



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 17 January 2024
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.05pm on 17 January 2024 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

W Morrison
J Coffey, L Tabbakh,
M Holtham

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Fletcher **Seconded** P Borg that the minutes of the meeting held 6 December 2023, having been previously circulated to members of the Committee, are accepted (**Carried**).

The order of business was altered to address all action items early in the meeting. The Minutes have been recorded in the order of the Agenda.

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

Ongoing, with some follow up occurring for overdue memberships. ... **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich reported that adding two new races has again been raised by email with Harness Manager Special Projects Cameron Brown, and will be discussed in person when a meeting can be arranged **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich referred to correspondence in January to C Brown revisiting some previous WASBA requests/initiatives, with further correspondence to raise remaining items prior to meeting with C Brown. Discussions will be ongoing

2.2 – 2024 WASBA Country Oaks

Timing and conditions to be discussed with C Brown **Action: J Diederich**

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

J Diederich advised that the Bunbury club has been requested to provide an invoice for WASBA’s agreed sponsorship of the Bob Humphries **Action: Completed**

2.4 – Busselton Sweetheart Series (final race 19 January 2024)

J Diederich reported that all sponsorship arrangements were underway and she will attend the final meeting to provide the vouchers to winning connections. J Diederich noted that the series and the round appeared to have gone extremely well with two heats on the early nights, and Busselton using the services of Scott Hamilton to publicise the round.

J Diederich to attend final Busselton meeting for 2024 **Action: J Diederich**

2.5 – Laurie Kennedy (9 February 2024)

J Diederich noted the calendar item for WASBA to consider providing a garland and trophy for the Group 3 \$50,000 Laurie Kennedy. J Diederich noted that \$50,000 races should be the responsibility of the Club to adequately support with trophies and presentations and it would be appropriate to see what support GPHR provide this year before taking on an ongoing responsibility. Races below \$50,000, which were now Listed races at best do need to be supported if they meet WASBA's aims to support the racing of mares and breeding, for example the Race For Roses and the WASBA created races.

J Diederich to liaise with GPHR regarding on track presentation of trophies, rugs and or garlands in specified races **Action: J Diederich**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

Ongoing. 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)

Ongoing. 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 the lack of progress with the items removed from the HRCG action list including a harness owners booklet and increased media supporting harness from the RWWA office

To be discussed with C Brown **Action: J Diederich/H King**

4.4 - Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update **Action: J Diederich**

4.5 - Expo Day

To be raised with Harness Manager Special Projects..... **Action: J Diederich/H King**

5 Off The Track Rehoming

Awaiting a response from SPPHAWA **Action: J Diederich**

6 Fund Raising Activities

8.1 Stallion Tender

H King reported that all initial Tenders were now paid. A Tender taken up subsequent to the Tender process is dependent on a positive test result.

Follow up of positive test result..... **Action: H King**

7 WASBA AGM

Annual Associations return has been forwarded to the Department **Action: Completed**

Website has been updated with AGM references **Action: Completed**

8 APG Sales Classic /WASBA Awards night

J Diederich advised that APG have agreed to pay half the costs of the Awards night. APG will also provide up to \$1500 to pay for 4 rugs and two garlands for the 2YO and 3YO Classics with WASBA to arrange provision of the rugs. J Diederich advised that WASBA will pay up front and obtain reimbursement from APG.

J Diederich to continue to liaise with GPHR and APG **Action: J Diederich**

H King to arrange running sheet for the evening as well as a MC..... **Action: H King**

J Diederich to arrange for trophies and award invitations **Action: J Diederich**

Life Membership presentation to be arranged for Dr Dewar **Action: H King**

9 WASBA Breeding Awards

Committee confirmed all interim award recipients from the December meeting were the final results for those categories

- 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 (\$125,000 4YO Classic).

Committee discussed the remaining awards and agreed to the following:

- Breeder of the Year – Kevin and Annette Charles
- Broodmare of the Year – Arma Xpress
- Breeding for Excellence – Karnup Racing Pty Ltd
- Breeding for Excellence – Special Mention – Sara and Chris Wall
- No award for sires of the year.

Committee confirmed \$500 service fee vouchers and trophy for open Group 1 winning Westbreds (under the previously agreed conditions as detailed in Feb 2023 minutes):

- Mighty Ronaldo – Fremantle Cup
- August Moon – WA Oaks
- Tricky Miki – Golden Nugget.

Voting was incomplete for the 2YO Filly of the Year Award.

J Diederich to follow up outstanding votes for 2YO filly **Action: J Diederich**

10 Sponsor Appreciation

J Diederich confirmed that letters of appreciation had been sent to all stallion service providers, and Christmas cards had been sent to all sponsors..... **Action: Completed**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 15 January 2024

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$76,504.19</u>
INCOME		\$ 13,671.24
EXPENDITURE		\$ 1,820.48
<u>Closing Balance</u>		<u>\$88,354.95</u>
Represented by	Cheque Account	\$21,862.48
	Business Cash Reserve	\$66,492.47
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich - Trophies \$799.23
- J Diederich - Trophies \$127.92
- J Diederich – Secretarial Dec \$300.00
- J Diederich – WASBA Dropbox Annual fee \$184.67

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 Trophies, Secretarial and the annual Dropbox fee be accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- Crucial “Script updates available WordPress 6.4.2”, email 8 December 2023
- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety “Annual Form Submission 1856483 Confirmation”, email 10 December 2023
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | Notice of Meeting for 7 February 2024”, email 13 December 2023
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “ Other subsidy options for SPPHAWA Members”, email 14 December, reply 15 Dec
- N Taylor “Request for registration advice”, phone 18 December 2023, email reply 19 Dec
- HRNSW Chairmans message to (NSW) industry”, email 10 January 2023, to Committee 10 Jan
- Dropbox Renewal 26 December”, email 26 December 2023

OUT

- J Calver (Bunbury TC) “Request for invoice for Bob Humphries sponsorship”, email 14 December 2023
- ‘WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 6 December 2023”, email to Committee 16 December 2023
- G Torto (RWA) “Request for Annual Breeding statistics”, email 16 December 2023, reply 8 Jan 2024
- F Mellors (RWA) “Annual Status and Contact list update WASBA”, email 17 December 2023
- Sponsor Thank You to all Stallion Providers, email and letter 20 December 2023
- P Watkinson (APG) “Request for Conformation for joint WASBA Awards/ APG Sales Classic function and sponsorship”, email 10 January 2023, reply 11 Jan
- Alabar “Confirmation of membership to use discount”, email 5 January 2024
- C Gannon (Gannons) “Drafts for Presentation rugs for APG Sales Classics” email 11 January 2024

Information Only

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #102”, email 5 December 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #75”, email 6 December 2023
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin December”, email 6 December 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #103”, email 12 December 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA Newsletter | looking back on 2023”, email 12 December 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #76”, email 13 December 2023
- “WASBA December Newsletter and Christmas wishes”, email 13 (local) & 14 (ES) December 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #104”, email 19 Decovember 2023
- Nevele R Stud “December Newsletter” email 20 Decembeer 2023
- APG “Yearling Sale Update”, email 20 December 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #77”, email 20 December 2023
- OTTWA “OTTWA Merry Christmas and Happy New Year”, email 22 December 2023
- APG “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year– APG Goldtalk Edition 3”, email 23 December 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #105”, email 26 December 2023
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #78”, email 27 December 2023
- APG “APG Sales Catalogue Correction”, email 2 January 2023
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #106”, email 2 January 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #79”, email 3 January 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #107”, email 9 January 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #80”, email 10 January 2024
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin January”, email 11 January 2024

Moved H King and **Seconded** P McAllister 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 Yearlings on Sale premises

J Schaper referred to the late arrival of some horses at the Yearling Sale premises making it difficult for prospective purchasers to view the late arrivals in time.

APG to be requested to advise vendors to have yearlings at the sale premises in sufficient time for purchasers to view **Action: J Diederich**

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 28 February 2024. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 7.01pm.

J Diederich
Chair



17 January 2024
Date