



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 2 August 2023
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.05pm on 2 August 2023 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

M Holtham

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 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

J Diederich reported two additional Ordinary memberships (S McPherson and P Campbell) have flowed through from raffle purchases, along with the 10 Ordinary and one new Family memberships listed on the Agenda

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Coffey that the nominations received for Ordinary Membership and Family membership be accepted as new members of the Association, as soon as membership is confirmed as financial. (**Carried**).

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that unfinancial members are being followed up where raffle purchases are involved..... **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich reported that at this stage Harness Operations Manager (HOM) does not believe that RWWA is in a position to provide funds for additional WASBA races.

J Diederich advised that this will be further pursued as the new Harness Manager Special Projects becomes available in early September, and a clearer direction on who will be responsible for determining the outcome of this proposal becomes more evident.

Options for race stakes will be considered further when information on a stake commitment from RWWA is available. Subsequently:

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

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

2.2 – \$30,000 Westsired 2YOs (30 June)

J Diederich thanked Committee members J Fletcher and J Schaper for their attendance. The sashes and rosettes, which are both very economical purchases, were well received and added to the spectacle. **Action: Completed**

2.3 – \$30,000 Westsired 3YOs (7 July)

J Diederich thanked Committee member J Fletcher for assisting with the presentation of

sashes and rosettes **Action: Completed**

2.4 – \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (11 August)

J Diederich requested Committee members, if on course during the night, make themselves available for the on track trophy presentation **Action: Committee**

2.5 – \$14,000 WASBA Virgil Queen Celebration (Northam 19 August)

J Diederich and J Fletcher are likely to attend to present the trophy, rug and garland.

J Diederich to provide racebook material to Northam Manager **Action: J Diederich**

2.6 – WASBA Country Oaks (Bunbury 30 August 2023)

J Diederich advised that HOM was reticent at this stage to relocate the Country Oaks to an earlier (April) timeframe due to RWWA budget constraints. Further discussion will occur once WASBA has a better understanding of the industry perception of the race continuing in the August timeframe. However, efforts will continue to be made to obtain a better timeslot, closer to the WA Oaks, or the April timeframe, as both of these outcomes would be a better result for consolidating a program for 3yo fillies.

A further meeting with HOM will be arranged in the August September timeframe. A meeting with the Harness Manager Special Projects will also be arranged as soon as practical..... **Action: J Diederich**

Committee consideration for attendance is requested **Action: Committee**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich reported that the Harness office had made some changes to programming that should assist some mares in particular.

L Tabbakh reported continuing difficulties with finding suitable 3yo races for fillies who had won a race but were below metropolitan class. General discussion followed. This will be further discussed with HOM **Action: J Diederich**

The proposed program template for 2yos and 3yos will be raised with HOM at the next available meeting time..... **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 on difficulties in getting support from RWWA for initiatives that would increase the Bonus opportunities for 4yos who had received limited benefit from the Bonuses. Discussion followed on how best to engender greater support for initiatives that maintained the racing pool, by providing better earning outcomes, which would attract bigger fields and meet RWWA needs for increased turnover. J Diederich advised that any concepts supporting horses and their owners in the racing system would be pursued.

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 was doing its best to support our horses post racing and it had been disappointing that other Bodies and Clubs were not proactive in supporting this important activity. WASBA would continue to provide support in this area through various initiatives that the Committee could identify.

SPPHAWA to be supported through WASBA subsidies for their members for Royal Show entries **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 **Fund Raising Activities**

8.1 – **WASBA Raffle**

H King reported on the current status of ticket sales, which are progressing well but nevertheless requires more effort than usual to cover the cost to WASBA of the service to Bettors Delight. Comments received suggest the prize is highly regarded and further ticket sales are expected.

All Committee members to promote the raffle to associates **Action: Committee**

8.2 **WASBA Stallion Tender**

H King reported that 6 stallions had been obtained, with further contacts expected to increase that number to between 8 and 10.

H King to liaise with prospective sponsors for stallions **Action: H King**

9 **Member benefits**

J Diederich referred to the June Minutes and confirmed that 10 stallion service voucher draws worth \$500 each was proposed for this year, to be drawn at the end of September.

Moved H King and **Seconded** J Fletcher that WASBA will draw ten \$500 stallion service fee vouchers on 1 October for current members who paid their 2023/24 membership before 30 September and participated in either the Raffle or Stallion Tender (**Carried**).

Voucher draws to take place on 1 October **Action: J Diederich**

10 **Bush Races**

No further update.

J Diederich to discuss with D Borovica (RWWA) to determine what conditions are required for older horses to compete in some events **Action: J Diederich**

11 **Committee Dinner Meeting**

No further update **Action: Committee**

12 **Stallion advertisements on ASBA website**

Member advertisements have been invoiced and paid by WASBA..... **Action: Completed**

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 31 July 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$67,897.51</u>
INCOME		\$ 9,046.72
EXPENDITURE		\$ 2,203.47
<u>Closing Balance</u>		<u>\$74,740.76</u>
Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 8,859.61
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 65,881.15
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- H King – 3 July Raffle Permit \$124.00

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

Moved J Schaper and Seconded W Morrison that reimbursement of \$124.00 to H King for Raffle Permit payment be ratified (Carried)

Correspondence

IN

- F Trobe Software “Invoice Adhoc Website Updates”, email 29 June 2023, to H King 1 Jul
- Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries “Permit to Conduct a Raffle”, email 13 July 2023
- Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries “Amendment to Policy – Permissible Fees for Professional Fundraising Services to Support Standard Lotteries”, email 14 July 2023, to H King 31 Jul
- D Trobe “WASBA Facebook page”, email 17 July 2023, to Committee 17 Jul
- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 00061777 - Country Oaks Cup”, email 19 July 2023, to H King 20 Jul
- R Goulden (Northam TC) “Virgil Queen Celebration”, email 20 July 2023, reply 20 Jul
- G Newton (ASBA) “Invoice – ASBA Stallion Advertisements”, email 25 July to H King
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | Agenda 9 August 2023” email 26 July 2023
- Dr A Smet (RWWA) “RWWA Equine Welfare Forum”, email 31 July 2023, interim reply 31 Jul

OUT

- Garlands by Leigh “Request for Garland – Bob Humphries”, email 26 June 2023, reply 28 Jun
- M Kinder (MK Garlands) “Request for Garland – Country Oaks”, email 26 June 2023, reply 27 Jun
- M Lee-Niewland (Penrose Park) “Request for Garland – Virgil Queen”, email 26 June 2023, reply 1 Jul
- Studmasters “Stallion Advertisement on ASBA website”, email 7 July 2023, replies 7 and 10 Jul
- “WASBA Committee Agenda – 28 June 2023”, email to Committee 27 June 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Subsidy for Royal Shoe entries for SPPHAWA members”, email 28 June 2023, reply and thank you 29 June
- “WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – 28 June 2023”, email to Committee 4 July 2023
- RWWA, Bob Fowler “Replacement of Westbred Logo in Racebooks etc with Eureka Logo”, email 30 June 2023, reply 7 July 2023
- C Trefort (Narrogin TC) “WASBA Race Sponsorship”, email 19 July 2023, reply 19 Jul
- Harness Breeders Victoria “WASBA Member list – Stallion Guide”, email 24 July 2023
- Selected members “Member feedback - trainer and driver financial returns”, email 27 July 2023

Information Only

- “WASBA June 2023 Newsletter”, to members 23 and 25 June 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Important changes to payment processes: split payments”, email 27 June 2023, to Committee 27 Jun
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Notice of 2023 SPPHAWA Inc. Annual General Meeting”, email 3 July 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #79”, email 4 July 2023
- C Van Niekirk “Swan View Breed programme 19 November 2023”, email 4 July 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “TRCG, GRCG & HRCG | Agenda Items due date”, email 6 July 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “SPPHAWA New Season News”, email 7 July 2023
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Breeders Bulletin July”, email 10 July 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #80”, email 11 July 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Want to win tickets to the Perth Showjumping League?”, email 13 July 2023
- WA Horse Council “TLAR Training | Registrations are open for the 2023 WAHC Technical Large Animal Rescue - Responder Training”, email 13 July 2023
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Mark your diaries for 2023 Breed To Succeed” Email 14 July 2023

- OTTWA “OTTWA July Newsletter | Upcoming Clinics, OTTWA Herd Heroes & More! “, email 15 July 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #81”, email 17 July 2023
- “WASBA July 2023 Newsletter and Raffle open”, to members 18 and 19 July 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #82”, email 24 July 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Animal Activist Report 14 June - 21 July 2023”, email 24 July 2023

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

Reports

NIL

General Business

1 BOTRA request to RWWA for increased trainer percentage and driver payment

J Diederich referred to the attachment supplied with the Agenda. General discussion followed, with the consensus that no further monies could be taken from place stakes, with stakes payments to owners being stagnant since 2016/17 and only increasing in 2022. Trainers and drivers would benefit from the stakes increases that owners received in 2022, and there would be a small increase in stakes in 2023.

J Diederich referred to further feedback being expected from a small member reference group. Should this differ from the Committee view the matter will be discussed further.

J Schaper to investigate if race carts were available for hire, as well as for emergency use, at Gloucester Park..... **Action: J Schaper**

J Diederich referred to the driving fee for trials being lower than expected given that expertise is still required, and suggested that RWWA could afford to make a modest increase to the payment for trial drives (currently \$15) without adjusting any other payments or subsidies.

J Diederich to investigate what payment is received in other states for trial drives, and to consider this in the HRCG discussion on driver fees, bearing in mind that changes to stakes percentages to augment trainer driver fees is not supported **Action: J Diederich**

2 RWWA Equine Welfare Forum 21 September 2023

J Diederich referred to correspondence received from Dr A Smit, regarding the Forum to be held on 21 September from 10am to 3pm. The Chair advised that Dr Smit was keen for WASBA to be involved. As such, J Diederich proposed that if the WASBA President could not attend then the suggestion would be for D Trobe, if able, to attend given her expertise in this area and previous involvement in an Equine Welfare Working Group with RWWA.

The Chair lost contact with meeting attendees prior to the completion of this discussion. H King chaired the balance of the meeting and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 30 August. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the Vice President declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

J Diederich
Chair



2 August 2023
Date