **Action: J Diederich**

12 WASBA RAFFLE AND STALLION TENDER

H King reported that all deposits have been paid. Balance of payment is due in mid December.

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

J Diederich reported that a refund will be made for a stallion provided in 2020 as requested by the owner of the mare. Both mare and foal died

Refund for stallion service as arranged between owner and Woodlands..... **Action: H King**

13 WASBA AGM

J Diederich reported that all required notices were forwarded to members in accordance with the Constitution/Rules.

Committee nominations were closed, with all retiring members (P Borg, P McAllister, J Schaper, M Holtham and J Fletcher) renominating and no additional nominations.

Committee **endorsed** all nominations.

There were no nominations for Life Membership

Accounts are with auditor G Scott

Presidents Report

J Diederich to provide final Agenda to members **Action: J Diederich**

14 BUSH RACES

J Diederich to follow up in due course **Action: J Diederich**

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 11 November 2022

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 81,941.17</u>
INCOME	\$ 4,856.91
EXPENDITURE	\$11,420.32
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$75,377.76</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 2,191.95
	Business Cash Reserve	\$73,185.81
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich Rehoming payment to participants \$900.00
- H King rehoming event commentator \$200.00
- H King – Richardson death notice \$127.35

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

Moved J Schaper and **Seconded** J Fletcher that payment to J Diederich for payment to participants, as approved at the October meeting, and to H King for payment to the rehoming event commentator and death notice, be ratified **(Carried)**

Correspondence

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- D Hunter (RWWA) "Timing of Westbred Bonus Increases", email 6 Oct 2022
- F Mellors (RWWA) "HRCG | Revised Date HRCG Meeting 16 November 2022", email 7 October 2022
- M Lee-Newland (Penrose Park Garlands) "Invoice October Garland", email 7 October 2022, to H King 7 Oct
- N Scott (RWWA) "Westbred & Epona Breeding Schemes Announcement", email 13 October 2022, to members 13 Oct
- Computer Sashes "Invoice Body Sashes", email 14 October 2022, to H King 14 Oct
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock", email 20 October 2022
- F Mellors (RWWA) "WA Horse Standards and Guidelines", email 25 October 2022, to Committee 8 Nov
- Westate Embroidery "Invoice 37540 - Saddle pad embroidering", email 24 October 2022
- F Mellors (RWWA) "HRCG | Revised Agenda 16 November 2022", email 31 October 2022
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Annual Status and Contacts Update", email 31 October 2022, reply 31 Oct
- I Edwards (RWWA) "Message From the Chair", email 9 November 2022
- Member "Seeking Art Major or American Ideal mare", email 9 November 2022, reply 9 Nov
- R Waddell "Request Refund Stallion Tender – Mare and Foal died", email 14 November 2022

OUT

- M Coombes/S Hughes “OTT Derby night 4 November -update and request for saddle blankets”, email 6 October 2022, reply 6 Oct, further correspondence followed.
- (RWVA) “WASBA Submissions - Funding initiatives FY24 “, email 7 October 2022
- GPHR Reception “Off The Track (OTT) event on Derby night Friday 4 November 2022”, email 10 and 24 October 2022, reply 25 Oct
- “NOTICE OF THE 2022 (53RD) AGM of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association (WASBA)”, email to members 12 October 2022
- D Russell (Bustrots) “Busselton Sweetheart Series Rules”, email 12 October 2022
- Computer Sashes “Request for Adult Body Sashes”, email 11 October 2022, reply 12 October
- S Hamilton “Derby Night Birdcage Interviews”, email 31 October 2022, reply 31 Oct
- T Buchanan “Derby Night OTT announcements”, email 1 November 2022
- B Lewis (RWVA) “OTT horses at Gloucester Park on Friday 4 November”, email 2 November 2022, reply 3 Nov
- J Calver (Bunbury TC) “WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares”, email 7 November 2022
- Various “Thank you for your support – OTT Derby night Parade”, email 8 November 2022
- R Deadman (WACHRA) “WASBA Country Oaks and WACHRA Country Derby”, email 11 November 2022, interim reply 12 Nov

Information Only

- HBV “Breeders Bulletin October”, email 7 October 2022
- C Van Niekerk “Swan View Show Program”, email 10 October 2022
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Matchy Matchy entries closing tonight”, email 12 October 2022
- Nevele R Stud “Nevele Stud News”, email 12 October 2022
- OTTWA “OTTWA October Newsletter: Lots of exciting developments!”, email 13 October 2022
- C Van Niekerk “Swan View Show Postponed”, email 15 October 2022
- F Mellors (RWVA) “Activist Report 1-13 October”, email 17 October 2022
- “Biosecurity Council Expressions of Interest October 2022”, email 18 October 2022
- Hoofbeats Magazine “Whats in Hoofbeats Oct-Nov 2022”, email 18 October
- HBV “More Breeding News”, email 18 October 2022
- OTTWA “OTTWA Event Sponsorship Applications Now Open!”, email 19 October 2022
- Nevele R “Son of Creatine wins Harness Million 2YO Trot”, email 20 October 2022
- “WASBA October Newsletter”, to members 20-21 October 2022
- OTTWA “REGISTRATIONS OPENING @ 3PM WEDNESDAY! OTTWA Classic Clinic: 26 November – Wandl”, email 24 October 2022
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Dressage Series Leg 2- November 20th”, email 26 October 2022
- DPIRD “Stage 2 of the review into the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 is now open so have your voice heard”, email 27 October 2022
- HBV “Breeders Bulletin November”, email 4 November 2022
- S de Ruyter “RWVA committed to ensuring financial security of WA racing”, email 7 November 2022
- DMIRS Associations and Charities Branch “Associations Newsletter Issue 33”, email 8 November 2022, to Committee 8 Nov
- Member “38 years young”, email 12 November 2022, reply 12 Nov
- RWVA “Western Trilogy Slot Holders Announcement” email 12 November 2022, to Committee 12 Nov

J Diederich noted that arrangements for the Busselton Sweetheart Series had not been finalised.

Committee **endorsed the Chair’s proposal**, that in lieu of the \$500 that WASBA traditionally provided to the breeder of the leading point scoring Westbred, that a \$500 payment be provided to the owner of a Westbred mare, where each start in the series be allocated one entry to a random draw at the end of the series. The \$500 in Epona type credits to the leading point scoring Westbred mare and \$500 to the racebook owner will continue to be provided by WASBA.

J Diederich to advise the Busselton club **Action J Diederich**

Moved H King and Seconded L Tabbakh the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (Carried).
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Reports

1. HRCG Meeting 16 November

J Diederich provided brief additional comment on outcomes of the meeting:

- Stakes increases to some of the existing feature races are being considered
- The Fremantle Cup is now a Grand Circuit race
- RWWA provided some feedback on the Perception survey, which reflected poorly on RWWA. RWWA will undertake some proposed quarterly sessions to become more familiar with industry pressure points so that they can be better addressed.

General Business

1. Horse Welfare Standards and Guidelines

J Diederich reported that the proposed Guidelines from Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development were open for public comment. There was likely to be some additional cost to owners agisting horses **Action: J Diederich**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 14 December. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised, and date to be confirmed.**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

J Diederich
Chair



16 November 2022
Date