



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 18 October 2023
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.02pm on 18 October 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.
J Coffey, M Holtham. 6.08 W Morrison, 6.11 P McAllister

Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Fletcher that the minutes of the meeting held 13 September 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 advised that there were no new members since the September meeting. Membership numbers are very healthy.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

J Diederich reported that records were now up to date following the large influx of membership receivables and prior to the draw for the Service fee vouchers under the agreed conditions. Unfinancial members will be contacted by email or text, particularly for those members who are likely to have forgotten their payment. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich advised that Harness Manager Special Projects Cameron Brown had confirmed that the 2023/24 budget was fully committed and no funds were available for additional WASBA races at any location.

J Diederich advised that she has advised Albany of the situation, but was still seeking clarification from C Brown regarding utilizing a RWWA \$11,000 race at Narrogin to supplement for a WASBA \$14,000 race for Westsired 4yo and over progeny with barrier draw preference to mares. This was considered the most appropriate for the location; as well as Albany, to ensure there were sufficient interest before considering other options. A response from C Brown is yet to be received.

Failing positive feedback WASBA will target these races for 2024/25.

J Diederich to continue to liaise with RWWA and relevant clubs..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich commented that our approach to Albany and Narrogin was based on our ability to continue to raise funds at reasonable levels.

J Diederich reported on correspondence to the Pinjarra club regarding WASBA's concern for the adverse impact that Pinjarra's Stallion Raffle and Stallion Tender had on WASBA's fund raising. The Pinjarra Club has replied indicating that they believed their approach was appropriate. They hoped we could continue to work together. WASBA will continue to provide a rug, trophy and garland for the King-Lethbridge. Pinjarra has agreed to retain the King-Lethbridge at \$14,000 without WASBA's stakes contribution.

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**

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

J Diederich advised that the trophy and garland have been received with the rug due imminently. It is unlikely that the Humphries family will be available for the presentation due to their work commitments for the mid week daytime meeting.

J Diederich to attend the Bunbury meeting while H King to attend the HRCG meeting scheduled on the same day at Ascot.....**Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich reported that a preliminary meeting had occurred with the Harness Manager Special Projects but it was too early to assess progress.

All previous matters will be worked through.....**Action: J Diederich/H King**

Mares initiatives, and 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 that the initiative of alternate breeder bonus payments would be brought up during budget and strategy discussions with RWWA. The analysis or winner percentages did indicate that the cost structure of providing around 50% of the First Win Breeder Bonus after foals are microchipped (in lieu of the full First Win Breeder Bonus payment on the first win) appeared to be reasonable and had the greater potential to increase crop size, provided breeders could optionally choose one or the other.

J Diederich also commented that it may be more practical to create small race series for the 4yo and over Westbreds rather than look to additional bonuses, as this was more likely to be attractive to RWWA.

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 referred to very little progress being made to further marketing and promotion of harness outside of the already engaged audience.

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 Stallion Tender

H King reported that the Tender was less successful than expected due to some extent to the actions of the Pinjarra Club. However WASBA did still raise valuable funds. Some stallions remain available. All winners and unsuccessful Tenderers have been advised. Deposits have been received and further income is expected when the full invoiced amounts are paid around December

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

J Diederich reported that discounted service fees had been obtained from both Alabar and Cobbitty, along with some discounts for losing Tenderers **Action: Completed**

9 Member benefits

J Diederich referred to the draw of 10 stallion service vouchers that took place at the beginning of October. Winners have been advised and information placed on Facebook and the website. Winners to contact WASBA when proof of payment of service fee is received **Action: Completed**

10 RWWA Equine Welfare Forum

J Diederich referred to information supplied by representative D Trobe **Action: Completed**

11 WASBA AGM

11.1 Committee members with terms expiring

J Diederich advised that Committee members J Diederich, H King, L Tabbakh, W Morrison, J Coffey were the retiring Committee members. All were welcome to renominate. J Diederich requested advise from each member regarding their intentions to ensure appropriate advice could be sent to the membership.

J Diederich to prepare and send all AGM material to members as soon as the proposed date of 24 November is confirmed with Gloucester Park **Action: J Diederich**

11.2 Life Membership

J Diederich nominated Dr Ed Dewar for life membership for his contribution to the breeding industry in WA and his long term membership of WASBA.

Moved H King and **Seconded** P Borg that Dr E Dewar be nominated for Life Membership at the AGM once confirmation that he had served on the WASBA Committee was received (**Carried**).

Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 16 October 2023

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$93,528.85</u>
INCOME	\$ 3,319.88
EXPENDITURE	\$20,227.58
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$76,621.15</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$10,433.97
	Business Cash Reserve	\$ 66,187.18
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- NIL

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** L Tabbakh that the Treasurers Report be accepted. (**Carried**)

IN

- K Spurr (WACHRA) "Submission to Minister for Racing", email 12 September 2023, to Committee 29 Sep
- D Walsh "WA based stallion reports", email 15 September 2023, reply 15 Sep
- M Sieper "Request to promote Breeders Voice Raffle", email 18 September 2023
- D Trobe "Equine Welfare Forum Feedback", email 21 September 2023, to Committee 21 Sep
- D Trobe "Safeguarding Our Horses Presentation", email 28 September 2023, to Committee 29 Sep
- G Gangle (via A Parker) "Breeding in WA", email 2 October 2023, reply 3 Oct
- F Mellors (RWWA) "HRCG Notice of Meeting 15 November 2023", email 4 October 2023
- M Stewart (RWWA) "WASBA Monthly Report", email 2 October 2023
- Crucial "Script updates available WordPress 6.3.1", email 4 October 2023
- Crucial "Script updates available WordPress 6.3.2", email 14 October 2023

OUT

- WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 13 September 2023, email to Committee 15 Sep
- Alabar "Request for Service fee discounts for members", email 13 September 2023, reply 14 Sep
- D Borovica (RWWA) "Committee resolution regarding Kulin Bush Races", email 15 September 2023 reply
- C O'Halloran (RWWA) "Foals born 2022 season", email 18 September 2023, reply 18 Sep
- D Putland (Pinjarra HRC) "WASBA Support for WASBA King-Lethbridge Mares Race 2024", email 24 September 2023, reply 5 Oct
- D Hayes (ASBA) "Payments to ASBA and Special General Meeting", email 1 October 2023
- F McCaffrey (GPHR) "Request for available room for AGM 24 November 2023", email 4 October 2023, interim reply 6 Oct, awaiting final reply
- C Brown (RWWA) "WASBA sponsored races at Albany and Narrogin", email 5 October 2023, reply 6 Oct, further request 6 Oct
- Various "Notice of winning \$500 Breeding Voucher", email 6 October 2023
- K Hall (Albany HRC) "WASBA Sponsored race at Albany- RWWA response", email 8 October 2023

Information Only

- OTTWA "Entries Open NOW | OTTWA Classic Clinic 14 October 2023 | State Equestrian Centre", email 14 September 2023
- Harness Racing Trading Ring "Auctions closes tonight", email 15 September 2023
- P Wharton "Goodtime Sammy to Spurrs Stud", email 15 September 2023, reply 15 Sep
- "Hoofbeats Magazine and Show Scene", email 19 September 2023
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #91 COVER STORY Sunday was 'Criterion Day'", email 19 September 2023
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #64", email 20 September 2023
- "WASBA September Newsletter", to members 21 and 22 September 2023, compliments from P Wharton and other members 22 Sep
- Nevele R Stud "Father Patrick filly too good in Sires Stakes Classique", email 22 September 2023
- E Clauson (RWWA) "Media release: Finalists unveiled for Australian Racehorse of the Year 2022/2023", email 26 September 2023
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #92 COVER STORY Sunday's Gr. 1 Prix des Elites", email 26 September 2023
- E Clauson (RWWA) "Media release: New fund connects racing and local communities", email 27 Sept 2023
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #65", email 27 September 2023
- Murdoch University "Racing Industry Advanced Imaging Launch", email 28 September 2023
- E Clauson (RWWA) "Media release: Rare Slots available in the Western Trilogy", email 29 September 2023
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #93 Where do they go next", email 3 October 2023
- WA Horse Council "Notice of AGM October 23", email 3 October 2023
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #66", email 4 October 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Activist Report 2-29 Sep", email 4 October 2023
- HBV "The Breeders Bulletin October", email 6 October 2023
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #94 Levesque family boasts first success in France's oldest Group 1", email 9 October 2023
- OTTWA "OTTWA October Newsletter | Perth Royal Show and more", email 9 October 2023
- OTTWA "Entries Open Now | OTTWA Training Days 22 - 23 July | State Equestrian Centre", email 10 October
- OTTWA "Entries Opening Tomorrow | OTTWA Training Days 11 Nov | State Equestrian Centre", email 10 October 2023
- Nevele R Stud "Creatine filly flying", email 11 October 2023
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #67", email 11 October 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) "Activist Report 30 Sep – 12 Oct", email 16 October 2023
- Harness Racing Trading Ring "Auctions closes tonight", email 13 October 2023

<p>Moved L Tabbakh and Seconded J Schaper the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (Carried).</p>
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NIL

General Business

7.1 HANDICAPPING REVIEW

J Diederich referred to the recently announced Handicapping Review to be undertaken by recently retired HRNSW Chair John Dumesny, independent of RWWA. Responses were due 25 October.

J Diederich commented on the feedback from interstate members which had been totally unsupportive of the National Rating System (NRS). Although WASBA would like to see improvements to the WA Conditioned Rating System, particularly for mares and some of the intermediate level juveniles and other Westbreds, the improved results for starters and winners in WA was evidence that the combination of the CRS and programming was assisting WA participants and just needed small changes along with innovation that would attract participants.

J Diederich to provide a generally supportive response on behalf of WASBA for the CRS and oppose introduction of the NRS..... **Action: J Diederich**

Next Meeting

The next AGM of The Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 24 November at Gloucester Park.

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 29 November. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.53pm.

J Diederich
Chair



18 October 2023
Date