



WASBA Committee Meeting Wednesday 2 October 2024
By teleconference

MINUTES

Meeting declared open at 6.03pm on 2 October 2024 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

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

Apologies

W Morrison

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved P Borg **Seconded** J Fletcher that the amended minutes of the meeting held 28 August 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

As listed on the Agenda, there was one new application for family membership as a follow on from the 2024 Raffle.

Moved J Coffey and **Seconded** J Schaper that the nominations received for Family membership be accepted as new members of the Association, as soon as memberships are confirmed as financial. (**Carried**).

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

Ongoing, with all paid memberships reconciled. J Diederich referred to the solid membership numbers. A first reminder has been sent and Memberships will continue to be followed up as time permits. **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional sponsors

J Diederich advised that additional sponsors are yet to be contacted.. **Action: J Diederich**

2.2 – WASBA race conditions under NRS

J Diederich referenced the need to liaise with Harness Manager Special Projects (HMSP) Cameron Brown to determine race conditions for all the WASBA races that will be run under the NRS.

This includes the Country Oaks, the 4YO/5YO races (intended for those horses who had not won a Group or Listed race) and the \$14,000 races for mares/Westsired who had not won at metropolitan level.

Meeting to be arranged with HMSP as soon as possible **Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich referred to the NRS as an opportunity for better programming for fillies and mares. While it was difficult to convince officials of the need to rebalance the race program, the two completed Workshops run by RWWA did provide some scope for RWWA to provide better programming.

Meeting to be arranged **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 Coffey referred to the lack of progress in Victoria regarding the dire situation. It was evident that despite the stakes cut, including bonuses, purportedly after consultation with industry, there was no consultation with industry bodies or the broader participant base and 2025 Victorian crop was likely to be a disaster. The lack of real information is creating an unstable environment with breeders and other industry participants alike.

In WA there was much concern around the industry due to this and other disconcerting information about the industry and an apparent lack of capability in RWWA to address the cause of many of the issues. However, the feedback from the NRS Workshops did provide some confidence in the new approach regarding programming.

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

4.2 - Media and Promotion

The continual flood of promotion for thoroughbreds is disheartening for all. There may be an opportunity to cover this at the HRCG meeting in October, with WASBA providing an Agenda item on this topic

Owners Booklet to be further pursued.

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

4.3 - Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update. Per H King proposal, A Parker was approached but is yet to respond.

J Diederich to liaise with A Parker in due course **Action: J Diederich**

4.4 - Expo Day

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

5 Off The Track Rehoming

J Diederich referred to the response from RWWA regarding industry concerns about the OTT process.

Further liaison is required **Action: J Diederich**

6 Fund Raising Activities

6.1 – WASBA Raffle

H King advised that the Raffle return has been provided to the Department and Sweet Lou service winner Gordon Day, voucher winners and Woodlands have been advised of the result.

H King commented that the Raffle did provide a more positive result than expected, but not to the level of the previous year **Action: Completed**

6.2 – WASBA Stallion Tender

The Stallion Tender was promoted through Facebook, and direct marketing through MailChimp to our entire local and eastern states contact list **Action: Completed**

H King advised that two stallions remain and the financial result from the Stallion Tender is pleasing in this difficult environment.

H King referred to the need to repay the purchaser of a previous stallion which is no longer being shuttled, with replacement stallions not suited to the breeder.

Further specific marketing of the remaining stallions will continue **Action: H King**

J Diederich advised that the \$500 Stallion Service fee Vouchers had been drawn, awaiting final membership reconciliation to confirm the eligible winners.

All Voucher winners to be contacted individually **Action: J Diederich**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 31 August and 30 September

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance (30 July)</u>	<u>\$66,641.80</u>
INCOME over the period	\$26,476.89
EXPENDITURE over the period	\$17,730.71
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$75,387.98</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 8,314.70
	Business Cash Reserve	\$67,073.28
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

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| • J Diederich – Web hosting | \$47.89 |
| • J Diederich - CGD Bohemia Trophies | \$690.94 |
| • H King – Raffle Permit | \$128.00 |
| • J Diederich – Secretarial (Aug) | \$300.00 |

Moved J Schaper and **Seconded** M Holtham that the Treasurers Reports for 31 August and 30 September be accepted. **(Carried)**

Moved J Fletcher and **Seconded** M Holtham that the payments to J Diederich and H King, for miscellaneous costs be accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- P McAllister “Resignation from WASBA Committee”, email 27 August 2024, reply 27 Aug
- C Trefort (Narrogin Race and Pace), Invoice WASBA \$14,000 Color Glo Tribute Invoice”, email 28 August 2024, to H King 28 Aug
- Dept Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry “Feedback from the first round of consultation on the renewal of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy”, email 28 August 2024, to Committee 29 Aug
- Associations and Charities Branch, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety WA, Request Completion of Information Statement 2023/24”, email 1 September 2024
- T Starling (RWVA) “Mares Bred in WA 2023/24 Season”, email 3 September 2024
- RWVA “Research Fund Presentation”, email 5 September 2024, clarification supplied 4-5 Sep
- D Trobe “Handicapping”, email 6 September 2024, to Committee 7 Sep
- L O’Connor “Raffle baby”, email 9 September 2024
- Cobbitty Equine “McWicked Stallion donation”, email 10 September 2024, reply 10 Sep
- Quadrio “Raffle Service fee voucher 2023”, email 11 September 2024, reply 11 Sep
- D Borovica (RWVA) “Traceability/Euthanasia”, email 15 September 2024, reply ccd 16 and 26 Sep
- S Wall (Bunbury TC) “Sponsor Invitation to WASBA Bob Humphries”, email 26 September 2024, reply 26 Sep

OFFICIAL

- Dr Anna Smet (RWVA) HRCG Agenda item - WASBA OTTWA Retraining Program, email 24 September 2024, to Committee 29 Sep
- F Mellors (RWVA) "HRCG Agenda 16 October 2024", email 30 September 2024

OUT

- WASBA "August Agenda – Committee Meeting 28 August 2024", to Committee 27 August 2024
- S McPherson (HBV) "Stallion Guide – Westbred Promotion" email 29 August 2024, reply 29 Aug
- C Brown (RWVA) "Query on absence of Westbred promotion in the Stallion Guide", email 29 August 2024
- C Brown (RWVA) "Harness NRS Handicapping Workshops Advice, email 11 September 2024, reply 11 Sep, and 12 Sep to industry
- WASBA "Draft Minutes – Meeting 28 August 2024", to Committee 16 September 2024
- RWVA "WASBA HRCG Agenda Items", email 16 September 2024
- Unfinancial members "Gentle Reminder for membership payment", emails 27 September 2024

Information Only

- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #113", email 29 Aug 2024
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #141", email 3 September 2024
- "WASBA August 2024 Newsletter and Stallion Tender", email to members 3 and 4 September 2024
- Off The Track (RWVA) "OTTWA Newsletter | What's Happening in September with OTTWA email 4 September 2024
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #114", email 5 September 2024
- Nevele R Stud "Smart stakes winners for Always B Miki, Lazarus and Vincent", email 10 September 2024
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #142", email 9 September 2024
- 2024
- HBV "Welcome to the 2024 Breeding Season", email 10 September 2024
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #115", email 11 September 2024
- Nevele R "A Trio of Group 1 winners", email 17 September 2024
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #143", email 17 September 2024
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #116", email 19 September 2024
- Off The Track (RWVA) "Entries now OPEN | OTTWA Training Day | State Equestrian Centre", email 19 September 2024
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #144", email 24 September 2024
- HBV "Breeders Bulletin September", email 24 September 2024
- "WASBA September 2024 Newsletter", email to members 25 and 26 September 2024
- Harnesslink "Harness Link Insider #117", email 25 September 2024
- APG Goldtalk September 2024, email 25 September 2024
- LeTrot "French Trotting Week #140", email 27 August 2024

J Coffey referred to the forthcoming yearling sales with APG, noting the high number of WA entries and the likely impact on sales results, as well as serious misgivings in the eastern states, particularly Victoria.

Moved H King and **Seconded** P Borg 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 AGM Options

J Diederich referred to the need to organize the 2024 AGM, with prospective dates being 22 November (Mares Classic night) and 29 November (4YO Classic).

J Diederich to seek room availability from Gloucester Park **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to confirm the Committee positions due to expire **Action: J Diederich**

H King to arrange audit of accounts**Action: H King**

7.2 National Rating System Feedback

No further feedback.

8 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WASBA Committee will be held on 30 October 2024. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

J Diederich
Chair



2 October 2024
Date