



# MINUTES

Meeting declared open at 6.08pm on 6 December 2023 by Chair J Diederich (President)

## In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

## Apologies

W Morrison  
J Coffey  
M Holtham

## Election of Officers

- President: **Moved** by P Borg and **Seconded** by J Fletcher that Jeanine Diederich be elected President (**carried**)
- Vice-President **Moved** by P Borg and **Seconded** J Schaper that Howard King be elected Vice President (**carried**)
- Treasurer: **Moved** by J Diederich and **Seconded** J Fletcher that Howard King be elected Treasurer (**carried**)

Committee discussed the need to establish other alternatives for positions in the future.

## 2 Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved** J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 18 October 2023, having been previously circulated to members of the Committee, are accepted (**Carried**).

## 3 Business Arising from the Minutes

### 1 Standing Item - Membership

#### 1.1 - New Members

J Diederich advised that there were no new members since the previous meeting. Membership numbers remain healthy.

#### 1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that records were up to date. Some follow up will occur in the new year. .... **Action: J Diederich.**

### 2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

#### 2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich to continue to liaise with Harness Manager Special Projects Cameron Brown regarding WASBA sponsored race opportunities, aiming initially for two \$14,000 Westsired races ..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich noted that Pinjarra agreed to retain the King-Lethbridge at \$14,000 without WASBA’s stakes contribution.

J Diederich noted that all previous WASBA submissions for incentives/initiatives need to be revisited given the new RWWA management. While communication from other states concerning initiatives was freely provided, this was not the case with RWWA.

#### 2.2 – 2024 WASBA Country Oaks

J Diederich referred to the previous Minutes and noted that attempts will continue to be

made in discussions with the RWWA office to obtain the best timing for this race.

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

J Diederich discussed the level of prizemoney for the Country Oaks and similar \$30,000 races restricted to 2yos or 3yos, noting that Westsired winners were financially better off with stakes lower than \$22,000 due to the Bonus payments for those races.

Committee **agreed** that WASBA could consider Epona type credits rather than stakes reduction, for any races where WASBA considers this appropriate.

### **2.3 – WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial (Bunbury 15 November 2023)**

J Diederich attended the Bob Humphries meeting along with member D Trobe. The Bunbury Club was very helpful in ensuring the necessary arrangements for the presentation were made. Thanks to Chris Voak who assisted with the rugging and parade of the winner, ensuring trainer driver Madeliene Young could attend the presentation on behalf of the owners.

J Diederich to liaise with J Calver from Bunbury regarding payment to the club for the agreed stakes top up..... **Action: J Diederich**

## **3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing**

J Diederich noted that the new HRA Group racing policy had diminished nearly all the previous Group and Listed races for fillies in particular and some of the special mares races including the Breeders Stakes. Some of these races are at risk of being further diminished without having the status, and additional funding is unlikely.

Levels and stakes for previous long standing filly/mare Group and Listed races to be discussed with HMSP C Brown ..... **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 noted that the November HRCG meeting did not seek input from Eligible Bodies with respect to initiatives or funding.

Initiatives, including race series and heats for the top races including the 2YO Westbred Classics to be discussed with RWWA ..... **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

### **4.2 – Life after racing / re-registration**

No further action.....

### **4.3 – Media and Promotion**

J Diederich noted that these Action items have been removed from the HRCG Action list based on RWWA's proposed but incomplete actions

J Diederich and H King to raise again if actions are not completed by the next HRCG meeting ..... **Action: J Diederich/H King.**

## **5 Off The Track Rehoming**

J Diederich advised that B Thomas will not be undertaking rehoming under the RWWA Tender process and her rehoming activities will be limited to existing paying customers.

J Diederich has proposed some additional initiatives to SPPHAWA. Awaiting their response ..... **Action: J Diederich**

## **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 Stallion Tender**

H King reported that invoicing was underway and some tenderers have fully paid.

J Diederich noted that service fee vouchers will be carried forward to next season if voucher winners had tried but were unsuccessful in their breeding attempts

H King to follow up outstanding payments in the new year. ....**Action: H King**

## 9 WASBA AGM

### 11.1 Committee members

J Diederich advised that Committee members J Diederich, H King, L Tabbakh, W Morrison, J Coffey were re-elected unopposed.

H King to forward annual Associations return .....**Action: H King**

### 11.2 Life Membership

J Diederich confirmed that the AGM voted in favour of Dr Ed Dewar receiving Life Membership.

Life Membership to be arranged for Dr Dewar at the WASBA Awards .....**Action: H King**

J Diederich to update website ..... **Action: J Diederich**

## 10 RWWA Handicapping Review

WASBA response to RWWA was forwarded and acknowledged.....**Action: Completed**

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## 4 Treasurers Report

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### Financial Report to 30 November 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$76,621.15</u></b>
INCOME	\$ 3,314.05
EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,431.01
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$76,504.19</u></b>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$10,082.96
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 66,421.23
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

#### For noting:

- J Diederich - AGM Sundries \$185.44
- J Diederich – Secretarial Sep,Oct, Nov \$900.00
- J Diederich – WASBA presentation bags \$320.10

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

**Moved** J Schaper and **Seconded** P Borg that the payments to J Diederich for AGM incidentals, Secretarial and WASBA presentation bags be accepted. **(Carried)**

**IN**

- Piaffe Equestrian “Invoice Trophy Rug – Bob Humphries”, email 25 October 2023, to H King 25 Oct
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | Agenda 15 November 2023”, email 1 November 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “invoice 191 State Championship Subsidy and 192 Royal Show Subsidy)”, to H King 5 Nov
- Crucial “Script updates available WordPress 6.4”, email 9 November 2023
- Crucial “Script updates available WordPress 6.4.1”, email 9 November 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Unconfirmed Minutes HRCG Meeting 15 November”, email 29 November 2023, to Committee 3 Dec
- J van Niekirk , “Swan View Ag Show 10 March 2024”, email 1 December 2023
- S King/D Russell (Busselton Trotting Club) “Request for Sponsorship for Busselton Sweetheart Series”, email 30 November 2023, reply 1 Dec

**OUT**

- F Mellors (RWWA) “Request for update on RWWA Activities regarding any new initiatives regarding revenue”, email 16 Oct, reply D Hunter 17 Oct
- “WASBA October Newsletter and Notice of the 2023 WASBA AGM on Friday 24 November”, email 22 October 2023
- ‘WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 18 October 2023”, email to Committee 29 October 2023
- C Trefort Narrogin HRC) “WASBA Race Sponsorship Progress – Narrogin”, email 31 October 2023
- J Markham (GPHR) “Room Availability – Awards and APG Sales Classic night”, email 31 October 2023, interim reply 31 Oct
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “ Other subsidy options for SPPHAWA Members”, email 5 November 2023, interim reply 8 Nov
- J Calver (Bunbury TC) “Advice regarding attendance for Bob Humphries and race names”, email 5 November 2023
- J Calver (Bunbury TC) “On Course material for Bob Humphries”, email 15 November 2023
- A Essex (APG) “Collaboration on APG Sales Classics night on 1 March 2024”, email 6 November 2023, interim reply 8 November, follow up 29 Nov
- “WASBA November Newsletter and Agenda Annual General Meeting Gloucester Park 24 November”, email 16 November 2023
- Gannons “Expression of Interest in Presentation Rugs for 2YO Sales Classics”, email 17 November 2023
- H Ng (Ultimate Inspiration) “Request for 100 Bags”, email 17 November 2023, reply 17 Nov
- “WASBA Presidents Report to be presented at 2023 AGM 6PM 24 November at Gloucester Park”, email 23 November 2023
- Ultimate Inspiration “Invoice for 100 Bags”, email 24 November 2023, to H King 24 Nov
- “WASBA 2023 AGM - Draft Minutes and Financial Report”, email to Committee 26 November 2023

**Information Only**

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #95”, email 17 October 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #68”, email 18 October 2023
- Nevele R Stud “Group 1 win for Creatine filly”, email 19 October 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “Sprint race launch in WA harness racing”, email 19 October 2023
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Introducing Sprint races to WA harness racing”, email 20 October 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #96 Everything you need to know about Vincennes“, email 23 October 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #69”, email 25 October 2023
- Nevele R Stud “NZ record for Father Patrick filly in Hambletonian Classic”, email 26 October 2023
- Harness Racing Trading Ring “Auctions #3 Closes”, email 26 October 2023
- Nevele R Stud “Breeders Crown winner for Captain Crunch and Group 1 winner for Lazarus”, email 30 October 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #97 Benjamin Rochard wins two Gr.2's at Vincennes “, email 23 October 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #70”, email 1 November 2023
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin November”, email 6 November 2023
- E Clauson (RWWA) “Without A Fight wins the Melbourne Cup”, email 7 November 2023

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #98 Compared pedigrees of top 3-year-olds Kana de Beylev and Kristal Josselyn“, email 7 November 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #71“, email 8 November 2023
- S Lancaster (RWWA) “Free Business Planning Seminar“ email 9 November 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA November Newsletter | Equestrian in the Park & More.“, email 10 November 2023
- Harness Racing Trading Ring “Auctions #4 Closes 12 November“, email 10 November 2023
- HBV “Your membership gives a stronger voice“, email 14 November 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #99“, email 14 November 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #72“, email 16 November 2023
- “WASBA November Newsletter and AGM (24 November 6pm WST) Agenda“, email to ES members 17 November 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #100“, email 21 November 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #73“, email 23 November 2023
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Media release - Western Trilogy slot holders 2024“, email 27 November 2023
- E Clauson (RWWA) “Media release - Top honours for Gai Waterhouse and Anamoe at Perth ceremony“ email 27 November 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #101“, email 28 November 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #74“, email 29 November 2023

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

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## 6 Reports

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### 6.1 HRCG Meeting (15 November 2023)

J Diederich referred to the draft minutes that had been circulated to the Committee.

H King noted that RWWA had reported decreased turnover and revenue, and Revenue as a proportion of stakes has decreased. H King also referred to the review into online gambling with a likely impact across the industry

H King referred to an independent review that has been submitted to the RWWA Board around RWWA’s strategic approach now that the TAB is being retained.

The review of cambers is being wrapped in a general overview of positioning of harness.

J Diederich noted RWWA’s name change to Racing WA.

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## 7 General Business

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### 7.1 APG Sales Classic Night

J Diederich reported that APG have been slow to respond to our requests regarding the APG/WASBA awards night, as well as our request for sponsorship. WASBA’s provision of rugs and garlands is conditional on the sponsorship being agreed to. J Diederich has advised APG that WASBA would not undertake the awards night without the co-sponsorship.

In the interim J Diederich reported that liaison had occurred with Gannons reference the rugs and TheTrotsWA reference any invited guests should the event go ahead.

J Diederich to follow up on definitive responses post Christmas..... **Action: J Diederich**

### 7.2 Busselton Sweetheart Series

J Diederich referred to communication from Busselton and confirming that, subject to Committee agreeing, WASBA would provide the same sponsorship as for the Busselton Sweetheart Season in the 2022/23 season, which was \$500 to the leading point scoring Westbred mare, \$500 to the racebook owner of the leading point scoring Westbred mare, and \$500 in a random draw for Westbred runners in the Sweetheart Series, with one entry per start.

**Moved** J Fletcher and **Seconded** P Borg that \$1500 in sponsorship for the Busselton Sweetheart Series be provided under the same conditions as the 2022/23 Busselton Sweetheart season (**Carried**).

### 7.3 WASBA Awards – Preliminary Selections

J Diederich referred to material forwarded with the Agenda to determine interim age category award winners based on a points based system, adapting HRA Group race outcomes and dollars earned. Other awards require the full year to be completed before any assessment. J Diederich advised that some of the awards were more clear cut than others and Committee could change the preliminary result once the final statistics are available in January.

J Diederich referred specifically to the Golden Nugget and the winner potentially impacting two of the results. If the winner was Westbred it would also mean that there were 3 open Group 1 winning Westbreds that would be eligible for a trophy and \$500 service fee voucher, provided their membership was current and they were represented at the award function.

Following discussion, the preliminary award winners in the aged categories were:

- 2YO colt/gelding – Menemsha (Group 1 Westbred Classic and Pearl Classic)
- 3YO colt/gelding – Never Ending (Westbred Classic and Pearl Classic)
- 4YO and over horse/gelding – Mighty Ronaldo (Group 1 Fremantle Cup)
- 3YO Filly – August Moon (Group 1 WA Oaks)
- Mare – Wonderful To Fly, unless another Westbred mare won the Golden Nugget.

As the winner of the Fremantle Cup, Committee did not at this stage consider that the winner of the Golden Nugget, if male, would warrant a change to the award for 4YO and over male

Committee was divided on the outcome of the 2YO Filly of the Year with leading point scorer Water Lou and leading earner Xceptional Arma being in contention.

Final decisions for these and all awards will be made at the January Committee meeting.

J Diederich to provide updated information for awards ..... **Action: J Diederich**

Finalise award winners ..... **Action: Committee**

### 7.4 Sponsor Appreciation

J Diederich referred to the Christmas cards purchased earlier in the year to forward to WASBA sponsors to thank them for their support. J Diederich referred to Committee agreement at the September meeting to forward an email thanking them for provision of a stallion service and asking them to consider preferencing organisations assisting breeding activities, over clubs seeking funds for general revenue.

J Diederich to post the sponsor Christmas cards..... **Action: J Diederich**

H King to forward appropriate email to stallion service providers..... **Action: H King**

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## 8 Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 17 January 2024. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.58pm.

J Diederich  
Chair



6 December 2023  
Date