



MINUTES

Meeting declared open at 6.06pm on 11 December 2024 by Chair J Diederich (President)

In Attendance (by teleconference)

J Diederich (Chair),
P Borg, J Scotney, J Fletcher, H King, J Coffey, M Holtham
L Tabbakh, J Schaper. 6.22 W Morrison,

Apologies

NIL

Election of Officers

Single nominations were received for each Office Holder:

- President: **Moved** by J Schaper and **Seconded** by L Tabbakh that Jeanine Diederich be elected President (**carried**)
- Vice-President **Moved** by J Diederich and **Seconded** J Schaper that Howard King be elected Vice President (**carried**)
- Treasurer: **Moved** by J Schaper and **Seconded** P Borg that Howard King be elected Treasurer (**carried**)

Committee noted the need to establish other alternatives for positions in the future.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved J Fletcher **Seconded** P Borg that the Minutes of the meeting held 6 November 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 applications for membership.

1.2 – Reconciliation of membership

Ongoing, with all paid memberships reconciled. Follow up of unfinancial members is continuing..... **Action: J Diederich.**

2 Standing Item – Industry Sponsorship

2.1 – Additional sponsors

J Diederich advised no progress has been made on approaching new sponsors. This does need to have some priority going forward. WASBA will require additional funding. H King noted the difficulties in approaching new sponsors that are already providing sponsorship to other organisations within the harness industry. **Action: J Diederich**

2.2 – WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial (Bunbury 9 November)

J Diederich reported on the successful meeting that included the \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial, as well as the \$30,000 2YO Westsired Fillies Classic that had been postponed twice previously from Gloucester Park meetings. The rug, trophy and garland were presented by WASBA Committee members J Diederich and P Borg with assistance from Bunbury President C Wall Action: Completed.

Invoice has been presented**Action: Completed**

2.3 – \$30,000 Westsired 2YO Fillies (Bunbury 9 November)

See 2.2.

The sash and rosette were presented to the winning owner trainer, who was delighted to receive the items. Bunbury had arranged their own sponsorship for the event and the sponsor's rug and sash were presented by representatives of the sponsor SKT Breaking and Training**Action: Completed**

2.4 – Busselton Sweetheart Series (December 2024 – January 2025)

J Diederich referenced the agreed conditions for WASBA's sponsorship.

J Diederich to attend final of Sweetheart series in January..... **Action: J Diederich**

2.5 – WASBA race conditions under NRS

J Diederich referenced the previous meeting with Harness Manager Special Projects (HMSP) Cameron Brown and race programmer Warren Wishart and the understanding that the race conditions would be adjusted appropriately.

Meetings will be arranged on an ongoing basis to verify all relevant conditions for the \$30,000 4YO/5YO races (intended for those horses who had not won a race of equal or better stakes) and the \$14,000 races - for mares/Westsired who had not won at metropolitan level.

The WASBA Country Oaks was also expected to be adjusted in line with WASBA's requests that have been ongoing for more than 3 years.

Further meetings to be arranged with HMSP and W Wishart...**Action: J Diederich/H King**

3 Standing Item – Fillies and Mares Racing

J Diederich referenced the previous meeting with C Brown and W Wishart, and the need to put forward any suggestions or ideas with respect to the new handicapping system commencing 1 January to ensure it works to improve the outcomes for fillies and mares in particular. There were some fresh ideas in the initial race program but work to address any issues will be continuous.

Follow up at future meetings**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)

WASBA will put in writing to RWWA our opposition to the stallion levy for the purpose it is currently being used, and request return of the monies previously provided to RWWA by HRA from import levies for breeding initiatives, which would likely meet the needs for funding the WASBA initiatives. J Diederich noted that WASBA would look positively on any new initiatives proposed, that we believe support breeding in WA.

A suggestion for a survey of breeders was put forward and will be considered. Care would need to be taken with the framing of any questions.

J Diederich noted that RWWA should be seeking assistance from government to reduce what the government takes from the industry.

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

4.2 - Media and Promotion

J Diederich noted that RWWA was attempting some minor promotional activities which suggests that they were aware that not enough was being done for harness.

We will try to progress an owners type booklet that will assist with the promotion of the yearling sale and purchasing yearlings.

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

4.3 - Honor Role for Broodmares

No further update. J Diederich to liaise with A Parker in due course.... **Action: J Diederich**

4.4 - Expo Day

J Diederich noted the opportunities that appear to have been overlooked with the Fringe Festival and other activities which could be incorporated on course at Gloucester Park in particular. Country clubs appear to be working hard in this area to engage with their local community.

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

5 Off The Track Rehoming

J Diederich noted the efforts being made by WASBA to support off the track and rehoming in WA, especially in conjunction with SPPHAWA.

Further discussion needs to occur with RWWA regarding OTT **Action: J Diederich**

6 Fund Raising Activities

6.1 – WASBA Stallion Tender

H King reported that invoices have been sent for the Tenders.....**Action: Completed**

7 WASBA AGM

7.1 – Life Membership Nomination

J Diederich reported that with a quorum in place, the AGM could proceed as scheduled.

J Diederich referred to the Life Membership nomination put forward at the previous Committee meeting and advised that D Trobe was awarded Life Membership of WASBA at the AGM.

Award to take place at the WASBA Awards night..... **Action: J Diederich**

7.2 – Committee Nominations

J Diederich advised that 5 nominations for Committee were received by the due date to replace the 4 retiring members and one vacancy.

Under Rule 18(1) of the Constitution all nominations were read as accepted.

J Diederich welcomed new Committee member Joanne Scotney and returning Committee members J Fletcher, P Borg, M Holtham and J Schaper **Action: Completed**

7.3 – Audit of Accounts

The AGM supported a continuation of an auditor for WASBA’s annual return. H King advised that he will seek a new Auditor to replace G Scott.

H King has submitted the annual return for WASBA.

7.4 – Incentives to attend AGM

J Diederich advised that the incentives provided (\$30 vouchers for food and beverages at Gloucester Park) were well received by attendees.

J Diederich reported that any vouchers remaining will be allocated to other necessary WASBA business at Gloucester Park..... **Action: Completed**

8 Letter requesting support from the government

J Diederich reported that information is being sought from C Brown at RWWA to provide some background to the request. **Action: J Diederich**

4 Treasurers Report

Financial Report to 9 December 2024

Bank Details: BSB 036 043 Account 129810

<u>Opening Balance (31 October)</u>	<u>\$60,979.67</u>
INCOME over the period	\$ 2,784.79
EXPENDITURE over the period	\$3,117.05
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$60,647.41</u>

Represented by	Cheque Account	\$ 3,368.59
	Business Cash Reserve	\$57,278.72
	Cheques Drawn Not Yet Presented	\$0.00
	Deposits Not Yet Banked	\$0.00

For noting:

- J Diederich – October Secretarial and Stationery \$349.22
- J Diederich – November Secretarial, GP Vouchers and Stationery \$826.22

Moved P Borg and **Seconded** J Schaper that the Treasurers Reports for 9 December 2024 be accepted. **(Carried)**

Moved J Schaper and **Seconded** W Morrison that the payments to J Diederich, for October/November Secretarial, vouchers and stationery, be accepted. **(Carried)**

5 Correspondence

IN

- J Fletcher "Committee Nomination Form", 5 November 2024
- P Borg "Committee Nomination Form" 6 November 2024
- A Markowski (SPPHAWA) "WASBA Subsidy invoice State Championships", email 6 November 2024, to H King 6 Nov
- M Holtham "Committee Nomination Form" 15 November 2024
- J Schaper "Committee Nomination Form" 15 November 2024
- K Morrone "Thank you for subsidy for Royal Show and State Championships", email 18 November 2024
- C van Niekerk ((SVAS) Swan View Ag Breed Show 16 March 2025, email 23 November 2024
- **Food, Fibre and Timber Industries (FFTITC) Racing+Horse Breeding Skills Network - Minutes Nov 2024**, email 28 November 2024, **to be forwarded to Committee after December meeting**
- N Scott (RWWA) "**Nights of Thunder Updated Conditions & Consultation on Harness Racing Trials**", email 3 December 2024, reply 3 Dec
- D Trobe "Life Membership thank you", email 3 December 2024, to Committee 9 Dec

OUT

- WASBA "November Agenda Pack – Committee Meeting 6 November 2024", to Committee 4 November 2024

OFFICIAL

- WASBA “Draft Minutes – Meeting 6 November 2024”, to Committee 7 November 2024
- **A Essex (APG) “Confirming APG Sponsorship and Sale/Awards Night arrangements”, email 10 November 2024, reply 2 December**
- S Wall (Bunbury TC) “Request for Invoice – Bob Humphries”, email 13 November 2024, reply, 13 Nov, awaiting advice from RWWA to Bunbury TC
- “Notice of WASBA 55th Annual General Meeting at Gloucester Park 29 November 2024 at 6PM”, email to members 23 November 2024
- “WASBA November Newsletter and Final AGM Reminder for 29 November”, to members 28 November 2024
- “WASBA 2024 AGM Draft Minutes and Treasurers Report”, to Committee 1 December 2024
- Various “WASBA Invoice -Stallion Tender”, email to Tenderers 1 December 2024
- “WASBA 2024 AGM - Draft Minutes and Presidents Report”, to members 3 December 2024
- HRNSW “Breeders Challenge Concepts”, email 3 December 2024
- C Brown (RWWA) “RWWA Financial statements and Corporate Intent”, email 9 December 2024

Information Only

- N Scott “WA Pacing Cup Field”, email 3 November 2024
- E Clauson (RWWA) “Media release - Knight’s Choice wins the 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup”, email 5 November 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #150”, email 5 November 2024, to Committee 6 Nov
- Food, Fibre and Timber Industries (FFTITC), “2024 Skills Network Meeting - WA Racing and Horse Breeding Industry”, email 6 November 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #123”, email 7 November 2024
- HBV “Breeders Bulletin November”, email 12 November 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #151”, email 12 November 2024
- FFTITC “You are invited to our AGM and Forum - 19 November 2024”, email 13 November 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #124”, email 15 November 2024
- F Williams (RWWA) “Media Release - Racing WA Community Fund announces grant round for WA’s south”, email 18 November 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #152”, email 19 November 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #125”, email 21 November 2024
- Nevele R “Stakes success for Nevele R’s stallions”, email 21 November 2024
- E Clauson (RWWA) “Media release: Legends honoured with induction into WA Racing Hall of Fame”, email 21 November 2024
- Racing WA “A new campaign to showcase Western Australia is Racing Towards Better”, email 25 November 2024
- R Williams (RWWA) “Media Release - Racing WA helps Variety bring the Christmas Spirit to the Mid West”, email 25 November 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #153”, email 26 November 2024
- “APG Goldtalk – November 2024”, email 28 November 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #126”, email 29 November 2024
- LeTrot “French Trotting Week #154”, email 3 December 2024
- Harnesslink “Harness Link Insider #127”, email 5 December 2024
- F Williams (RWWA) “Media Release - Greyhounds WA celebrates 50 years of racing by crowning the best of all time”, email 6 December 2024

J Diederich referred Committee to the items in bold.

J Diederich to forward minutes of FFTITC meeting..... **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to forward request for feedback on Byford trials..... **Action: J Diederich**

W Morrison commented on the positive response from participants to the meeting held with C Brown at Wanneroo. J Diederich commented on the need to be forward thinking in our approach to the new handicapping system and ensure any initiatives are put forward.

Moved H King and **Seconded** J Fletcher 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 APG Sales Classic Awards Function

J Diederich referred to the email forwarded to Committee members.

WASBA will need to seek further feedback from our prime breeders on their likely attendance at the Awards night under various options involving APG. Options should be explored including the Friday before the Sales Classics or the usual date - the night of the Classics.

J Diederich referred to APGs overall budget for the event and WASBA's withdrawal of offer for to provide the rug and garland, given the loss of sponsorship from APG for those items.

Feedback from vendors to be obtained **Action: J Diederich/H King**
Advice to be provided to APG to finalise event **Action: J Diederich**

J Diederich to forward Award analysis to enable confirmation of decisions at the WASBA meeting in January, once information is obtained from RWWA **Action: J Diederich**

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WASBA Committee will be held on Wednesday 29 January unless otherwise advised. **Format by teleconference unless otherwise advised.**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.58pm.

J Diederich
Chair



11 December 2024
Date