



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 31 May 2023
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.08pm on 31 May 2023 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
L Tabbakh, P Borg, J Fletcher, J Schaper, M Holtham.
6.32pm W Morrison, 6.42pm P McAllister

Apologies

H King
J Coffey

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 26 April 2023, having been previously circulated to members of the Committee, are accepted as corrected **(Carried)**.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1 Standing Item - Membership

1.1 - New Members

No new nominations for membership.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

Continue to follow up of selected unfinancial members. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – WASBA Country Oaks (2023)

J Diederich referred to the notes from the meeting held on 27 April between HOM Nathan Scott from RWWA and J Diederich and H King from WASBA

A follow-up meeting with HOM has been arranged for 8 June. Relevant outcomes will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

Feedback from meeting with N Scott..... **Action: J Diederich**

2.2 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich referred to the discussion with HOM, with a number of items waiting on further advise from RWWA with reference the 2023/24 budget.

Options for race stakes for Narrogin and Albany will be pursued further when advice from RWWA is received. Subsequent to that advice, further discussion can occur with the relevant race clubs.

J Diederich to liaise with Narrogin **Action: J Diederich**

P McAllister to liaise with Albany **Action: P McAllister**

2.3 – WASBA King-Lethbridge (Pinjarra 24 April)

J Diederich to request an invoice from the Pinjarra club to complete the commitments for this event..... **Action: J Diederich**

2.4 – Race For Roses (Gloucester Park 28 April)

J Diederich reported that the on track trophy presentation went extremely well with the connections of Taking The Miki. WASBA was represented by J Diederich, J Fletcher and M Holtham..... **Action: Completed**

2.5 – WASBA \$50,000 Breeders Stakes (5 May)

J Diederich referred to information forwarded 6 May regarding overall sponsorship raised of \$4060, with \$660 coming from horse sponsors after payment to winners. This was a good outcome overall. Efforts of Committee members in obtaining sponsorship is greatly appreciated **Action: Completed**

J Diederich reported that the hospitality provided by GPHR in Steelos was greatly appreciated and the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all WASBA guests attending.

Trophy, rug and garland were presented on course to the connections of Taking The Miki. The winning connections did express their disappointment at not receiving a podium presentation for a \$50,000 race and indicated they would seek support to have races of this level attract the previous level of presentation.

J Diederich reported that the assistance provided by N Zaccharia with racebook material and other matters was greatly appreciated. A personal email was forwarded expressing our appreciation.

2.6 – \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares (2 June)

Capararo family have been invited to attend the meeting and complimentary hospitality in Steelos has been arranged. **Action: Completed**

The presentation will be on-track as is normally the case for these WASBA initiated \$30,000 races.

Committee members J Fletcher and J Diederich to attend **Action: Committee**

2.7 – \$50,000 Kerry Clarke \$50,000 Mares (23 June)

J Diederich reported that trophy, rug and garland have been arranged.

B Clarke has been invited to attend **Action: Completed**

Committee members to confirm their attendance **Action: Committee**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich reported that some additional information has been provided through Committee member W Morrison regarding a lack of opportunities for fillies and mares of certain classes.

It was agreed that dialogue continue with the RWWA harness office to try to improve the racing opportunities for mares in particular, but also other WA horses in the middle rank where a gap in programming is evident. Advice is also being sought from D Harper regarding issues raised at the Byford meeting held in April by BOTRA to discuss handicapping. WASBA had provided input to the meeting discussion.

A meeting will also be sought with the new Harness Manager Special Projects when that person is appointed. Subsequent to that, other initiatives will be considered by Committee.

H King is reviewing a program template that the harness office could use to assist the industry with identifying opportunities for their juveniles.

J Diederich and H King to progress discussion with HOM N Scott regarding better opportunities for fillies/mares and juveniles **Action: J Diederich/H King**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

4.1 – Development of Training Requirements

All outstanding matters have been completed. Initiatives will be progressed when raised.

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

J Diederich reported that RWWA did not provide any further clarity at the May HRCG meeting regarding the 2023/24 funding arrangements. However, it was hoped that the Westsired races can be progressed to Group 3 level to assist the local breeding industry

J Diederich advised that breeding incentives are quite a priority in other states as administrators realise that the foal numbers recently presented are of concern overall.

WASBA will therefore pursue breeding initiatives at all times that the opportunity arises.

W Morrison put forward extension of the Westbred Bonus to WA bred horses older than 3yos who have had limited opportunity to benefit from the Bonus system. J Diederich and H King to review options for inclusion in breeding initiatives**Action: J Diederich/H King**

Liaison with RWWA and Eligible Bodies to continue.....**Action: J Diederich/H King**

4.3 – Life after racing / re-registration

No further action.....

5 Off The Track Rehoming

SPPHAWA has forwarded an invoice for the agreed WASBA subsidy for the recent Dual Code Spectacular, which has been paid.

SPPHAWA has also forwarded a request for \$500 sponsorship for each of their 3 regular events that will be held in 2023/24.

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Fletcher that payment be made to SPPHAWA of \$500 for each of 3 events, on presentation of invoice (**Carried**).

Invoices will be forwarded prior to each event**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 further update.

J Diederich commented on likely difficulties to obtain stallions for the annual stallion service raffle. Committee **agreed** that WASBA should continue to seek suitable stallions for the Stallion Raffle and proceed if arrangements meet with WASBA's objectives.

9 Member benefits

No further update. However J Diederich noted that Committee has previously agreed to follow last year's initiative in providing breeding vouchers associated with the Stallion Raffle and Stallion Tender.

10 Bush Races

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

11 Committee Dinner Meeting

J Diederich requested Committee consider the various options for a dinner, including Steelos or the Beau Rivage, and whether it would be Committee members only. If there is sufficient support a Dinner will be organised.....**Action: Committee**

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 30 May 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$71,547.47</u>
INCOME	\$ 3,110.86
EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,774.31
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$70,884.02</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 5,254.03
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 65,629.99
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich Artificial Flowers/Trophy \$68.00
- J Diederich Trophies/April Secretarial \$1059.92
- H King – Domain Registration \$29.90

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

Moved J Schaper and **Seconded** P Borg that payment of \$1,127.92 to J Diederich for Secretarial dues and trophies, and \$29.90 to H King for reimbursement for domain registration be ratified **(Carried)**

Correspondence

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- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 00061472 Breeders Stakes Trophy”, email 2 May 2023, to H King 2 May
- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 00061473 Race For Roses”, email 3 May 2023, to H King 3 May
- Hon R Whitby (Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Racing and Gaming) “Appointment of Selection Panel Member”, emailed correspondence 3 May 2023, to Committee 4 May
- MK Garlands “Invoice garland for Kerry Clarke”, email 8 May 2023, to H King 8 May
- F Mellors (RWVA) “Request for Western Trilogy Feedback”, email 15 May 2023, reply 21 May
- S Lancaster (RWVA) “Free Prism Seminar”, email 16 May 2023, to members with Newsletter 21 May
- Penrose Park “April Garland Invoice Penrose Park - King-Lethbridge at Pinjarra”, email 16 May 2023, to H King 22 May
- Crucial “Upcoming Domain Renewal Notice 15 June”, email 18 May 2023, payment receipt 18 May
- Harness Breeders Victoria “AUS Standardbred Stallion Guide 2023/24 Adverts Open”, email 23 May 2023, to N Scott 24 May
- D Hunter (RWVA) “Trial form and Parade Ring Coverage”, email 25 May 2023, to Committee 27 May
- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 00061553 Jarrah Bases for WASBA Trophies”, email 25 May 2023, to H King 26 May
- F Mellors (RWVA) “HRCG Minutes 10 May 2023 and Activist Report”, email 27 May 2023, to Committee 27 May
- SPPHAWA “Request for \$1500 sponsorship for 3 events in 2023/24”, email 28 May 2023, interim reply 28 May, SPPHAWA response 29 May
- L McBroom “Horse ID”, email 28 May 2023, reply 28 May

OUT

- N Zaccharia (GPHR) “Race for Roses on track Presentation”, email 26 April 2023, reply 26 Apr
- N Zaccharia (GPHR) “Race names, race logos and racebook content WASBA Breeders Stakes night”, email 1 May 2023
- Piaffe Equestrian “Rug order – Kerry Clarke and Virgil Queen”, email 1 May 2023, reply 2 May
- N Zaccharia (GPHR) “Horse Sponsors WASBA Breeders Stakes night”, email 2 May 2023, reply 2 May
- MK Garlands “Request for garland for Kerry Clarke” email 8 May 2023, reply 8 May
- P Capararo “Invitation to attend Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO as WASBA guests in Steelos”, email 8 May 2023, reply 10 May
- Various Breeders Stakes Sponsors “Invoice for Sponsorship”, email 10 May 2023
- F Mellors (RWVA) “Timing of Ladies of Pacing/Racing/Chasing Awards”, email 10 May 2023
- Computer Sashes “Request for V Sashes for Westsired races”, email 20 May 2023, reply 21 May

- Dept of Primary Industries “Stage 3 Public Comment Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act”, email 25 May 2023, to Committee 27 May
- T Starling (RWVA) “Request for service and foal numbers”, email 24 May 2023, interim reply 25 May
- WASBA Committee Draft Minutes 26 Apr 2023, email to Committee 29 May

Information Only

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #69”, email 28 April 2023
- F Mellors (RWVA) “Animal Activist Report email 15 – 28 April”, email 28 April 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Dual Code Entries Closing Soon”, email 29 April 2023
- OTTWA “27 May OTTWA Classic Clinic Registrations Now Open | Magenup Equestrian Centr”, email 1 May 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #70”, email 2 May 2023
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Breeders Bulletin May”, email 5 May 2023, to Committee 9 May
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #71”, email 9 May 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #72”, email 15 May 2023
- OTTWA “Entries Open 9am | OTTWA Encouragement Clinic 10 June | State Equestrian Centre”, email 16 May 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “OTT Festival Attendance - RSVP Needed”, email 16 May 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA May Newsletter | Upcoming Clinics, Adelaide Equestrian Festival Recap & More”, email 17 May 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Dressage Day - 5th June”, email 17 May 2023
- OTTWA “Entries Open Now | OTTWA Training Days 17 - 18 June | State Equestrian Centre”, email 19 May 2023
- “WASBA May 2023 Newsletter”, to members 20 and 21 May 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #73”, email 23 May 2023
- OTTWA Entries Open Tomorrow | OTTWA Classic Clinic 25 June 2023 | Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club“, email 24 May 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “OTT Festival Cancelled”, email 27 May 2023 and further clarification 28 May

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

Reports

1. J Diederich referred to the draft HRCG Minutes forwarded 27 May.

General Business

Items discussed relating to other Agenda items have been included under those items

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 28 June 2023. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.02pm.

J Diederich
Chair

31 May 2023
Date

