



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 28 June 2023
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.04pm on 28 June 2023 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

P Borg
W Morrison
M Holtham

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 31 May 2023, 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 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 provided comment on the meeting held on 8 June with HPM N Scott, which followed previous discussions commencing in 2021. The meeting did not result in any change to the current conditions due to the lack of time to implement any change for 2023. J Diederich raised the possibility with HOM of moving the Country Oaks to the April/May timeslot. Some feedback will be sought before further action.

A further meeting with HOM will be arranged for late July, with outcomes reported at the next Committee meeting..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich reported that the trophy, rug and garland for the race on 19 August has been arranged. Committee consideration for attendance is requested **Action: Committee**

2.2 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich referred to the June discussion with HOM, which did not provide any further information as the budget had not been finalised. However a subsequent discussion prior to this Committee meeting would indicate that RWWA are unlikely to provide any additional money for these races

Options for race stakes for Narrogin and Albany will be considered further over the next few weeks prior to the next WASBA meeting.

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)

Invoice for WASBA’s contribution to stakes has been paid **Action: Completed**

2.4 – \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes (5 May)

J Diederich reported that *Thank you* cards have been sent to sponsors. Payment is due from one sponsor. H King to follow up in due course with assistance from M Holtham if necessary, on M Holtham's return from New Zealand **Action: Completed**

2.5 – \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares (2 June)

Complimentary hospitality for the Capararo family was offered by graciously declined. The family participated in the on-track presentation of the trophy, which was also attended by Committee members J Fletcher, J Schaper and J Diederich **Action: Completed**

2.6 – \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Mares (23 June)

J Diederich reported that trophy, rug and garland were presented on track with W Brown and D Trobe representing B Clarke. WASBA was represented by J Diederich, J Fletcher and J Schaper **Action: Completed**

2.7 – \$30,000 Westsired 2YOs (30 June)

J Diederich requested attendance from Committee members for any on track activities involved with presentation of sashes and congratulating winners **Action: Committee**

2.8 – \$30,000 Westsired 3YOs (7 July)

J Diederich requested attendance from Committee members for any on track activities involved with presentation of sashes and congratulating winners **Action: Committee**

2.9 – \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (11 August)

J Diederich reported that trophy has been arranged. Committee involvement in on-track presentation is requested **Action: Committee**

2.10 – \$14,000 WASBA Virgil Queen Celebration (Northam 19 August)

J Diederich reported that trophy, rug and garland have been arranged. Committee involvement in attendance is requested..... **Action: Committee**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich reported that during the discussion with HOM it was noted that some additional racing opportunities were being programmed for L6, with some additional changes made to programming following BOTRA's submission after their Handicap meeting in April.

It was agreed that WASBA would continue to monitor industry commentary and liaise further with the RWWA harness office to improve the racing opportunities for mares in particular, but also other WA horses in the middle rank.

A meeting will be sought with the new Harness Manager Special Projects C Brown at the first available opportunity. Committee will continue to bring forward any initiatives.

HOM was receptive to a program template for 2yos and 3yos that was discussed at the 8 June meeting. This initiative will be progressed at the next meeting with HOM.

J Diederich and H King to progress discussion with HOM **Action: J Diederich/H King**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

4.1 – Development of Training Requirements

No action required.....

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

J Diederich reported no progress in assessing further options to support breeding initiatives, particularly 4yo and over Westbreds. However, this will be undertaken as part of discussions with the new Head of Harness Cameron Brown who will commence on 1 September.

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

J Diederich reported that WASBA is up to date with all existing OTT and rehoming initiatives. J Diederich discussed providing a subsidy to SPPHAWA members who entered a Westbred or mare in the Perth Royal Show, with the aim of increasing participation in the Show by standardbreds and supporting the work done by SPPHAWA to support and promote standardbreds.

Moved H King and **Seconded** J Fletcher that a subsidy of up to \$50 per Westbred or mare entered in the Royal Show by SPPHAWA members be offered by WASBA, provided SPPHAWA undertook to manage the process and invoice WASBA (**Carried**).

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

6 Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update **Action: J Diederich**

7 Expo Day

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

8 Fund Raising Activities

8.1 – WASBA Raffle

H King discussed the offer from Woodlands Stud for a service to Bettors Delight under the nominated conditions which included partial payment of the service fee and payment of the stallion levy. Various considerations were put forward including possible financial losses, death of the stallion and alternate high end stallions.

J Diederich noted that the number of tickets would need to be increased to at least 250 to ensure that a single party did not buy all available tickets, which would result in a significant reduction in price of the service fee but would not meet our aims of providing a high end stallion to as many prospective ticket holders as possible. The service fee would prevent additional prizes being made available other than \$1000 service fee vouchers.

In the end **it was agreed** by majority vote of 6 in favour to pursue the provision of Bettors Delight as the raffle prize, recognizing their was a risk of financial loss, and finalise conditions with Woodlands Stud to the satisfaction of WASBA Vice President H King. Voucher prizes to also be finalised.

H King to liaise with Woodlands Stud and arrange Raffle Permit..... **Action: H King**

8.2 WASBA Stallion Tender

Some prospective Tender stallions were discussed, including the provision of a significant trotter.

H King to pursue options for stallions and discuss member discounts with prospective sponsors **Action: H King**

9 Member benefits

J Diederich referred to the success of the 2022 voucher draws for stallion services.

Moved J Fletcher and **Seconded** J Fletcher that \$500 stallion service fee vouchers be provided in conjunction with member purchases of raffle tickets or participation in the stallion tender, with other conditions as per 2022 and draw after 2023 Tender close. Final voucher numbers to be determined prior to raffle commencement (**Carried**).

Number of \$500 service fee vouchers to be determined..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

10 Bush Races

J Diederich referred to the response by the Kulin Bush Races Committee, who had been greatly disappointed with RWWA's ruling but were nevertheless obliged to continue under the conditions applied, which included that horses must be less than 16 years of age to be eligible to compete.

J Diederich to discuss with D Boravica (RWWA) to determine if older horses can compete in some events, with additional conditions **Action: J Diederich**

11 Committee Dinner Meeting

To be discussed at the next Committee meeting **Action: Committee**

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 28 June 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$70,884.02</u>
INCOME	\$ 1,084.44
EXPENDITURE	\$ 4,070.95
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$67,897.51</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 2,183.08
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 65,714.43
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich – Stationery/Secretarial fees \$570.79
- J Diederich - Trophy costs \$697.94

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

Moved P McAllister and **Seconded** L Tabbakh that payment of \$1,268.73 to J Diederich for Secretarial, stationery and trophy reimbursement be ratified **(Carried)**

Correspondence

IN

- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) "2023/24 Event Sponsorship Request", email 28 May 2023, reply 23 Jun
- K Morrone "Dual Code Spectacular – sponsorship thank you", email 29 May 2023, reply 29 May
- Crystal and Glass "Invoice Additional trophies", email 1 June 2023, to H King 4 Jun
- D Schmidt "NSW Bonus Certificates", email 2 June 2023, reply 2 Jun
- G Newton "ASBA Contact Form", email from L Shaw 4 June 2023, reply 7 Jun
- D Hunter (RWWA) "Appointment of Head of Harness and Special Projects", email 6 June 2023, to Committee 7 Jun
- D Trobe "Country Harness Racing – a Cautionary Tale", email 12 June 2023, to Committee 12 Jun
- Harness Breeders Victoria "AUS Standardbred Stallion Guide 2023/24 Adverts reminder", email 15 June 2023
- C Gannon (Gannons) "Invoice 12016 Country Oaks", email 16 June 2023, to H King 16 Jun
- Garlands by Leigh "Invoice for Rosettes", email 17 June 2023, to H King 19 Jun
- S De Ruyter (RWWA) "Record funding for WA racing", email 21 June 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) "2023/24 Distribution Announcement", email 21 June 2023, to members 21 Jun
- F Mellors "HRCG | Notice of Meeting for 9 August 2023", email 22 June 2023
- Computer Sashes "Invoice 12997 Westsired Sashes", posted, to H King 26 June 2023

- Woodlands Stud “Offer for WASBA 2023 Raffle”, email 26 June 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Important Changes to Payment Processes – Split Payments”, email 27 June 2023

OUT

- Crystal and Glass “Order for Aged Annual Trophies”, email 31 May 2023
- “WASBA Committee Draft Minutes 31 Apr 2023”, email to Committee 31 May 2023
- D Putland (Pinjarra HRC) “WASBA King-Lethbridge invoice”, email 31 May 2023, reply with invoice 2 Jun, to H King 2 Jun
- N Zaccharia (GPHR) “Harry Capararo on track presentation”, email 1 June 2023, reply 1 Jun
- Garlands by Leigh “Request for Rosettes”, email 7 June 2023, reply 7 Jun
- N Scott (RWWA) “Urgent - “AUS Standardbred Stallion Guide 2023/24 Advert”, email 15 June 2023, reply 16 Jun
- C Gannon (Gannons) “Request for Silk Show rug – Country Oaks”, email 15 June 2023, reply 15 June
- N Scott (RWWA) “Mares Feature race dates”, email 17 June 2023
- Exclusive Trophies “Order for Country Oaks Cup”, email 18 June 2023
- Garlands by Leigh “Request for Garland – Bob Humphries”, email 26 June 2023
- M Kinder (MK Garlands) “Request for Garland – Country Oaks”, email 26 June 2023
- M Lee-Niewland (Penrose Park) “Request for Garland – Virgil Queen”, email 26 June 2023
- “Sponsor Thank You Cards WASBA Breeders Stakes” post 26 June 2023
- Kulin Bush Race Committee “Age of Horses Eligible to Compete”, email 26 June 2023, reply 27 Jun

Information Only

- “WASBA June 2023 Newsletter”, to members 23 and 25 May 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #74”, email 30 May 2023
- Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection “Associations Newsletter 35”, email 30 May 2023
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Vote now to choose your IRT Stallion Guide Cover”, email 1 June 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Membership Renewals & Winter Bulletin out now!”, email 2 June 2023 and further clarification 28 May
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Breeders Bulletin June”, email 5 June 2023, to Committee 12 Jun
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “State Championships Dressage Program & Luncheon Invite”, email 7 June 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #75”, email 7 June 2023, to Committee 7 Jun
- Nevele R Stud “Creatine to shuttle and 2023 service fees”, email 7 June 2023
- OTTWA “Entries Closing Soon! | OTTWA Training Days 17 - 18 June | State Equestrian Centre“, email 8 June 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Animal Activist Report 27 May-9 June 2023”, email 12 June 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #76”, email 13 June 2023
- S De Ruyter (RWWA) “Changes to the WA Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup”, email 16 June 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA June Newsletter | Upcoming Clinics, Adelaide Equestrian Festival Recap & More”, email 14 June 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #77”, email 20 June 2023
- Hoofbeats Magazine “Featured in Hoofbeats June July 2023”, email 20 June 2023, follow up email 22 Jun
- S De Ruyter (RWWA) “Media Release – Record Funding for WA Racing”, email 21 June 2023, to members 21 Jun
- WA Horse Council “TLAR Training | Registrations are open for the 2023 WAHC Technical Large Animal Rescue - Responder Training”, email 21 June 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Royal Show Entries & Clearance Sale Information”, email 23 June 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Animal Activist Report 10 June - 23 June 2023”, email 23 June 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #78”, email 27 June 2023

<p>Moved H King and Seconded P McAllister the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (Carried).</p>
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1. ASBA Special General Meeting.

J Diederich briefly reported on the items discussed including:

- Trump Bloodstock indicated they were happy to offer discounts for members of Breeding bodies to their two primary pacing stallions.
- ASBA has a twitter account and are attempting to get more involved in social media. They put out a twitter on the Inter Dominion proposal and received nearly all positive feedback.
- ASBA are offering an advertisement on the ASBA website for stallions at a cost of \$50 per stallion for basic information, or \$75 if information needs to be prepared. This would support smaller establishments in particular. Refer item under General Business.
- ASBA will liaise with former ASBA Treasurer H King to try to close their Commonwealth Bank account.
- The use of Altrenogest in other states may proceed to Court.
- The ASBA AGM will be held during the Brisbane Inter Dominion carnival – a WA delegate can attend or alternatively the WA attendance will be via Zoom.
- ASBA will have a stall at the Harness Breeders Victoria Breed to Succeed, and will promote breeding in general. ASBA Secretary G Newton will attend and is happy to provide brochures to attendees if any studs wish to provide them.
- Some microchip readers are capable of recording temperature, which may assist trainers and breeders with managing their racing or breeding animals.

General Business

1 Stallion Advertisements on ASBA Website

J Diederich referred to the ASBA initiative which was intended to provide funding for ASBA, while at the same time give small studs and stallion owners an opportunity to promote their stallion. The cost would be \$50 or \$75 per stallion, depending on whether the standard advertisement needed to be created as a pdf for the stallion.

J Diederich proposed that WASBA pay for the advertisements of stallions on condition that the stallions were standing in Western Australia and the owner/proprietor was a member of WASBA. This would be expected to cost around \$200 in total on current stallion proprietor membership of WASBA.

<p>Moved J Fletcher and Seconded J Schaper that WASBA support the proposal for WASBA to pay for the stallion advertisements on the ASBA website for those stallion owners or stud proprietors who are members of WASBA and standing a stallion in Western Australia (Carried).</p>

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 26 July 2023. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.51pm.

J Diederich
Chair

28 June 2023
Date

