



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 13 September 2023
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.00pm on 13 September 2023 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
L Tabbakh, J Fletcher, J Schaper, H King, W Morrison, P Borg.
6.05pm J Coffey, 6.08pm M Holtham

Apologies

W Morrison
P McAllister

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Fletcher **Seconded** J Schaper that the minutes of the meeting held 2 August 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 referred to the Agenda for the new members not put forward at the previous meeting in August. There were 17 nominations for Ordinary membership and one Family membership.

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** H King that the nominations received for Ordinary Membership and Family membership be accepted as new members of the Association. All proposed members were financial. (**Carried**).

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that records were still being updated subsequent to the raffle, with a large number of memberships flowing through. Unfinancial members will be followed up along with newsletter reminders. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich referred to previous advice that RWWA was unwilling to provide additional funds. This will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting scheduled with the new Harness Manager Special Projects in the coming week **Action: J Diederich/H King**

J Diederich to subsequently liaise with Narrogin and RWWA and consider approaching additional sponsors for the required funds..... **Action: J Diederich**

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

2.2 – \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (11 August)

J Diederich thanked J Fletcher for assisting with the on-track presentation. Committee member W Morrison also assisted on the night **Action: Completed**

2.3 – \$14,000 WASBA Virgil Queen Celebration (Northam 19 August)

J Diederich thanked J Fletcher and member Denise Trobe for assisting with the presentation which was well attended by the winning connections and trainer Ian Foley. J Diederich referred to the support provided by Northam Manager Raelene Goulden for the presentation and the running of the event. **Action: Completed**

2.4 – WASBA Country Oaks (Bunbury 30 August 2023)

J Diederich referred to the great assistance provided by the Bunbury Club for the presentation and other on-course aspects. The presentation was greatly assisted by Bunbury Committee members Murray Lower and Sarah Wall, and WACHRA Vice President Bruce Jones, although no winning connections were in attendance.

J Diederich referred to the event being run with a full field of like fillies which added to the race spectacle in what produced a competitive finish.

Efforts will continue to be made to obtain a better timeslot, closer to the WA Oaks, if the existing time of year is retained.

To be discussed with HOM or Harness Manager Special Projects **Action: J Diederich**

2.5 – WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial (Bunbury 15 November 2023)

J Diederich referred to the remaining scheduled WASBA race for the season. As this would clash with the scheduled HRCG meeting, J Diederich to attend the Bunbury meeting while H King to attend the HRCG meeting **Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich reported that there had been some small gains with the programming but more needed to be done. Opportunities for 3yo fillies in particular are less than desirable.

The proposed program template for 2yos and 3yos will be raised with HOM at the next available meeting **Action: J Diederich/H King**

J Diederich reported on the reduction in prizemoney in Victoria and the decision made not to reduce the Group level of mares races regardless of stakes.

Group level requirements for mares to be discussed with Harness Manager Special Projects **Action: J Diederich/H King**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

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

J Diederich reported on lack of progress in developing ideas around greater support for older Westbreds. However, after reviewing schemes in other states the option of breeders having the choice of a payment of a Breeder Bonus on branding of a foal in lieu of a larger Breeder Bonus payment for a First Win (as is currently the case) was an initiative that might receive support if the analysis demonstrated no greater financial risk to RWWA.

This would not necessarily provide the immediate impact of increasing field size but could potentially encourage increased breeding numbers.

To be evaluated further and raised with RWWA **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

J Diederich advised that other identified concepts need to be put forward for consideration.

4.2 – Life after racing / re-registration

No further action.....

4.3 – Media and Promotion

J Diederich referred to the HRCG Draft Minutes regarding the items raised by WASBA at the meeting, for action by RWWA. In her view the lack of attention to some of the action items was indicative of a lack of commitment.

5 Off The Track Rehoming

No further updates.

6 Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update **Action: J Diederich**

7 Expo Day

To be raised with Harness Manager Special Projects..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

8 Fund Raising Activities

8.1 – WASBA Raffle

H King reported on the outcome of the raffle which had been more successful than expected and worth the risk taken. The number of tickets sold was 100 more than previous raffles, indicating the value of the prize to breeders. The invoice for the service fee and stallion levy has been received and payment approved for later in the month. All winners, including the voucher draws, were notified on the night and by email to members, the newspaper notice was placed and information included on the website. The Raffle Return has been completed and forwarded to the Department.....**Action: Completed**

8.2 WASBA Stallion Tender

H King reported that 4 of the 9 stallions were successfully Tendered and winners advised. One stallion was withdrawn.

J Diederich advised that an attempt will be made to selectively market the remaining stallions at 80% of the service fee, or they will be passed over as it was inappropriate to provide the stallions at bargain basement prices outside the Tender period.

H King to email losing Tenderers and invoice winners.....**Action: H King**

J Diederich reported that stallion owners will be approached to provide service fee discounts on the stallion of choice of losing Tenderers..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich reported on the actions of the Pinjarra Club to duplicate the actions and conditions of WASBA in conflicting Stallion Tenders and a Stallion Raffle. A letter will be prepared to advise the Pinjarra Club of WASBA's disappointment with their actions and the need for the club to provide the funding for the King-Lethbridge in lieu of WASBA. WASBA will continue to provide the rug, trophy and garland.**Action: H King**

Committee **agreed** that WASBA stallion providers be asked to consider preferencing organisations assisting breeding activities, over clubs seeking funds for general revenue.

9 Member benefits

J Diederich referred to the forthcoming draw of 10 stallion service vouchers that will be drawn 1 October under the terms of eligibility agreed at the August Committee meeting.

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

10 Bush Races

J Diederich referred to correspondence to both the Kulin Bush Races Committee and D Borovica (RWWA) regarding permitting older horses to compete at the picnic races.

J Diederich advised that the response from D Borovica had been very reasonable and well reasoned, and there would be no change to the age criteria under racing conditions.

However if other events could be created that were of a different type it might be possible to allow older horses to compete in these novelty events**Action: Completed**

11 Committee Dinner Meeting

No further update. Item to be closed for later consideration.....**Action: Completed**

12 BOTRA request for increased driver fees – hire of race carts

J Schaper reported the race cart at Glouceter Park is available for hire**Action: Completed**

13 BOTRA request for increased driver fees – trial drives

J Diederich referred to the HRCG Minutes which note WASBA's support for an increase to trial drive fees.....**Action: Completed**

J Diederich also referred to the HRCG report referencing WASBA's position on increasing the trainer percentage, and subsequent correspondence to other eligible bodies indicating that WASBA will not support any increase to trainers being taken from owners share of stakes or bonuses.

14 RWWA Equine Welfare Forum 21 September

J Diederich referred to the Forum at which D Trobe will represent WASBA. The Forum is a

full day event and involves detailed pre-reading. In line with payment made by WASBA to other persons assisting WASBA with functions, J Diederich recommended that D Trobe receive some recompense.

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Fletcher that D Trobe receive a payment of \$200 from WASBA for attending the Equine Welfare Forum on behalf of WASBA **(Carried)**.

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 31 August 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$74,740.76</u>
INCOME	\$22,601.15
EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,813.06
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$93,528.85</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$27,496.55
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 66,032.30
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- H King - Stationery \$104.28
- H King – Raffle winner advert \$54.50
- J Diederich - Secretarial (J,J,A) \$900.00
- J Diederich – Stationery \$76.47

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

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Schaper that reimbursement of \$158.78 to H King for Stationery and Raffle expenses, and \$976.47 to J Diederich for Secretarial and Stationery expenses be ratified **(Carried)**

Correspondence

IN

- L Gorringer (Garlands by Leigh) "Invoice WASBA Garland", email 8 August 2023, to H King 9 Aug
- SPPHAWA "WASBA State Championships Invoice", email 9 August 2023, to H King 10 Aug
- Crucial "The Following Script updates are available", email 10 August 2023
- J Calver (Bunbury TC) "WASBA Country Oaks Presentation and Race names", email 15 August 2023, reply 15 Aug
- F Mellors (RWWA) Draft HRCG Minutes and Outstanding Action Items", email 22 August 2023, updated 11 Sep, to Committee 12 Sep
- R Goulden (Northam HRC) "Invoice 00416631; From Northam Harness Racing Club Inc", email 24 August 2023, to H King 24 Aug
- Crucial "The Following Script updates are available WordPress 6.3", email 25 August 2023
- Crucial "The Following Script updates are available", email 31 August 2023
- Secretary, Kulin Bush Races "Entries for Standardbred Event", email 31 August 2023, to B Thomas 31 Aug

- F Trobe (F Trobe Software) “Renewal receipt for order #2707958573 Domain name”, email 4 September 2023, to H King 5 Sept
- Woodlands Stud “Invoice 17005 from WOODLANDS STUD (NEW ZEALAND) LIMITED for WASBA”, email to H King 5 September 2023
- Crucial “Script updates available WordPress 6.3.1”, email 8 September 2023
- M Stewart (RWVA) “WASBA Monthly Report”, email 8 September 2023

OUT

- WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 2 August 2023”, email to Committee 4 August 2023
- RWVA “Request for Harness Budget 2021/22 to 2023/24”, email 8 August reply 23 Aug
- S DiBartolomeo (RWVA) “Harness Budget as a Proportion of Stakes”, email 8 August 2023
- EHRBs “Changes to Thoroughbred Trainer Subsidy”, email 9 Aug 2023
- N Zaccharia “WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Presentation”, email 10 August 2023, reply from F McCaffery 11 Aug
- R Goulden (Northam TC) “On course scripts and racebook material - Virgil Queen Celebration”, email 13 August 2023
- Secretary, Kulin Bush Races “Standardbred Event”, email 16 August 2023, reply 16 Aug
- A Essex (APG) “2022 WA Sales Catalogue”, email 26 August 2023
- RWVA “The Trots WA E-Newsletter September/October 2023 Edition - Call for Content”, emailed article 27 August 2023
- J Calver (Bunbury TC) “On courses scripts and racebook material” email 29 August 2023
- B McCarthy (Cobbitty Equine) “Confirming Stallion Bling It On”, email 30 August 2023
- D Borovica (RWVA) “Kulin Bush Races – Age of Horses”, email 1 September 2023, reply 8 Sept
- T Linke “Congratulations on Eureka Result”, email 2 September 2023
- J Durnberger-Smith “Congratulations on Eureka Result”, email 4 September 2023
- WASBA Stallion Tender Closing Midnight Monday 11 September”, Mailchimp email 6 September 2023
- WASBA Stallion Tender Closes Monday 11 September”, Mailchimp email 10 September 2023

Information Only

- “WASBA July 2023 Newsletter”, to members 18 and 19 July 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #83”, email 31 July 2023
- S de Ruyter (RWVA) “Media release: Cash boost to almost \$7million for Western Trilogy race series”, email 3 August 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #84”, email 7 August 2023
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin August”, email 9 August 2023, to Committee 9 Aug
- “Last week to Win a service to Bettors Delight USA”, mailchimp email 10 August 2023
- N Scott (RWVA) “Parade Ring interviews re-commencing August”, email 10 August 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA August Newsletter | Upcoming Events & New Sponsorship Period”, email 11 August 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #85”, email 14 August 2023
- “WASBA August Newsletter”, to members 14 and 15 August 2023
- RWVA “Industry Outreach Sessions” email 15 August from RWVA to Industry
- “WASBA Welcome to new members”, email 15 August 2023
- F Mellors (RWVA) “Activist Report 5-18 August”, email 18 August 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #86”, email 21 August 2023
- “WASBA Stallion Tender Opens”, email to members 25 August 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #87”, email 29 August 2023
- WASBA “WA Bonus System Incentives”, email 31 August 2023
- “Harness Racing Trading Ring Newsletter”, email 31 August 2023
- HBV “Welcome to the Breeding Season”, email 1 September 2023
- OTTWA “Entries Open NOW | OTTWA Classic Clinic 23 September 2023 | Magenup Equestrian Centre”, email 1 September 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #88”, email 5 September 2023
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin September”, email 8 September 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA August Newsletter | Upcoming Clinics & More”, email 11 September 2023
- E Clauson (RWVA) “Media release: Australian Racing Hall of Fame welcomes three WA titans”, email 12 September 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #90”, email 12 September 2023

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

Reports

6.1 Harness Racing Consultative Group Meeting 9 August

J Diederich referred to the draft minutes for any items of discussion that had not been covered. No additional matters were raised.

6.2 RWWA Outreach Session – Gloucester Park 7 September

J Diederich referred to the various items discussed at the session including Welfare, National code performance, the gambling enquiry – which did pose some risks to turnover - and social media and marketing. J Diederich referred to the attachment to the Agenda which provided some insight into the costs being experienced by RWWA for harness when comparing race fields revenue against stakes.

General Business

7.1 WASBA AGM

J Diederich referred to the 2023 AGM which will need to be scheduled around November. The Committee members with terms expiring at the AGM were noted as J Diederich, H King, L Tabbakh, W Morrison, J Coffey.

J Diederich requested all the listed Committee members advise their intentions (to renominate or retire) at the October Committee meeting.....**Action: Committee**

With the remaining listed matters having already been discussed, no further matters were raised.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 25 October. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm.

J Diederich
Chair



13 September 2023
Date