



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 2 July 2025
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.04pm on 2 July 2025 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

M Holtham
J Coffey

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** P Borg that the Minutes of the meeting held 28 May 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.

There was one resignation of membership, to take effect from date of resignation in accordance with Rule 10.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

The membership list will be checked to ensure it is up to date prior to supply to Harness Breeders Victoria (HBV) for the Stallion Guide. Membership via raffle submissions will be included **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional sponsors

No further advice **Action: Committee**

2.2 – \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes (9 May 2025)

J Diederich to forward acknowledgements to sponsors **Action: J Diederich**

2.3 – \$30,000 Harry Capararo Westbred Mares (30 May 2025)

J Diederich reported a very successful event with the Capararo family in full attendance for the evening, including the on track presentation and photos **Action: Completed**

J Diederich noted the close association with the Capararo family and the race winning trainer Mike Reed.

2.4 – \$14,000 2025 Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares (14 June)

J Diederich attend the Color Glo and noted the excellent support from the Club through Manager Cathi Trefort and President Kevin Timms **Action: Completed**

J Diederich also referred to the positive response from winning trainer Aiden de Campo to participate in the presentation of the trophy and the on track parade.

J Diederich to request invoice for WASBA contribution..... **Action: J Diederich**

2.5 – \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Fillies and Mares (20 June)

J Diederich reported on the event, which was won by Penny Black. WASBA Committee Joy, Pat and Jeanine attended an on track presentation as the weather did not support a

dais presentation. There was also a positive discussion in the winning owners room with some of the ownership group that included WASBA members**Action: Completed**

2.6 – \$30,000 Westsired Classics (4 July)

J Diederich requested Committee attendance for the sashing of the winners in races 7 and 10**Action: Committee.**

2.7 – \$14,000 Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar Westsired Pace (5 July)

J Diederich noted that the event would be run with WASBA supplying the rug, trophy and garland but not supplementing the stakes. The Narrogin Club will be providing the additional funds as has been agreed with them**Action: Completed**

2.8 – \$14,000 WASBA/Allwood Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares (2 Aug)

J Diederich noted the date and that attendance would be discussed at the next WASBA meeting. Trophy, rug and garland have been arranged**Action: Committee.**

2.9 – \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (8 Aug)

J Diederich noted the date and that attendance would be discussed at the next WASBA meeting. Trophy, rug and garland have been arranged**Action: Committee.**

J Diederich noted the Country Oaks will be at Bunbury late August, with the Bob Humphries is in late November

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich referred to the good results for May and hoped these would continue as the racing progressed. L Tabbakh noted that the main complaint was the double concession with mares receiving a 5 point discount and a barrier preference.

J Diederich noted that mares do need an improved result from the program for the racing to be fairer and viable for mares.

J Diederich noted that stakes percentages earned by mares also needs to improve.

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

Follow up meeting request**Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to forward Harness Expo request to RWWA**Action: J Diederich**

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

WASBA to continue to push for the requested breeding initiatives at every opportunity.

4.3 - Media and Promotion

J Diederich noted that no further information has been provided by RWWA on any initiatives or actions going forward.

WASBA to continue to raise as an issue that should be addressed, along with reinstatement of Harness The Dream**Action: J Diederich**

4.4 - Honor Role for Broodmares

On hold**Action: On hold**

4.5 – Request to RWWA to withdraw from Eureka and return breeding funds

J Diederich noted that the RWWA Board has not responded to the WASBA correspondence.

Raise with C Brown**Action: J Diederich**

5 Off The Track Rehoming

J Diederich confirmed SPPHAWA have been advised of our support for the four requested events and the invoice for the additional event has been paid. Other invoices will be submitted by SPPHAWA in conjunction with the specific event**Action: Completed**

6 Fund Raising Activities**6.1 – Stallion Raffle**

H King reported that the Stallion Raffle will be run in conjunction with Alabar, with two prizes of an Alabar stallion. H King also reported difficulties in obtaining the raffle permit. J Diederich noted that most stallions will be full price but Alabar will provide Art Major at a discount.

Flyer and tickets to be prepared. **Action: J Diederich**

Discussion on a Stallion Tender will occur at the next meeting **Action: Committee**

7 Qualifying Times – proposal to remove mile rate requirements

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

8 Stallion Guide

J Diederich reported on liaison with Harness Breeders Victoria regarding installing the Westbred advertisement in the Stallion Guide and invoicing RWWA as per advice from C Brown that it “was not a problem” **Action: Completed**

9 Whip Free Proposal

J Diederich referred to the response to the request from RWWA with WASBA rejecting a trial as proposed **Action: Completed**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 30 June 2025

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance (27 May 2025)</u>	<u>\$57,844.03</u>
INCOME over the period	\$ 1,113.67
EXPENDITURE over the period	\$ 3,944.02
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$55,013.68</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 2,350.54
	Business Cash Reserve	\$52,663.14
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich – Crucial (web hosting) Thank you cards, trophy boxes, Narrogin accommodation, Telstra and May/June Secretarial \$1,033.79
- H King – raffle permit and Rosettes \$177.60

Moved J Fletcher and **Seconded** W Morrison that the Treasurers Reports for 2025 be accepted. **(Carried)**

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Schaper that the payments to J Diederich totalling \$1,033.79 and H King totalling \$177.60 is accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- Crucial “Domain Renewal Confirmation”, email 27 May 2025
- Piaffe Equestrian “Show Rug Order – Invoice 3 rugs”, email 28 May 2025, to H King 28 May
- Member “No maiden races”, email 1 June 2025, initial response 2 June
- GPHR “Invoice INV-3026 from Gloucester Park Harness Racing for Western Australian Standardbred Breeders (WASBA)”, email 4 June 2025, to H King 5 June
- T Starling (RWWA) “Mares Served 2024/25 season – August 2024 foals”, email 6 June 2025
- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 64341 Bases and plaques, Narrogin trophies”, email 9 June 2025, to H King 9 June
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) Invoice - Sponsorship Proposal for 2025-2026 first event”, email 10 June 2025, to H King 10 June
- C Milner (Skills Insight) “New Manager Stakeholder Engagement”, email 11 June 2025
- M Lee Newland (M K Garlands) “Invoice Narrogin garlands”, email 11 June 2025, to H King 11 June
- B Gillespie (Computer Sashes) “Invoice WASBA Sashes” email 18 June 2025, to H King 18 June
- K Gebert (HRA) “2024 Stakemoney won by Fillies and Mares”, email 20 June 2025, reply 24 Jun, invoice to H King 24 Jun
- M Kinder (M K Garlands) “Invoice Country Oaks garland”, email 20 June, to H King 20 June
- J McIntosh “Resignation of Membership”, email 25 June 2025, reply 26 June
- Regal Rosettes “Invoice WASBA Rosettes”, email 27 June 2025, to H King 27 June

OUT

- HBV “Confirming RWWA Discussion regarding Stallion Guide”, email 28 May 2025
- Jacob (Regal Rosettes) “Request for Rosettes”, email 29 May 2025
- RWWA “WASBA Response to Feature Race Review”, email 30 May 2025, cc’d to Committee 3 June
- C Gannon (Gannons) “Request for Country Oaks Presentation Rug”, email 31 May 2025, reply 1 June, Invoice to H King 3 June
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Confirmation of Sponsorship”, email 2 June 2025
- C Brown (RWWA) “WASBA Response of Whip Free Trial”, email 2 June 2025, cc’d to Committee 3 Jun, to BOTRA and HROAWA 3 Jun
- The Boxman “Order for Boxes – Payment Request”, email 3 June 2025
- WASBA “Meeting 28 May 2025 Draft Minutes”, email to Committee 3 June 2025
- Computer Sashes “Request for V Sashes for WASBA 2025 races - end June”, email 3 June 2025, reply 5 June
- RWWA Board “Eureka and Breeding in WA”, letter to Board 6 June 2025 cc’d Committee 8 June
- Exclusive Trophies “Request for Country Oaks Cup”, email 9 June 2025
- B Clarke “Invitation to Kerry Clarke”, email 9 June 2025, reply 10 June
- RGL “Application for Standard Lottery”, email confirmation 10 June 2025
- C Trefort (Narrogin Race and Pace) “WASBA Tribute to Color Glo and Red Vicar arrangements”, email 9 June 2025, reply 10 June
- W Wishart (RWWA) “Request new date for WASBA Country Oaks”, email 10 June 2025, interim reply 10 June
- F McCaffery (GPHR) “Kerry Clarke arrangements”, email 18 June 2025
- M Lee Newland (Penrose Park Garlands) “Request for two garlands – Virgil Queen and Bob Humphries”, email 19 June 2025
- RGL “Permit to conduct Standard Lottery”, email confirmation 20 June 2025
- Piaffe Equestrian “Order for Show rugs Virgil Queen and Bob Humphries”, email 24 June 2025
- P O’Neill (GPHR) “WASBA Support for Gloucester Park features in 2025”, email 30 June 2025, reply 30 June
- WASBA Agenda and Treasurers Report – Meeting 2 July 2025, email 1 July 2025

Information Only

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #179”, email 27 May 2025
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #180”, email 3 June 2025
- Harness Breeders Victoria “Recognising the best of season 2024”, email 6 June 2025, to Committee 8 Jun
- HBV “Breeders Bulletin June 2025”, email 10 June 2025
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #181”, email 10 June 2025
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #182”, email 17 June 2025

OFFICIAL

- FFTITC “Nimble News – Our Advancing Skills and Innovation Forum”, email 18 June 2025
- C Brown (RWVA) “Confirming to HBV RWVA agreement for Westbred Advertisement in Stallion Guide”, email 20 June 2025
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #183”, email 24 June 2025
- “WASBA June Newsletter”, email to members 25 June 2025
- E Clauson (RWVA) “Western Australian racing to join Racing.com”, email 25 June 2025
- E Clauson (RWVA) “Media release: Damian Lane leads star-studded inductees into WA Racing Hall of Fame”, email 26 June 2025
- APG “APG Goldtalk – June 2025 Winter Mixed Sale entries open and Yearling Sale dates”, email 27 June 2025
- Skills Insight Newsletter, email 27 June 2025

J Diederich referred to the APG Yearling Sale dates

J Diederich referred to the complaint regarding Maiden races for the 4yo and older horses.

Moved L Tabbakh 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

7.1 Trials

There was no feedback provided regarding the changes to trials times and frequency

J Diederich to include an Industry Feedback item under General Business.. **Action: J Diederich**

8 Next Meeting

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

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.52pm.

J Diederich
Chair



2 July 2025
Date