



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 26 March 2025
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.09pm on 26 March 2025 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
L Tabbakh, P Borg, J Fletcher, H King, W Morrison M Holtham, J Schaper

Apologies

J Scotney

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved P Borg **Seconded** L Tabbakh that the Minutes of the meeting held 26 February 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

There will be targeted follow up of some memberships. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional sponsors

J Diederich advised no progress on this item. Committee members to put forward any new options.. **Action: Committee**

2.2 – \$35,000 Race For Roses (4 April)

J Diederich referred to correspondence. WASBA is waiting on a response from GPHR before proceeding with any arrangements. The trophy and garland have been arranged and can be used elsewhere if approval is not provided in time.

Committee attendance requested for any on track presentation **Action: Committee**

2.3 – WASBA King-Lethbridge Westbred Mares (14 April at Pinjarra)

J Diederich to liaise with D Putland (Pinjarra Manager) regarding arrangements for the race presentation and complimentary table for WASBA. **Action: J Diederich**

Rug, trophy and garland have been arranged. Race conditions have been arranged, noting that this will be the first race under the new conditions and therefore changes may be required for future races if the conditions don't appear to meet the intended pool of mares.

Committee to advise if attending **Action: Committee**

2.4 – WASBA Breeders Stakes (9 May)

J Diederich noted that approval was required from GPHR before any progress could be made on seeking sponsors for the night.

J Diederich to forward Horse Sponsorship to Committee members to seek \$20 Sponsors from their contacts..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to prepare sponsor material once approval is received **Action: J Diederich**

2.5 – WASBA race conditions under NRS

J Diederich referred to the Notes of Meeting forwarded with the Agenda. Progress had been made on test conditions for the \$14,000 races, and supporting the \$35,000 Stakes limit for the 4YO/5YO races. Timing of the Country Oaks and race conditions appear to be finalised, but official advice is yet to be received.

Discussion will continue in upcoming meetings as they are arranged. With the relatively ineffectual HRCG meetings now on a 6 monthly basis, meetings with C Brown and W Wishart will be sought at least every two months.....**Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich referenced some of the better results for fillies and mares in the February race program, with the hope that this can be sustained. It would take time for trainers and owners to become more confident in the opportunities but WASBA should continue to press RWWA to change the balance in stakes earned to make fillies and mares more viable into the future.

All initiatives will be considered in discussions with the Harness office, and any suggestions need to be put forward and developed.

Follow up at future meetings**Action: J Diederich/H King**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

4.1 – Meetings with C Brown and W Wishart

Refer other items. Meetings to be regularly scheduled.

4.2 – 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 agreed options**Action: J Diederich/H King**

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 intentioned..... **Action: J Diederich**

4.3 - Media and Promotion

J Diederich referenced the Owners Booklet which had been forwarded to Committee after request to RWWA. It was apparently forwarded to the industry prior to the Yearling Sale, but there was difficulty finding someone who had received it.

J Diederich noted that \$1000 vouchers provided for the WA APG Yearling Sale were inadequate to attract interest in bidding and in no way compared to the \$40,000 provided to thoroughbreds through Own The Dream.

Discussion arranged with RWWA on HRCG item**Action: J Diederich/H King**

4.4 - Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update. J Diederich to liaise with A Parker when appropriate, given he is undertaking most of the yearling sale catalogues across Australia **Action: J Diederich**

4.5 - Expo Day

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

4.6 – Letter to RWWA requesting withdrawal from Eureka and return of breeding funds

Refer item 4.2.....**Action: J Diederich/H King**

5 Off The Track Rehoming

J Diederich referred to incoming invoices, and expectation that further sponsorship will be requested. The event sponsorship with SPPHAWA appeared to be very positively received and letters of appreciation had been received.

As previously agreed by Committee, sponsorship to continue at the current level.

6 Fund Raising Activities

More opportunities need to be identified.....**Action: Committee**

7 APG Sales Classic Awards Function (Friday 28 February)

J Diederich and H King reported a quieter event than usual with some concerns about another function that overlapped our invitations, and lack of APG paraphernalia including the signage provided by GPHR not referencing APG.

M Holtham reported on the poor result for the middle market, which appeared to be consistent across Australia and New Zealand. Efforts need to be made to better support the racing opportunities for those horses that race in this grouping, ensuring they have viable opportunities.

Invoice forwarded to APG.....**Action: Completed**

Payment provided to MC Hayden King.....**Action: Completed**

J Diederich and H King to consider feedback to APG**Action: J Diederich/H King**

8 Qualifying Times – proposal to remove mile rate requirements

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 March 2025

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance (26 February 2025)</u>	<u>\$59,329.04</u>
INCOME over the period	\$ 55.83
EXPENDITURE over the period	\$ 6,035.58
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$53,349.29</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 893.34
	Business Cash Reserve	\$52,455.95
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich – Trophies (19 March 2025) \$687.93
- H King – PO Box \$253.00
- J Diederich – Trophies (20 March), Death Notice Dewar \$353.95

Moved W Morrison and **Seconded** M Holtham that the Treasurers Reports for 26 March 2025 be accepted. **(Carried)**

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Fletcher that the payments to J Diederich of \$1041.88 and H King of \$253.00 as noted above, are accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) WASBA Subsidy Invoice", email 2 March 2025, to H King 5 Mar
- Crucial "Install SSL Certificate", email 4 March 2025
- Exclusive Trophies "Invoice 64017 WASBA Awards", email 5 March 2025, to H King 5 Mar
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Reminder Agenda Items HRCG 9 April 2025", email 5 March 2025
- The West "Confirmation email death notice Dewar", email 6 March 2025
- Crucial "Tax Invoice 720936 – Payment Confirmation", email 11 March 2025
- Ros Nolthenius "Standardbred Score Card – Thank You for Sponsorship", email 12 March 2025, reply 12 Mar
- Digicert "SSL Certificate for WASBA", email 13 March 2025
- R Humphries "Stallion Service Fee Voucher", email 13 March 2025, to H King 14 Mar
- P Bizzill "Scorecard Showdown Standardbred show – Thank You for Sponsorship", email 14 March 2025, reply 14 Mar
- C Brown (RWWA) "Request discussion on WASBA Agenda items", email 14 March 2025, reply 14 Mar
- M Kinder (M K Garlands) "Invoice Garlands – Breeders Stakes and Race For Roses:", email 17 March 2025, to H King 17 Mar
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) Dual Code Award Presentation Invoice and request for attendance", email 18 March 2025, to H King 19 Mar
- **C Brown (RWWA) "Consultation open for Racing WA Review of Harness Feature Races", email 25 March 2025**

OUT

- Exclusive Trophies "Life Membership Award", email 20 February 2025
- WASBA "Meeting 26 February 2025 Agenda and Treasurers Report", emails 25 February 2025
- Piaffe Equestrian "Rug Order King-Lethbridge and Breeders Stakes", email 3 March 2025
- A Essex (APG) Invoice WASBA/APG Function", email 4 March 2025, copied to APG accounts email 5 Mar
- C Brown (RWWA) Discussion points for meeting on 6 March 2025", email 4 March 2025
- M Lee-Newland (Penrose Park Garlands) "Garland for King-Lethbridge", email 5 March 2025
- G Moore (HROAWA) 3YO Transition", email 5 March 2025, reply 5 Mar
- J Rogers (APG) "Request PDF copy of 2025 WA Sale Catalogue", email 6 March 2025, reply 10 Mar
- M Kinder (M K Garlands) "Garland order Breeders Stakes and Race For Roses", email 6 March 2025
- C Brown (RWWA) "Notes from Meeting on 6 March 2025", email 7 March 2025
- **M Radley (GPHR) "WASBA Support for Gloucester Park Features", email 9 March 2025, resent 24 Mar**
- Exclusive Trophies "WASBA trophy bases and etching upcoming races", email 10 March 2025
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Agenda Items HRCG 9 April 2025", emails 12 and 13 March 2025
- WASBA Draft Minutes Meeting 26 February 2025", email 16 March 2025
- M Stewart (RWWA) "Query on payment of Bonus", email 17 March 2025 reply 17 Mar
- C Trefort (Narrogin Race and Pace) "confirming Color Glo and Red Vicar races" email 18 March 2025
- Crystal and Glass "Trophy order", email 17 March 2025, reply 18 Mar CGD Order20880
- Exclusive Trophies "Invoice 64085 King-Lethbridge etching", email 25 March 2025, to H King 25 Mar
- WASBA "Meeting 26 March 2025 Agenda and Treasurers Report", email 25 March 2025

Information Only

- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #166", email 25 February 2025
- WASBA February 2025 Newsletter", email to members 26 February
- Racing WA "APG WA Perth Sale "Win one of four \$1,000 vouchers", email 26 February 2025
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #133", email 27 February 2025
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #167", email 4 March 2025
- Hoofbeats Latest Issue, email 5 March 2025
- "APG "Passed in Lots – Sydney, Ipswich and Melbourne", email 7 March 2025
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #168", email 11 March 2025

- HBV “HBV Annual AGM Reminder”, email 12 March 2025
- FFTITC, “Summary and Outcomes AgriSkills Roundtable”, email 12 March 2025
- “APG Goldtalk “Still time to grab a passed in lot from Perth”, email 14 March 2025
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #169”, email 18 March 2025
- N Scott (RWWA) Fremantle Cup Rankings – First Release”, email 21 March 2025
- Hoofbeats Don’t Miss This Issue of Show Scene and Hoofbeats”, email 23 March 2025

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

6 Reports

6.1 Meeting with C Brown and W Wishart

J Diederich referred to the Notes of Meeting forwarded with the Agenda

No follow up points were raised

7 General Business

7.1 Handicapping – 3YO Transition to 4YO

J Diederich referred to correspondence from HROAWA reference a need to provide options for the metropolitan winning 3yos when they become 4yos

J Diederich referred to analysis that suggested while it was reasonable to allow one 3yo metropolitan win in a standard 3yo race (noting the older M/C/R conditions allowed for 2 wins before taking a metropolitan M class handicap) there was a greater need to support the over 70 3yos that never won a race and the additional around 140 3yos that never won a metropolitan stakes 3yo race.

It was however conceivable that the NR level of 3yos was artificially inflated due to them mostly competing against their own class in their 3yo year. WASBA would support a discount in some form for 3yos when they became 4yos to ensure that they still had racing opportunities and were not excluded from suitable opportunities due to their higher NR.

Committee concurred that the horses that needed the most consideration were the non-winners and lower performed horses, when it came to providing handicapping discounts as the racing pool needed to be maintained.

This could only be achieved if all level of horses received appropriate opportunities, not just the most successful horses.

7.2 Payment for Support – Awards night and Facebook

J Diederich referred to the Facebook support provided by D Trobe, along with other activities including Award photos, race photos and winner articles.

Moved M Holtham and **Seconded** J Schaper that D Trobe receive \$500 payment for recent Awards night, extensive Facebook posts and race photos support provided to WASBA (**Carried**).

7.3 Late item – HRCG Proposal by BOTRA - Payment of driver fee

J Diederich referred to HRCG Agenda item in which BOTRA was requesting payment to drivers if their nominated drive was scratched after the driver change deadline. Further information was requested to make an informed decision.

J Diederich to provide background to item to Committee..... **Action: J Diederich**

Committee to provide response to enable HRCG item to be addressed **Action: Committee**

J Diederich to report WASBA position at HRCG meeting 9 April..... **Action: J Diederich**

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WASBA Committee will be held on Wednesday 30 April 2025 unless otherwise advised. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

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

J Diederich
Chair



26 March 2025
Date