

Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association
Held at Airport Sydney International Inn, Arncliffe NSW
October 20th - 21st 2007

Meeting commenced at 8:40 am 20th October 2007

1. Attendees

John Etccl, Debera Ebbet, Kevin Peatey, Sharon Coldwell, Brian Dedicoat, Don Northey, Marcus Sweeney

2. Apologies

None

3. Previous Minutes

Review of previous minutes and all actions discussed.

Saturday 20 October 2007

John Addressed meeting by welcoming the board members and opened meeting.

4. Financial Report

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

Motion

M Sweeney put the financial statements as true and correct

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etccl

Carried

5. Equine Influenza

5.1. *Effects on Showing, Breeding, Nationals 2008 and Beyond*

D Ebbett presented findings on EI impacts, submission on funding application and representative associations.

Action

D Ebbett: Discuss with AAA office process for handling EI enquiries website, phone numbers for key contact and publish the information on the website. D Ebbett and S Coldwell to represent AAA in local meetings and discussions with Board approval.

Things to include on magazine insert:

- ? Notification of what and who is acting on behalf of AAA members. Contact Ebbett and S Coldwell etc*
- ? EI Process for AAA*
- ? Nationals still aiming for existing date if clearance given National Show summary – changed program...State mail out to members as situation changes*
- ? Include a notation for Stallion owners to notify AAA of figures by Jan 2008 so planning can occur.*

Action

J Etccl: Discuss with AQHA and PHAA impacts and opportunities for Western Breed association from EI impacts

J Etccl discussed impacts on Nationals 2008 and 2009. Dates available in May 2007 at Dubbo. Proposed leave in April and wait for clearance

Proposed move to May

Proposed to move to October

Proposed a timeline and when deadlines hit move the show depending on timeframes. A rolling plan.

Pre-plan 2009 National show dates

Action

J Etccl: Create a 2008 Nationals plan. Include possible dates, locations and programs etc

Action

Office: Office to not charge Penalty fees on Futurity payments late on first and second payments for 2008

5.2. Financial Impact on AAA Ltd

Presentation of forecast impacts on AAA as impact of EI.

Action

Include a notation for breeders to notify AAA of figures by Jan 2008 so planning can occur.

5.3. Impact on 2007/2008 High Point Awards

Discussion held on impacts to High Point awards from EI. Lack of shows in some states effects, National high point awards.

Motion

The state award qualifying point requirements will be removed for 2007-2008 show season. Also National High Point awards will not be awarded in 2007-2008 year.

Moved: D Ebbett

Seconded: S Coldwell

Carried

6. Parameters for making decisions by the board

Discussion held and how and when individual board members can make decisions without a formal sitting of the board. Aim to implement a process to make it easier and quicker for good decisions to be made.

Action

? *All Board: All decisions made without sitting of the board we have a cooling off period after the decision has been mad. The period will be 7 days. An email should be presented to all board members stating the final decision and all board members listed with their vote cast. All board members must be included in all replies.*

? *All Board: All board members to reply in the positive or negative on all requests*

? *M Sweeney: to implement a process to be created and supplied to office for all new Board members. Should include options if no replies received*

7. HERDA

Discussions held and impacts on AAA presented by D Ebbett. Presentation of stallions bred into AAA studbook, with possibilities of bloodlines that could be carriers of Herda.

7.1. Rules

Discussion held on possible rules and impacts. Decisions deferred until combined breeds meeting

7.2. No of Horses to be tested

No discussion held

Action

J Etccl: Add a Herda discussion to the All Breeds agenda for the next meeting in view of an "industry" wide solution

8. National Show 2008

D Northey presented plans for National Show. Not a lot of progress due to EI but will progress as per existing schedule. Discussion held on Sponsorship and program and venue

Action

S Coldwell to provide assistance in preparation of sponsorship packages for Nationals 2008

Action

D Northey to follow-up judges and proposed program changes. Two International judges to judge the National show program. D Northey to investigate Tamworth and Tatura venues

9. Regional Clubs

9.1. Parameters for Regional Clubs

Discussion held on operational parameters for Regional Clubs. This will ensure all Regional Clubs meet a minimum requirement for affiliation with the AAA.

Board will consider every application but will consider the demographics of the area the club will be operating in (Population, location of other affiliated clubs, membership base etc). These details to be included in the Affiliated Club pack.

9.2. Regional Club "B" Constitution

Discussion held on the model constitution held by the AAA. The AAA model constitution may outline requirements that currently may not be met by Regional Clubs.

Motion

Each Regional Club is to be contacted to supply the current constitution to the AAA for review. Regional Clubs should supply the constitution every time it is amended

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: K Peatey

Carried

9.3. Brisbane Regional Appaloosa Club

Letter from the club noted now called Regional Appaloosa Open Performance Club Inc. Letter Noted and no response required.

9.4. Holiday Coast Western Performance Horse Club

Discussion held on application for affiliation. Club to supply more information before affiliation application is to be considered. AAA has already requested this information.

Board to consider the application when the information is supplied.

9.5. Letter of Introduction from a new club

A letter was presented from a new Western Club applying for affiliation

Action

Office to send a letter outlining that consideration is being given to another club in the vicinity. If they would still like to apply for affiliation they should contact the office for an affiliation pack.

9.6. State Shows

9.6.1. Show Kits

D Ebbett to review current info supplied and amend if required

9.6.2. Letter of complaint

Discussions held on issues from Qld State show photos supplied to the magazine.

Action

M Sweeney: Implement a process for files submitted to the AAA magazine to ensure everyone knows what to comply with (standard file types and resolution and naming conventions). This should be added to the State Show kit.

Action

Office to send a letter to photographer stating we have reviewed the issue and will implement processes to help show coordinators.

9.7. NT Quarter Horse Club

Email received outlining a request to run a Championship combined with other breeds.

Action

Brian to reply to the letter outlining options available to the club. May apply for an 'A' class show under existing rules.

9.8. Burnett Wide Bay Regional Appaloosa Club letter

Three letters outlining request to relax rules regarding the Executive committee not being members of the AAA.

Action

Office to send letter advising the club to comply with the AAA rule, that 2 out of 3 Executive members must be financial AAA members. Letters to D Mickelson, P Wale and, B Tucker.

Action

Office to send a letter outlining issues with competitors competing in an unfit state at the Qld state show. Competitors cannot compete under the influence of alcohol.

Action

D Ebbett to add to the rule book code of ethics regarding competitor behaviour at events specifically drugs and alcohol.

Action

M Sweeney: Investigate a process for high cost/international clinics/events to formulate an agreement between committees running these events. Coordinating bodies should all agree and AAA would have control over the entire process.

10. Breeders Trust

No discussion – deferred pending outcomes of EI. D Ebbett to present further information at that time

11. Youth Program

11.1. Youth

Discussion held on Youth questionnaire. S Coldwell presented results of the survey. The Stallion Service offer was reviewed as to its viability during the EI crisis.

Action

D Northey to review youth events at the National Show. Youth to be included in award presentation process at National classes.

Action

Office to include in the next magazine some text regarding “members to notify the office when a change of address or contact details occurs”. This would occur in the “From the office” section

Action

Sharon to notify stallion owners that the stallion service promotion is not viable due to the EI restrictions. This will be rolled into the following year.

Meeting suspended at 6:40pm

Sunday 21st October

Meeting re-convened at 8:10 am

Several issues carried over from previous day and floor opened for discussion

Motion

Cancel all existing approved shows and not approve any new show applications until December 31st 2007 to minimise risk for the AAA until a direction for EI is known.

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etccl

Motion Lost

M Hennessey joined the meeting at 8:48am for discussions in Amateurs

11.2. Amateurs

General discussion held on the Amateur portfolio

Overall Amateur High Point award (Saddle) cancelled for this show season due to EI impacts. Criteria for qualifying for award to be reconsidered

Low response numbers to the Amateur associations promotion opportunities. M Hennessey to continue contacting amateurs.

Amateur Auction to be held at Nationals.

National Amateur program discussed and decision made to split the Limited Amateur classes into Junior and Senior if numbers sufficient

12. Office

12.1. Replacement for T Cragie

Discussion was held regarding the resignation of T Cragie. It is proposed to not employ any new staff until impacts and timelines for EI known.

12.2. Rule Book

No discussion held regarding issues raised by the office.

Action

D Ebbett to proceed with printing of rule book as is.

12.3. Points Queries

12.3.1. New ROM system

Discussion held on proposed ROM system. D Ebbett has not progressed enough to present to the board. To be carried over to the next board meeting

12.3.2. ROM Only points from Multi judge show

Discussion held on clubs submitting multiple points (multiple judges) results for shows that have been approved as an Appaloosa show with one judge approved.

Action

Office: The AAA will process the points for the judge listed as approved on the show approval form. No other points to be recognised. For a single show only one lot of points are recorded

Action

Office: The Office will identify how many shows have lodged multiple point sheets that have been processed. This information to be supplied to the board

12.3.3. Walk/Jog events

D Northey discussed high point awards for the new 11& Under youth division

Action

D Northey to include the High Point division in 2008-2009 high point awards. Office to take appropriate action

12.3.4. Point Recording

K Peatey discussed the option of recording all AAA registered horse results in the database to ensure future reporting for every horse regardless of if a point recording has been paid.

Action

K Peatey to follow up with office regarding workload of entering all points for all horses regardless of "point recording fee" and report back to the board with a proposal.

Action

Office to send letter to N Johnson advising that the issue will be reviewed after the show year.

12.4. General Office

12.4.1. Office Closure

Board approves an office closure during December 24th 2007 until January 2nd 2008.

12.4.2. Separate email address

To be considered when we employ second staff member

12.4.3. Broadband connection

Action

Marcus to investigate options and report to the board

12.4.4. Colour Logo

Not received from the office no discussions held.

12.4.5. Letter concerning horse abuse

Letter of complaint received regarding abuse of a horse at a regional show. B Dedicoat discussed conversations he had with the Regional Club regarding this issue.

Action

B Dedicoat to contact the complain tent regarding process for lodging complaints. B Dedicoat to contact to regional club regarding action that should have been taken

12.4.6. Diamond Awards

Motion

That buckles be presented as Diamond awards.

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: M Sweneey

Carried

Action

Sharon to investigate options for Superior awards.

Action

Kevin to provide pricing and options to the board for Buckles

12.5. Registration/DNA

Not appropriate to discuss at this board meeting. Further investigations required for discussions at first 2008 board meeting

12.6. Transfer and Ownership of Kerrinna Rock

Discussions held on the transfer of ownership issues. The AAA cannot get involved with ownership issues and will comply with any rulings given as notified to the AAA.

Action

AAA cannot process a transfer of a horse without a signed transfer or a court order.

Office to reply confirming rules

12.7. Merchandise

K Peatey presented merchandise ranges to the board

Action

K Peatey to provide pricing options for AAA pens and magnets, purchase a100 shirts in men and women's cu, purchase a few jackets/vest for samples for advertising and 100 caps

Action

D Northey to discuss slogan "The Breed of choice" with ApHC

12.8. Office Premises - Lease

Discussion held on the lease for the current office. Indications are that in the future development will prevent the lease from continuing. Board to look at options for leasing other office space.

12.9. Hall Of Fame

Discussion held of hall of fame nominations. No further input received from members regarding any of the nominations

Action

D Northey: Office to supply documentation for Hall of Fame nominations for all nominations to be considered at the next board meeting

12.10. Colour Breeds

Discussion was held regarding OLW Testing, Excessive White and Roans

13. Website

M Sweeney presented the proposed website design. The new design to be progressed asap.

14. International Programs

J Etccl presented progress on the International discussions held with the ApHC. The Board is waiting for confirmation from the ApHC regarding all proposals.

15. Western Breeds Association

J Etccl to contact the AQHA and PHAA to formulate a meeting date and agenda to be held asap in 2007.

16. Promotions

S Coldwell presented findings on advertising options and benefits for doing such. More options to be discussed after EI timeframes are known. The board to supply S Coldwell with events and dates.

Meeting Closed 2:10pm