

Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association
Held at Airport Coogee Sands Hotel, Coogee
May 30th-31st 2009

Meeting commenced at 9:00 am Saturday 30th May 2009

1. Attendees

John Etccl, Kevin Peatey, Sharon Coldwell, Don Northey, Marcus Sweeney, Sandy Tucker, Connie Barry

2. Apologies

None

3. Previous Minutes

Review of previous minutes held on 13-14th December 2008 and all actions discussed.

J Etccl addressed meeting by welcoming the board members and opened the meeting. Review of previous minutes and all actions discussed. No new business arising.

Motion

That the minutes of the previous minutes are true and correct

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: S Coldwell

Carried 5(JE, MS, KP, DN, SC) for and 2 abstained (CB and ST as newly elected board members)

4. AAA Strategic Direction

M Sweeney discussed the AAA strategy document submitted for board review. The board had a general discussion on taking a more strategic approach to portfolios and enlisting help from more members to help achieve those goals.

The board agreed each Board member will create a strategic document for their portfolio that will outline, a strategy, yearly goals, a budget and required resources. These are to be delivered to the board in 4 weeks time due June 30th 2009. M Sweeney to distribute a guide.

Action

M Sweeney: Submit an article for the magazine on the new portfolios and strategy

The proposed portfolios were reviewed by the board. The new list is:

- The Office (Merchandise, Reporting, Insurance, Sponsorship, Fundraising, Rulebook)
- Marketing & Promotions (Magazine, advertising)
- International Programs
- Membership services (Amateur, Youth, Hall of Fame, History)
- Breeding & Registration Services (Breeders Group, Studbook)
- Events Management (National & State shows)
- Affiliates/Regional Clubs
- Website/IT

5. Financial Report

Discussions held on the Profit and Loss statements for the month. Figures tracking as per previous years.

Action

M Sweeney: To review the Youth bank account for the Youth director

Action

M Sweeney: To ensure that the accruals are applied to 2009 figures

Action

M Sweeney: To investigate an overdraft and distribute treasurers report and bank balance

Motion

M Sweeney put the financial statements are true and correct

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etccl

Carried 7 (JE, MS, KP, DN, ST, CB, SC)

6. Portfolio Election

The Board portfolios were discussed and nominations called for positions: J Etccl declared all positions vacant. D Northey took the chair to call for nominations.

6.1. President

Nominations called for the position of President. M Sweeney nominated J Etccl

D Northey seconded the nomination. No more nominations were put forward. J Etccl accepted.

6.2. Vice-President

Nominations called for the position of Vice President. J Etccl nominated K Peatey. S Coldwell seconded the nomination. No more nominations were put forward. K Peatey accepted

6.3. Treasurer

Nominations called for the position of Treasurer. S Coldwell nominated M Sweeney. S Tucker seconded the nomination. No more nominations were put forward. M Sweeney accepted

6.4. General Portfolios

- S Coldwell elected as the Marketing and Promotions Director
- K Peatey elected as the International Programs Director
- S Coldwell elected as the Membership Services Director
- C Barry elected as the Breeding & Registration Services Director
- D Northey elected as the Events Management Director
- S Tucker elected as the Affiliates/Regional Clubs Director
- J Etccl elected as the Office Director
- M Sweeney elected as the Website and IT Director

6.5. Disciplinary Committee

The following board members were elected to be members of the disciplinary committee for the ensuing 12 months. Connie Barry, Sharon Coldwell, Kevin Peatey

Motion

That the disciplinary committee be C Barry, S Coldwell and K Peatey to be chaired by K Peatey

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: S Tucker

Carried 7 (JE, MS, KP, DN, ST, CB, SC)

Note: The definition of “Senior” under the disciplinary rule needs to be defined better.

7. Company Secretary

The position of company secretary was discussed by the board and options presented for future holders of this position.

The board discussed the current industrial dispute regarding a previous employee. The board agreed Deborah Ebbet would continue as Company Secretary until the industrial dispute is finalised. At that time the company secretary position will be reviewed.

8. Nationals 2009

D Northey submitted a summary report on the 2009 National show. D Northey to include suggestions from the board in the National Show strategic plan for 2010.

8.1. Financial Report

M Sweeney provided an overview of the 2009 National Show financial results. The preliminary result from the show was a loss of \$3795.00.

Action

M Sweeney: To ensure all non Nationals income and expenses is removed from the National show to give a true P&L for the Show.

8.2. Member Letters

A number of member letters/emails regarding the 2009 National show were presented to the board from Gillian Allen, Julie McCauley, Jan Aitken, Rob Wallis and Margaret O’Brien

Action

J Etccl (The Office): An individual letter to each correspondent to address issues and reference the planned changes for the 2010 year.

9. National 2010

9.1. Venue

The board held a general discussion on moving from Dubbo to either Sydney or Tamworth. The board agreed that Dubbo is not a viable option until the facilities are improved.

Motion

That the National show be held in Tamworth for the 2010 year at an agreeable date.

Moved: D Northey

Seconded: Conny Barry

Carried 5 for (JE, MS, KP, DN, CB) 2 against (SC, ST)

The board discussed show dates and agreed 21st-28th March 2010 is the preferred time.

Motion

That the National show be held from March 21st to March 28th 2010.

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: Conny Barry

Carried 6 for (JE, MS, KP, DN, CB, ST) 1 against (SC)

9.2. Promotion

J Etccl presented discussion regarding a National Show poster. The board agreed in principle to the creation of an annual Nationals poster

9.3. Judges

The board discussed and agreed two judges would be provided for the National Show in 2010.

9.4. Timing of State and National Shows

S Coldwell outlined a proposal to stagger the timing of State and National shows. The board reviewed and asked for D Northey as Events Management Director to review and provide feedback.

Action

Don Northey to review the AAA State Show timetable and report to the Board.

9.5. Memorial

The board reviewed a request to include a memorial trophy for a Victorian fire victim "Mighty Impression". The board has recommended that the Victorian State Championship review the request.

Action

J Etccl (The Office): An letter to be written to Ev Lagoon thanking her and also suggesting that the club holding the Victorian State Show consider Ev's request for inclusion of this memorial in their program.

9.6. Member Letters

A number of letters received from members regarding the 2010 National Show. The board reviewed these letters. D Northey to review recommendations and put into the 2010 National show strategy.

Action

J Etccl (The Office): A letter to be written for each member letter received, outlining the actions being taken for the 2010 National show.

10. Office Relocation

J Etccl presented the current tenure state of the Tamworth showgrounds and the impacts on the AAA office. J Etccl is corresponding with Tamworth Council and the Office is investigating the status of the current office tenure. The office is also investigating other office location options.

11. Amateur Association

Tamara Pearson and Debbie Person joined the Board meeting at 2pm to discuss the Amateur and Youth portfolios

11.1. Amateur 50 and Over

T Pearson presented the 50 & over proposal. The board reviewed and supported the proposal

Motion

That Amateur 50 and over become a recognised division of the Australian Appaloosa Amateur Association, commencing August 1st 2009. The Amateur 50 and over classes to be recognised Amateur events. The Amateur 50 and over events are to be held at State and National level and may be held at any other show recognised by the Australian Appaloosa Association. All scores to be recorded resulting in an End Of Year High Point and ROAs.

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: S Tucker

Carried 7 (JE, MS, KP, DN, ST, CB, SC)

Action

J Etccl (The Office): The rule book to be amended accordingly.

11.2. Amateur Committee

T Pearson outlined the AAAA committee changes and proposed rule changes from the AAAA AGM. The board reviewed the committee and rule changes.

Motion

That Amateur Rule 10.2(c) be changed to "At their AGM they must elect a President and Secretary/Treasurer and minimum of 2 other committee members"

Moved: D Northey

Seconded: S Coldwell

Carried 7 (JE, MS, KP, DN, ST, CB, SC)

It was noted by the Board that the AAAA \$3000 annual fee, contributed by the AAA, will continue in the foreseeable future.

Action

J Etccl (The Office): The rule book to be amended accordingly.

11.3. AAA Website

The Board reviewed the AAAA proposal to manage the AAAA webpage and content. The Board reviewed and approved the proposal. T Pearson to liaise with M Sweeney to make required changes.

Action

T Pearson: Liaise with M Sweeney to implement required changes.

11.4. Amateur National Show Events

T Pearson presented a list of suggestions from the AAAA for National show events. The AAAA to liaise with D Northey regarding improvements for 2010.

Action

T Pearson: Liaise with D Northey regarding improvements for 2010.

11.5. Amateur Promotions/Merchandise

General discussion held on AAAA promotions and merchandise. The AAAA will investigate options for building on existing promotional and merchandise products and services. The AAAA will process merchandise and transfer profit margin to AAAA to assist with purchase, ordering and distribution. The AAAA will liaise with J Etccl to confirm processes.

Action

T Pearson: Liaise with J Etccl to confirm the process.

11.6. Amateur Awards

T Pearson provided an overview of options for an Amateur buckle. The board reviewed and approved in principle the concept of an AAAA buckle.

12. Fees & Charges

The Schedule of Fees was reviewed and adjusted. A discussion was held regarding the current fee categories and in particular the three (3) registration age categories. The board agreed this could be simplified to two categories being "0-9 months" and "10 months and over". It was also agreed that geldings should be included in the single category.

Registration Filly/Mare/Colt/Geldings	
0 to 9 months	\$115
10 months and over	\$210

A general discussion was held regarding the Point Recording fee and alternative options for funding and recording points. The office to review the options for this and identify impacts on the office.

Action:

The office to review these options and identify impacts on the office.

Motion

That a registration amnesty be put in place from 1st August to 31st October 2009 where all horses over 10 months of age will have the ability to be registered within the "0-9 Months" category with a fee of \$115. Applicable to financial members only. Non financial members will pay the full \$210 registration fee.

Moved: S Coldwell

Seconded: J Etccl

Carried 7 (JE, MS, KP, DN, ST, CB, SC)

Action

J Etccl (The Office): J Etccl (The Office): Fees to be adjusted to reflect changes above and also where appropriate remove text "Including National Futurity Nomination"

The meeting was adjourned Saturday 30th at 7:15pm
The meeting was re-commenced on Sunday 31st May 2009 at 8am.

13. International Programs

K Peatey presented the current status of the imported semen program. The board agreed on the reserve price and to utilise Ebay to facilitate the sales of the semen. K K Peatey to form a process and implement for this breeding season. K Peatey presented information on the Youth exchange program for 2010.

Action

K Peatey to implement the semen auction and advertising program for the international programs

14. Youth Association

S Coldwell presented the current status of the AAYA and its activities. Discussion held on Youth Camps to promote the AAYA and grow its membership. The board reviewed and approved the Youth Camp concepts. S Coldwell presented the results of Youth from the NPHA. S Coldwell presented the financial results of the AAYA to the board

Action

J Etccl (The office): Invoice the Youth Account for the donated merchandise. Also reminder for the office on Youth free events to be noted on all state show programs

15. Rule Book

15.1. Approved outcross Breeds

The board discussed the approved outcross breeds that the AAA allows. S Coldwell discussed options for tightening the rule to ensure undesirable characteristics are less likely to be introduced into the AAA studbook. The board asked C Barry to include this discussion in the Breeding and Registration strategy and Breeding group as required.

Action:

The board asked C Barry to include this discussion in the Breeding and Registration strategy and Breeding group as required

15.2. Registration Letter

A letter from Mike Ryan regarding the parentage of Geldings with "Unknown/ Unknown" status. The board reviewed and agreed the existing rules do not allow any parentage to be recorded.

Action

J Etccl (The office): To write a letter outlining that the current rules are considered appropriate and of the boards discussion.

16. Journal

J Etccl outlined a request from a commercial supplier who has requested they be included in considerations for an Editor of the AAA Journal. The board to take this into consideration when the contract is renewed.

Action

S Coldwell: To discuss with the current Editor the reasons for the lateness of the May/June edition and the Editors commitment to the Journal

17. Office Matters

17.1. Membership Approval process

J Etccl outlined the process of how memberships should be processed if received after the month of August in any calendar year (as per the constitution)

Action

J Etccl (The Office): To discuss the membership approval process with the Office and ensure the process is followed.

17.2. Logo Changes

The office recommended changes to the official logo

Motion

That the official logo be amended to include an eye and a nostril

Moved: D Northey

Seconded: C Barry

Lost 2 (DN, ST) for and 5 against (JE, MS, KP, CB, SC)

17.3. Constitution Review

The board discussed the Constitution and the fact the Constitution may be outdated in some ways. The board agreed that the existing processes for making constitutional changes would remain.

17.4. Website Course

The board agreed for the office staff to undertake some Web training to allow for Office web updates

17.5. Phone System

The board agreed to investigate the option of a second phone line

Action

J Etccl (The office): To implement a second phone line

18. Correspondence

18.1. DNA Payment Plans

M Sweeney presented a proposed payment plan for DNA testing for Ev Lagoon.

Motion

That the proposed repayment schedule for Ev Lagoon be accepted by the board

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: K Peatey

Carried 6 (DN, ST, JE, CB, KP, ST) for and 1 against (MS)

Action

M Sweeney: To send the proposed repayment schedule to Ev Lagoon

18.2. Complaint Letter

18.2.1. Ev Lagoon

The board discussed a letter from Ev Lagoon requesting a Board apology for the election process.

Motion

That a letter of apology to Ev Lagoon is not required and not be approved. The constitutional process was followed.

Moved: D Northey

Seconded: J Etccl

Carried 7 (DN, ST, JE, CB, KP, SC, MS)

18.3. Disciplinary Committee

K Peatey notified the board of 3 formal complaints being addressed by the committee.

18.4. Regional Appaloosa Open Performance Club

A letter received from an unaffiliated club outlining a complaint in the financial processes and fees implemented by the AAA. The letter was noted.

18.5. Paint Horse Association

J Etccl discussed the situation with the clash between the NSW State Paint horse show and the AAA Nationals. The lack of cooperation from the Paint Horse Association was noted by the board.

18.6. Registration Complaint

Advice was received outlining a failed parentage DNA Test(both Sire and Dam failed). The Company Secretary is reviewing the history of the horse and will notify the board when the issue is understood clarified and can be actioned.

18.7. BENRAC Letter

The board discussed a letter from the BENRAC club outlining concerns with Board decisions in respect to horse registrations.

Action

J Etccl (The office): To respond to the Club outlining discussions the board had regarding this issue. John to also reply to Sam McCualife as per the current draft letter

18.8. Letter from Warren Lewis

The board tabled and discussed a letter from Warren Lewis outlining issues with DNA testing and horse registrations.

Action

J Etccl (The office): To respond to Warren Lewis with the board position on the issues outlined.

19. Regional Clubs

19.1. South West Appaloosa Club

The board considered a letter requesting the board consider the affiliation of a new club. The board agreed and would consider the formal application when received.

Action

J Etccl (The office): To respond to the letter stating the boards position.

19.2. Tasmanian State Show

The board reviewed and approved the Tasmanian show application

19.3. GRAC

The board reviewed and noted the letter from GRAC.

Action

J Etccl (The office): To respond to the letter stating the board has reviewed

20. General Discussion

20.1. Next Board Meeting

To be scheduled in 28th-30th of August 2009

Action

Sandy Tucker: To attend the Western Australia regional club AGM

Meeting Closed 2:00 pm