



MINUTES

Meeting declared open at 6.07pm on 28 February 2024 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
J Fletcher, J Schaper, H King, P Borg, P McAllister, J Coffey,
M Holtham. 7.42pm W Morrison

Apologies

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2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Fletcher **Seconded** P McAllister that the minutes of the meeting held 17 January 2024, 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

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** J Coffey that the nominations received and listed on the Agenda, for Ordinary Membership and Family membership, be accepted as new members of the Association, as soon as membership is confirmed as financial. **(Carried)**.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

Ongoing. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional WASBA race sponsorship opportunities

J Diederich reported that the February meeting arranged with Harness Manager Special Projects Cameron Brown had been positive, enabling WASBA to discuss the WASBA sponsored races at Narrogin and Albany. C Brown put forward that no additional funding is available from RWWA at this point. WASBA will therefore need to target the existing \$11,000 races allocated to these clubs to supplement to \$14,000.

J Diederich to touch base with Narrogin and Albany..... **Action: J Diederich**

P McAllister to recommence discussion with the Albany Club, targeting December races only **Action: P McAllister**

2.2 – 2024 WASBA Country Oaks

J Diederich referred to the advice from C Brown that he would support a timing 2 weeks out from the WA Oaks with a golden ticket into the WA Oaks for the winner.

J Diederich to seek written confirmation **Action: J Diederich**

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

J Diederich reported on the successful Busselton meetings and the Sweetheart Series, noting the deadheat for the leading point scoring Westbred mare. There were no WASBA conditions in that circumstance. Both leading point scorers Motor On Lilly and Cheap Thrillz were awarded the WASBA sponsorship. Random draw winner was Miss Laurel Lee.

Representatives of the winners were presented with their \$500 Service fee Vouchers on the night. Emails have been forwarded advising how to claim their \$500 in winnings.

H King to follow up non-responders in due course..... **Action: H King**

2.4 – Gloucester Park races

J Diederich to liaise with GPHR regarding on track presentation of trophies, rugs and or garlands in Race For Roses, Breeders Stakes, Harry Capararo, Kerry Clarke, 4YO/5YO Mares and Westsired 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 further at next meeting with HMSP C Brown .. **Action: J Diederich/H King**

It was agreed by Committee that a HRCG item be put forward regarding return of relevant Group Level for Breeders Stakes, 2YO Diamond and 2YO Pearl, as well as San Simeon and Binshaw, the latter in support of two of the best horses produced in Western Australia

J Diederich to prepare Submission item **Action: J Diederich**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

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

Ongoing. J Diederich advised that a number of issues were raised with C Brown at the February meeting, with tacit support for a choice of possibly \$1500 or a Service Fee Voucher as an alternative to waiting for the \$3000 First Win Breeder Bonus. With over 50% of the crop winning this could be a cost neutral option for RWWA while at the same time supporting breeders with their early costs. C Brown advised that RWWA will need to model this option. To be further discussed **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

Other items briefly discussed included race distances for 2yos, drop back rules, mini feature series for lower levels – particularly 4yo and over, timing of features, field sizes, extended program information for juveniles to enable better consolidation of the racing pool, free returns outside the stallion cap.

4.2 – Life after racing / re-registration

No further action.....

4.3 – Media and Promotion

J Diederich noted their had been some visible positives with additional articles published in the newspaper, and more activity around promotion of the Westbred product and Bonus system. The Owners Booklet was expected in coming weeks. J Diederich referred to the \$30 million for marketing and promotion that is listed in the RWWA Annual Report

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

HRCG item to be raised requesting a greater proportion of the equine marketing and promotion budget for harness..... **Action: J Diederich**

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

H King advised that there was one outstanding stallion Tender payment dependent on a positive test **Action: H King**

H King reiterated the difficulties expected with raising funds from our traditional service fee sources.

7 APG Sales Classic /WASBA Awards night

J Diederich confirmed the WASBA Committee vote supporting Xceptional Arma as Westbred 2YO Filly of the Year **Action: Completed**

J Diederich reported on the time that had been wasted arranging for the rugs and garlands subsequent to the advice to go ahead from APG's P Watkinson and A Essex, with A Essex previously advising GPHR to do the same. APG had agreed to sponsorship and that will be followed through, along with the 50% recoup for costs for the Awards Night function**Action: H King**

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

H King advised the running sheet for the night was prepared and Hayden King would MC the event in lieu of M Young who had full time race calling commitments. H King to provide WASBA payment to Hayden King for his work**Action: H King**

J Diederich advised that WASBA invitations had been sent, with APG to arrange their own invitations. J Diederich supplied a preliminary list, for APG to finalise...**Action: Completed**

J Diederich referred to the overall cost of the function as around \$10,000, of which around \$5,000 would be recouped from APG. Additionally, the cost of trophies (including Breeder of the Month and voucher costs for open Group 1 winning Westbreds) was \$5,000.

H King advised that Dr Ed Dewar was unable to attend the Awards. Life Membership presentation to be arranged for Dr Dewar at a later date**Action: H King**

8 Availability of Yearlings for Inspection

The matter was raised with A Essex who advised that all vendors had been requested to have yearlings at the Sale premises early to enable inspections.**Action: Completed**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 27 February 2024

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$88,354.95</u>
INCOME		\$ 421.15
EXPENDITURE		\$21,042.73
<u>Closing Balance</u>		<u>\$67,733.37</u>
Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 1,159.75
	Business Cash Reserve	\$66,573.62
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich – Flyers, Secretarial Jan 2024 \$369.00
- H King – Awards Night MC \$250.00
- H King – PO Box Renewal \$245.00
- J Diederich – J Diederich Flyers, Webhost Crucial \$729.07

Moved J Schaper and Seconded P McAllister that the Treasurers Report be accepted. (Carried)
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Moved J Schaper and Seconded M Holtham that the payments to J Diederich for Flyers, Secretarial and Webhosting be accepted. (Carried)
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- C Brown (RWWA) “Consultation items Harness”, email 16 January 2024, reply 16 Jan
- K Strahan “\$1,000 Raffle voucher”, sms 21 January 2024, to H King 21 Jan
- F Mellors (RWWA) “February Harness Racing Consultative Group Meeting | Deferred”, email 24 January 2024
- D McNaughton (Skills Insight) “Opportunity for Collaboration: Jobs Skills Council Project in the Horse Breeding Industry”, email 24 January 2024
- F McCaffrey (GPHR) “Advice regarding GPHR order for rugs for APG Classics”, email 29 January 2024, reply 29 Jan
- M Radley (GPHR) “Advice regarding GPHR order for rugs for APG Classics on advice of A Essex”, email 29 January 2024, reply 29 Jan
- S Spallarossa (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) “Nomination sought- Appointment to the RWWA Board of Directors”, email 29 January 2024, to Committee 30 Jan
- GPHR “Invoice 1017 Awards night deposit”, email 1 February 2024, CC to H King
- S Lee “\$500 voucher”, email 1 February 2024, final to H King 20 Feb
- S Wall “\$500 voucher”, email 1 Feb 2024
- Alabar “Invoice for \$500 voucher for M Blakemore”, email to H King 1 February 2024
- N Cameron “\$500 voucher”, email 7 February 2024, to H King 8 Feb
- Australia Post “Invoice PO Box”, email 8 February 2024, to H King 8 Feb
- A Shanks “Stakes Payments”, email 9 February 2024, RWWA response forwarded 14 Feb
- GPHR “Invoice 1016 Awards night function”, email 16 February 2024, to H King 16 Feb
- A Walmsley “Home for 3yo Filly”, email 16 February 2024
- Crucial “Tax Invoice 685035 Web Hosting”, email 18 February 2024
- Crucial “Tax Invoice 685124 SSL Certificate”, email 19 February 2024
- TheTrotsWA “The Trots WA E-Newsletter March/April 2024 Edition - Call for Content”, email 19 February 2024, reply 23 Feb
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | Notice of Meeting 10 April 2024”, email 26 February 2024

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- J Markham (GPHR) “Further clarification for WASBA Function in Quinnys”, email 17 January 2024
- A Essex (APG) “Layouts for Rugs for Sales Classics”, email 17 January 2024, reply A Essex and P Watkinson 18 January
- M Kinder (MK Garlands) “Order for 2 garlands for Sales Classics”, email 17 Jan 2024, reply 18 Jan
- S King (Busselton TC) “Sweetheart Eligibles”, email 17 January 2024’
- Chloe Brown “Congratulations on Sweetheart win”, email 22 January 2024
- WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 17 January 2024”, email to Committee 29 January 2023
- P Watkinson, A Essex (APG) “Confirming advice from GPHR regarding A Essex authorizing GPHR to order rugs and garlands for Sales Classics”, email 29 January 2024
- C Brown “Reduced Stakes for 3YO’s at GP Friday meetings”, email 29 January 2024, reply 30 Jan
- C Gannon (Gannons) “Cancellation of order for Presentation rugs for APG Sales Classics” email 29 January 2024
- C Brown (RWWA) “Topics for Discussion”, email 1 February 2024
- A Essex (APG) “Award and APG invites”, email 6 February 2024
- C Brown (RWWA) “Follow up material – 2yo race distances”, email 8 February 2024
- C Brown (RWWA) “Follow up material – WASBA Dropback submission”, email 8 February 2024
- EHRB Bodies “Nomination for the RWWA Board”, email 30 January 2024, reply from WACHRA 6 Feb and GPHR 6 Feb
- Various “Invitation to WASBA Awards/ APG Sales Classic night”, emails 31 Jan to 23 Feb 2024

Information Only

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #108”, email 16 January 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #81”, email 17 January 2024
- E Clauson (RWWA) “Media release: Contenders for the 2023 WA Harness Horse of the Year Awards announced”, email 22 January 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #109”, email 23 January 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #82”, email 24 January 2024
- Off The Track (RWWA) “OTTWA Clinic Dates – Upcoming Clinics 2024”, email 25 January 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #110”, email 30 January 2024

- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #83”, email 31 January 2024
- C Brown (RWVA) “Consultation items Harness”, email 1 February 2024
- Off The Track (RWVA) “Entries Now Open OTTWA Training Day 09 March State Equestrian Centre”, email 3 February 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #111”, email 6 February 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #84”, email 7 February 2024
- S de Ruyter (RWVA) “Media release - Race meeting changes due to extreme heat”, email 7 February 2024
- Off The Track (RWVA) “OTTWA February Newsletter – Straight back into action”, email 12 February 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #112”, email 13 February 2024
- S de Ruyter (RWVA) “Media release - Race meeting changes due to extreme heat”, email 14 February 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #85”, email 15 February 2024
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin January”, email 16 February 2024
- “WASBA January 2024 Newsletter”, email 16 (local) & 17 (ES) February 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #113”, email 20 February 2024 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #86”, email 22 February 2024
- Z Relph (RWVA) “Media Release - 2024 TABtouch Nullarbor Group 1”, email 23 February 2024
- Off The Track (RWVA) “Entries Now Open OTTWA Classic Clinic 23 March Serpentine”, email 23 February 2024

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

6 Reports

6.1 Trophy Stocks

J Diederich referred to the Report for Trophy Holdings that was forwarded with the Agenda, noting that stocks will be low once the Award recipient have received their trophies.

7 General Business

7.1 Nomination for Appointment to RWVA Board

J Diederich referred to the correspondence from S Spallarossa (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) regarding the nomination for the Harness Code Director, due at the end of March.

Following discussion, it was agreed that advice would be sought from the current Director as to his intention to renominate. In that event his nomination would be supported. Failing that advice, the alternate candidate who had made contact with President Diederich regarding his desire to fill the role would be favourable considered, with the final decision in the hands of President J Diederich and Vice President H King

Nomination to be forwarded to the Department **Action: J Diederich/H King**

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 27 March 2024. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 7.02pm.

J Diederich
Chair



28 February 2024
Date