



MINUTES

WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 27 March 2024
By teleconference

Meeting declared open at 6.07pm on 27 March 2024 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
J Fletcher, J Schaper, H King, P Borg, J Coffey, M Holtham.
6.10 P McAllister,

Apologies

L Tabbakh
W Morrison

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Schaper **Seconded** M Holtham that the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 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

There were no new members.

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 Narrogin and Albany have been contacted and have responded positively. WASBA will need to provide the \$3,000 for each race, targeting a June race for Narrogin and a December race for Albany.

J Diederich to liaise with Narrogin to finalise conditions..... **Action: J Diederich**

P McAllister to recommence discussion with the Albany Club **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. C Brown has not been available for a follow-up meeting to confirm this but a meeting will be organized as soon as possible

J Diederich to seek confirmation of agreed changes **Action: J Diederich**

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

H King to follow up non-responders regarding their winnings **Action: H King**

2.4 – Gloucester Park races

J Diederich reported that GPHR has agreed to WASBA undertaking on-track presentations for the Race For Roses (5 April), WASBA Breeders Stakes (3 May), Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares (10 May), Kerry Clarke (21 June), the Westsired races and the WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares, expected in August. A trophy have been arranged for all races except the Westsired. GPHR have agreed to a full presentation for the Breeders Stakes and Kerry Clarke, provided connections are on course. Rugs and garlands will also be supplied for the Breeders Stakes and Kerry Clarke.

J Diederich to undertake arrangements..... **Action: J Diederich**

Sponsors to be contacted for Breeders Stakes..... **Action: J Diederich**
Committee to provide horse sponsors for the Breeders Stakes **Action: Committee**

2.4 – WASBA King-Lethbridge at Pinjarra 22 April

H King reported that the Pinjarra Club is supporting us in facilitating an award for Ed Dewar for his WASBA Life Membership. Ed Dewar is very appreciative of his invitation to attend with his guests..... **Action: Completed**

Rug, garland and trophy have been arranged. J Diederich to finalise all other arrangements with the Club..... **Action: J Diederich**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

HRCG item has been forwarded regarding increasing Group levels of fillies and mares races, either by stakes increases or negotiation with HRA Group Racing Panel

J Diederich to forward Submission item..... **Action: Completed**

4 Standing Item – Liaison with RWWA

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

Options for First Win Breeder Bonus to be pursued at next meeting with C Brown, involving a choice of possibly \$1500 or a Service Fee Voucher as an alternative to waiting for the \$3000 First Win Breeder Bonus..... **Action: J Diederich/ H King**

Other items to be continued include 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 – Training Opportunities

M Holtham provided comment on his attendance at the Skills Insight Workshop, which was very positive. Expectation of further progress before the end of the year. Thoroughbreds were further advanced than Harness - Harness may be able to benefit from their activities including through Agrifutures, which includes online courses. RWWA also attended the workshop and were expected to take up some initiatives. Some opportunity may occur for on-property traineeships.

M Holtham to continue to update Committee on any initiatives

4.4 - Media and Promotion

The Owners Booklet has still not been provided.

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

HRCG item raised requesting a greater proportion of the equine marketing and promotion budget for harness **Action: Completed**

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

J Diederich to discuss the SPPHAWA response further to enable additional sponsorship to be provided **Action: J Diederich**

6 Fund Raising Activities

J Diederich requested Committee members to identify any sponsorship opportunities to enable WASBA to continue with our activities **Action: Committee**

H King reiterated the difficulties expected with raising funds.

7 APG Sales Classic /WASBA Awards night

Invoices sent to APG for sponsorship and 50% recoup for costs.....**Action: Completed**

Payment for MC Hayden King**Action: Completed**

J Diederich to seek comment from major vendors regarding Sale date and race dates for Sales Classics..... **Action: J Diederich**

8 Nomination of Harness Code Director and Alternate Director

J Diederich reported all 5 Eligible Bodies signed correspondence regarding nomination of R Fowler as Code Director and R Tither as Alternate Director. The correspondence has been forwarded to the Department.**Action: Completed**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 26 March 2024

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$67,733.37</u>
INCOME	\$ 2,271.40
EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,910.43
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$66,094.34</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 2,449.32
	Business Cash Reserve	\$63,645.02
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- H King – Awards Night Drinks balance \$291.50

Moved P Borg and Seconded P McAllister that the Treasurers Report be accepted. (Carried)

Moved J Schaper and Seconded P Borg that the payment to H King for additional function costs be accepted. (Carried)

5 Correspondence

IN

- R Tither “CV and Background Information” email 29 February 2024, to Committee 2 Mar
- A Essex (APG) “APG Invitations”, email 1 Mar 2024
- Alabar “Invoice for \$500 voucher for S Wall”, email to H King 1 Mar 2024
- Exclusive Trophies “Invoice 00062712”, email 1 March 2024, to H King 2 Mar
- D McNaughton (Skills Insight) “Agenda – Workshop 12 March”, email 5 March
- M Blakemore “Breeding”, email 5 March 2024, reply 5 March
- P O’Boyle “List of WA Trainers”, email 6 March 2024, reply 6 Mar
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “Invoice Standardbred Scorecard Showdown”, email 7 March 2024, to H King 7 Mar
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) “WASBA Subsidy”, email 12 March 2024, interim reply 12 Mar
- M Kinder (MK Garlands) “Invoice 4 GPHR race Garlands”, email 14 March 2024, to H King 14 Mar

- Crucial “SSL Installation for www.wasba.com.au Completed”, email 16 March 2024
- DigiCert “www.wasba.com.au Certificate”, email 16 March 2024
- D Borovica (RWWA) HRCG Submission Item Environmental Contamination”, email 19 March 2024
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | Agenda 10 April 2024”, email 25 March 2024

OUT

- J Markham (GPHR) “Awards night setout”, email 27 February 2024, reply 27 Feb
- WASBA “Agenda – Committee Meeting 28 February 2024”, to Committee 27 February 2024
- F McCaffrey (GPHR) “Parking for guests at WASBA APG Function”, email 1 March 2024, reply 1 Mar
- A Essex (APG) “ Invoice APG Awards Night 50% costs”, email 4 March 2024
- A Essex (APG) “ Invoice APG Sponsorship”, email 4 March 2024
- GPHR “Thank you – Assistance with Awards Night”, email 4 March 2024
- Piaffe Equestrian “Rug order for WASBA – King-Lethbridge and Breeders Stakes”, email 6 March 2024, reply 11 Mar
- M Lee-Newland (Penrose Park) “Garland for King Lethbridge”, email 6 March 2024, reply 11 Mar
- C Brown (RWWA) “Request for Meeting”, email 8 March 2024, reply 18 Mar
- M Radley (GPHR) “WASBA Support for Gloucester Park Features”, email 8 March 2024, reply 15 Mar
- D Putland (Pinjarra Paceway), “Arrangements for WASBA King-Lethbridge Mares and Life Membership Award E Dewar”, email 8 March 2024, reply 8 March
- F Mellors (RWWA) “HRCG | WASBA Agenda Items - HRCG Meeting 10 April 2024”, email 13 March 2024
- R Fowler “ Request confirmation of nomination for Harness Code Director”, email 14 March 2024
- WASBA Committee Draft Minutes – Committee meeting 28 February 2024”, email to Committee 15 March 2024
- M Radley (GPHR) Request for signatures for Harness Code Director”, email 17 March 2024, reply 19 Mar
- Piaffe Equestrian “Invoice 999 rugs for King-Lethbridge and Breeders Stakes”, email 22 March 2024, to H King 25 Mar
- R Deadman (WACHRA) “Nomination of Harness Code Director”, email 21 March 2024, reply 21 Mar
- C Trefort (Narrogin Racing and Pacing) “Narrogin Westbred or Westsired race in June”, email 22 March 2024
- M Chopping (Dept LGSC) “Harness Code Director and Alternate Director Nomination from EHRB”, email 21 March 2024, resent to S Spallarossa 25 March 2024, receipt confirmed

Information Only

- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #114”, email 27 February 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #87”, email 28 February 2024
- TheTrotsWA “Request article upload to HRA News”, email 1 March 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #115 Idao de Tillard 4 Group 1s”, email 5 March 2024
- “Opportunity Still Knocks – Check Passed in In Lots”, email 5 March 2024
- Off The Track (RWWA) “OTTWA March Newsletter | March Awaits!”, email 6 March 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #88”, email 6 March 2024
- N Scott (RWWA) “First Round Fremantle Cup Rankings”, email 8 March
- HBV “The Breeders Bulletin March”, email 11 March 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #116 Vernissage Grif supersonic in Gr. 1 Grand Critérium”, email 12 March 2024
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Media release - 2023 WA Harness Horse of the Year”, email 13 March 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #89”, email 13 March 2024
- Harness Racing Trading Ring Auction 8”, email 14 March 2024
- S de Ruyter (RWWA) “Media release - New research on racehorse injury prevention”, email 18 March 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #117 France’s turf championship”, email 19 March 2024
- Off The Track (RWWA) “Entries now OPEN | OTTWA Classic Clinic 20 April | Avon Valley Adult Riding Club”, email 20 March 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #90”, email 21 March 2024
- N Scott (RWWA) “Second Round Fremantle Cup Rankings”, email 22 March

<p>Moved H King and Seconded P Borg the Inward correspondence is accepted, the Outward correspondence be endorsed and Information Only correspondence is noted (Carried).</p>
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6 Reports

6.1 Trophy Stocks

J Diederich referred to the Report for Trophy Holdings that was attached to the Agenda.

7 General Business

NIL

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association Inc (WASBA) is proposed for 24 April 2024. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.48pm.

J Diederich
Chair



27 March 2024
Date