



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 26 February 2025

By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.04pm on 26 February 2025 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

W Morrison, J Scotney
M Holtham, J Schaper

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Fletcher **Seconded** P Borg that the Minutes of the meeting held 29 January 2025, 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

There were no new applications for membership.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

Ongoing, with targeted follow up. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional sponsors

J Diederich advised no progress on this item.. **Action: J Diederich**

2.2 – \$30,000 Westsired 2YOs (Bunbury 12 April)

J Diederich referred to our usual arrangement of providing sashes for the winners.

J Diederich reported agreement with Bunbury that they would take on board a local sponsor (SKT) who could also assist the club with some financial support. As a result there will be no financial involvement from WASBA..... **Action: Completed**

2.3 – Pinjarra Golden Girls Mile (17 March)

J Diederich referred to the circumstances that related to a proposal to rename the race after WASBA Life Member Dr Ed Dewar, who was a regular attendee at Pinjarra and highly regarded by the club but who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and is not expected to live beyond a few days. After being approached by RWWA Manager Special Projects C Brown, J Diederich provided the history of the race (which was initiated by WASBA) and proposed the race could be renamed to recognise Dr Dewar as well as recognise the current race name, as both were very apt in terms of the maternal family of Dr Dewar's foundation mare in Remit who was out of a mare Gold Heritage.

2.4 – WASBA intentions – Race For Roses (4 April)

J Diederich raised the matter of WASBA's involvement in on-track and other presentations at Gloucester Park for the races that WASBA is associated with. These include the Westsired Classics, mares races including the Westbred 4YO/5YO Harry Capararo, Breeders Stakes, 4YO/5YO restricted races, the Race For Roses and the Kerry Clarke.

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** H King that WASBA will continue to support designated races with rugs, trophies, garlands and/or presentations or as otherwise determined (**Carried**)

2.5 – WASBA King-Lethbridge (14 April Pinjarra)

J Diederich referred to the current arrangements for the race and advised that rug, trophy and garland are being arranged. J Diederich noted that the Life Membership award to Dr Ed Dewar was presented at the 2024 WASBA King-Lethbridge meeting

J Diederich to arrange rug, trophy and garland..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to liaise with W Wishart regarding race conditions **Action: J Diederich**

2.6 – WASBA Breeders Stakes (9 May)

J Diederich noted that one of our major fundraising nights was just over two months away and sponsors need to be arranged.

2.7 – WASBA race conditions under NRS

J Diederich reported that this matter will be finalised at the meeting scheduled for 7 March with Harness Manager Special Projects (HMSP) C Brown and race programmer W Wishart after two previous scheduled meetings had to be postponed. The expectation for the 4YO/5YO races will be non winners of races with stakes of \$35,000 or more.

Decisions will include the WASBA \$14,000 races, the Country Oaks and the WASBA supported 4YO/5YO races **Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich referenced some of the opportunities in the new race program, which permitted double concessions for mares. This appeared to be giving winning opportunities for horses that had previously struggled to be competitive under the HWOE system.

In all future discussions with the Harness office the need to maintain the double concessions and other initiatives, such as mini series, will be strongly supported.

J Diederich noted the preferential draw to mares in the \$50,000 Lord Mayors Cup.

Follow up at future meetings **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 that WASBA will continue to pursue the breeding incentives for the existing broodmare pool, and other options.

As part of that action J Diederich to write to RWWA to request WA withdraw from any Eureka funding and claim back the export fees, which can then be used for breeding support as originally intended **Action: J Diederich**

All matters to continue to be discussed with C Brown..... **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

4.2 - Media and Promotion

J Diederich expressed disappointment that the owners booklet has not been completed.

J Diederich noted that \$1000 vouchers provided for the WA APG Yearling Sale were inadequate to attract interest in bidding

Progress towards completion of owner booklet, and lack of an appropriate level of marketing and promotion, to be raised with RWWA..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

4.3 - Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update. J Diederich to liaise with A Parker in due course.... **Action: J Diederich**

4.4 - Expo Day

No further update. To be raised with C Brown **Action: J Diederich/H King**

5 Off The Track Rehoming

J Diederich noted that invoices are expected for commitments made by WASBA towards sponsorship and entry subsidies.

Committee **agreed** to continue at the current level of support

6 Fund Raising Activities

More opportunities need to be identified if WASBA is to continue at the current level of industry support.....**Action: Committee**

7 Letter requesting support from the government

J Diederich reported that correspondence could be considered requesting the government consider some concessions to the racing industry

H King reported that recent news items referred to the government withdrawing from previous commitments to fund industry infrastructure, which clubs have indicated will be devastating for them

Further action to be considered if appropriate..**Action: Completed**

8 APG Sales Classic Awards Function (Friday 28 February)

J Diederich reported that invitations have been sent to award winners and other appropriate guests.

Invoice to APG to be forwarded after the event**Action: H King**

Moved H King and Seconded P Borg that WASBA pay Hayden King \$250 to be MC for the awards (Carried)
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H King to arrange payment for MC Hayden King on the night.....**Action: H King**

9 Arthur River Fire Donation

H King confirmed the agreed \$1000 payment had been made**Action: Completed**

10 Blind Nominations

Response to RWWA forwarded.....**Action: Completed**

11 Qualifying Times – proposal to remove mile rate requirements

J Diederich referred to the existing processes in Victoria where qualifying times are not required. New Zealand is considering adopting this process to maximise their available racing pool.

J Diederich to discuss with BOTRA but nevertheless progress the initiative in line with Victoria and New Zealand, with stewards to be responsible for making decisions regarding competitiveness, tractability and educational standard **Action: J Diederich**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 26 February 2025

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

Opening Balance (27 January 2025)**\$70,148.98**

INCOME over the period

\$ 83.56

EXPENDITURE over the period

\$10,903.50

Closing Balance**\$59,329.04**

Represented by

Cheque Account

\$ 1,928.92

Business Cash Reserve

\$57,400.12

Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented

\$0.00

Deposits Not Yet Banked

\$0.00

For noting:

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| • J Diederich – January Secretarial + Busselton accom | \$470.00 |
| • H King – Awards night MC | \$250.00 |
| • J Diederich – February Secretarial + trophy | \$350.00 |

Moved J Fletcher and **Seconded** P Borg that the Treasurers Reports for 26 February 2025 be accepted. **(Carried)**

Moved J Fletcher and **Seconded** L Tabbakh that the payments to J Diederich of \$820 and H King of \$250 as noted above, are accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) Invoice Scorecard Showdown", email 3 February 2025, to H King 3 Feb
- S Wall (Bunbury TC) "Sponsorship for Westsired 2YO races", email 4 February 2025, reply 4 Feb
- T McKinnon (HRA) "Voting Australian Broodmare of the Year", email 4 February 2025, reply 14 Feb
- Crucial "Invoice payment confirmation - SSL Certificate", email 4 February 2025
- Australia Post "PO Box Invoice due 31 March", email 6 February 2025
- Crucial "SSL Certificate Installation Reminder", email 13 February 2025
- M Salim (GPHR) Invoice INV-2628 WASBA Awards Night", email 14 February 2025, to H King 14 Feb
- A Shanks "What's happened to the 3yo races", email 15 February, reply 15 Feb
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Notice of HRCG Meeting 9 April 2025", email 17 February 2025
- Crucial "Invoice 720936 – website hosting", email 17 February 2025

OUT

- WASBA "Meeting 29 January 2025 Agenda and Treasurers Report", email 28 January 2025
- C Brown "WASBA response on Blind Nominations", email 2 February 2025
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Updated WASBA Contact details", email 2 February 2025
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Request to Update HRCG Minutes", email 2 February 2025, reply 3 Feb
- Award winners "Congratulations and invitation WASBA Awards/APG Sales Classics", email 6 February 2025
- M Stewart (RWWA) "Query on payment of Bonus", email 14 February 2025
- Various guests "Invitation to WASBA Awards/APG Sales Classics", email 19-21 February 2025
- A Essex (APG) "Advice regarding Invitations to Sales Classic/Awards night", email 19 February 2025
- C Brown (RWWA) "Ed Dewar and Golden Girls Feature at Pinjarra", email 21 February 2025
- WASBA "Agenda – Meeting 26 February 2025", email 25 February 2025

Information Only

- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #163", email 4 February 2025
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #164", email 11 February 2025
- Nevele R "Nevele R Award winners, stakes winners and sales news", email 13 February 2025
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #132", email 13 February 2025
- HBV "Breeders Bulletin February", email 15 February 2025
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #165", email 18 February 2025
- "APG Goldtalk – February 2025", email 22 February 2025
- E Clausen (RWWA) "Mental Health Spreads to Mandurah Media Release", email 24 February 2025
- B Amos (FFTITC), "Introduction to the FFTITC Council", email 24 February 2025

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

6 Reports

NIL

7 General Business

NIL

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WASBA Committee will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2025 unless otherwise advised. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.41pm.

J Diederich
Chair



26 February 2025
Date