

**Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd**  
**Venue: Coogee Sands Hotel, Sydney**  
**May 1st & 2nd, 2010**

Meeting commenced at 8:30 am Saturday 1st May 2010

**1. Attendees**

Conny Barry, Debbie Pearson, Amelia Leeman, Sandy Tucker, Marsha Lewis, Vanessa Roach

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Previous Minutes**

Review of previous minutes held on 29th, 30th & 31st August 2009.

Conny Barry opened the meeting and welcomed the new Directors, Amelia Leeman, Marsha Lewis and Debbie Pearson, to the Board. Discussions held on the previous minutes.

**Business arising from previous minutes**

**7.1 Breeding & Registry Services**

Conny Barry advised quotes for publication of a hardcopy studbook were given to Marcus Sweeney to obtain more quotes. Quotes will need to be obtained.

**8.4 Phone Line**

Office to investigate options available for new phone system for office & advise new directors

**9.8 New Bank Accounts**

Discussion if any new accounts were needed. No accounts as such but the need for a Company Credit Card or similar was discussed.

**Action**

Office: to investigate company credit card options & advise directors.

Motion

*That the minutes of the previous minutes are true and correct*

*Moved: Sandy Tucker      Seconded: Conny Barry*

***Carried 5 for, 0 against***

**4. Financial Report/Treasurers Report**

Unavailable at Meeting

**Action**

V Roach to contact Marcus Sweeney to obtain report.

**5. Executive Election**

The association received notification of John Etccl & Marcus Sweeney's resignations as from 1st June 2010. The board would like to thank them for their years of input to the association and accept their resignation.

The Board discussed filling the vacancies with Ron Gordon and Sharon Coldwell, as they are the remaining nominees from the previous election. Both Ron and Sharon will be accepted after 1st June 2010 as Casual Directors until the next Director Election in 2011.

## **Motion**

*To accept the above resignations of John Etccl & Marcus Sweeney*

*Moved: Conny Barry                      Seconded: Amelia Leeman*

*Carried 5 for, 0 against*

Conny Barry vacated the Chair for the Election of Executive Committee. Vanessa Roach chaired.

## **President**

Marsha Lewis nominated Conny Barry, Amelia Leeman second

No other nominations received

Conny Barry accepted the Position of President.

Conny Barry returned to the Chair

## **Vice President**

Conny Barry nominated Debbie Pearson, Marsha Lewis second

No other nominations received

Debbie Pearson accepted the Position of Vice President.

## **Treasurer**

Conny Barry nominated Ron Gordon, Amelia Leeman second

No other nominations received

Ron Gordon has accepted the Position of Treasurer in writing *as* from 1st June 2010.

Note: Conny Barry shall hold the position of Treasurer until 1st June 2010.

## **Company Secretary**

The Board of Directors accepted Debera Ebbetts resignation from the Company Secretary position.

The Board of Directors nominated Vanessa Roach for the position of Company Secretary. Vanessa Roach accepted position of Company Secretary.

Conny Barry congratulated the new Executive Committee members on their appointments.

## **Portfolio's**

Conny Barry	National Show
Debbie Pearson	Amateur
Ron Gordon	Hall of Fame/History (TBC)
Sandy Tucker	Regional Clubs/State Shows
Sharon Coldwell	Youth/Magazine (TBC)
Amelia Leeman	Studbook/Breeders Group
Marsha Lewis	Office/Website (marketing/promotions)

## **6. Motion from John Etccl 3.12.09**

The board discussed John Etccl's motion and agree that Directors Ethics & Confidentiality within the Board is to be paramount, but does not require a motion. Therefore motion collapsed as there was no second for the motion.

## **7. Fees & Charges for 2010/2011**

### **7.1. AAA, AQHA & PHAA Fees**

The Board discussed the AAA current fees & compared to the other breeds. Discussion will be held over until the full board of directors can discuss.

## **7.2. Non Member Fees**

The Board discussed the fees for non members for Stallion Returns to try & receive the appropriate paperwork to register the foals. Fee's will be held over until the full board of directors can discuss.

## **8. Insurance**

### **8.1. Regional Clubs**

Discussion regarding Regional Clubs & Day memberships for shows approved by the AAA Ltd & if day members would be covered by insurance.

Affinity insurance advised - This would only be required if AAA would like to extend their Liability policy to protect these individuals (non-members). Regional Clubs would need to insure these competitors that aren't members of the AAA Ltd or the regional club sign a waiver form.

### **8.2. Insurance Waivers**

Affinity Insurance advised that we should have our members sign a waiver form when joining the association/renewing memberships.

## **9. Hall of Fame**

### **9.1. Criteria**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss.

### **9.2. Hall of Fame Trophy**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss.

### **9.3. Hall of Fame Nominations**

Letters received from Leanne Bartlett & Don Clare nominating horses and members for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

The Board is considering a block induction for foundation horses and people.

### **Action**

Office to send a letter to both Leanne Bartlett & Don Clare in regard to their Hall of Fame Nominations

## **10. Registration Discussion Paper**

### **10.1. Discussion Paper from Debera Ebbett**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss. The Board would like to thank Kiara for the effort to submit further ideas regarding the submitted registration paper work.

### **Action**

Office: to contact Journal Editor to place the discussion paper in the journal again.

### **10.2. Suggested Rule Amendments for above Discussion Paper**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss.

## **11. National Show**

### **11.1 P & L**

Profit & Loss from the National Show was discussed and the Board felt it was incomplete and requested some alterations to be made to detail it further and re submitted at the next Board Meeting. The National Show is showing a slight profit at this time. Discussion held on ways to increase revenue for the National Show.

### **11.2 Surveys from 2010 National Show**

Surveys were read and discussed. Improvements the board will look into include: trophies, presentation night, dressage arenas, dust, untidy grounds, program, signage for contacting

AELEC when a problem arises, video from the main arena to sale arena. The board will be contacting AELEC to discuss the above issues.

### **11.3 Letter from Meaghan Hennessy**

Letter regarding Meaghan Hennessy missing the Futurity class due to lack of communication between the gate marshall, competitors & the main arena with no late calls being made. Board agreed to credit futurity payment into next years' futurity for same horse as a 2yo.

#### **Action**

Office to write to Meaghan Hennessy & advise the outcome.

### **11.4 Email from Nicole Noppert-Wilson**

Email regarding N Noppert-Wilson having to scratch Walk The Line & requesting a refund of National Entries. Vet Certificate present with other documentation verifying why the horse was scratch. Board agreed to refund the class entries but not stabling as the stabling had already been paid to AELEC.

#### **Action**

Office: to write to N Noppert-Wilson & advised the outcome.

### **11.5 Venue for 2011 including Dubbo quote**

Discussion was held in regard to the available venues for next years' nationals. Quote received from Dubbo City Council, AELEC available next year, SIEC not available at the times we need for 2011. 2011 National Show will be held at AELEC.

#### **Action**

Office to write to Dubbo City Council, thanking for the quote but the Nationals will be staying at Tamworth at this stage.

#### **Action**

Office: to make a tentative booking with AELEC & SIEC for 2012.

### **11.6 Judges for 2011 National Show**

2 Judges (if costs are appropriate) will be judging at the 2010 Nationals.

### **11.7 Show Team for 2011 National Show**

Discussion regarding a show team for 2010. It was suggested to contact Terry McSweeney again for his services & if he could source - 2 gate marshalls and one assistant.

#### **Action**

Vanessa Roach to send letter to Terry enquiring as to his interest to submit a proposal for a 2011 Show Team.

### **11.8 Show Program 2011**

Various suggestions and ideas were put forward. Entertainment was also discussed & to look into a mechanical bull, team penning & other activities to run during the national show. Look at listing Futurity Entries

#### **Actions**

Conny Barry looking at program & will be contacting people for ideas.  
Office to chase up pricing on mechanical bull

## **12. Studbook**

### **12.1 Food for Thought Email**

Discussion on the excessive white in particular with our outcross breeds. Example used was a TB Studbook registered Stallion "Profile In Style" has produced his first Australian born "coloured" foal, from a TB Studbook mare. This horse is fully eligible to breed to our horses.

Breeders Group supplied documentation on the research they had conducted for the above. BOD would like to thank the Breeders Group for the time put into the research.

**Action**

Office: Email/Letter to be sent to Breeders Group thanking them for the research on above and include the BOD thoughts on the second generation white & how to do this.

**12.2 Studbook Version 2 Demonstration**

Marcus was unavailable for the board meeting.

**Action**

Office to liaise with Marcus on the new studbook system.

**12.3 Breeders Group**

Supplied documentation on the Excessive White & registration of horses, as per discussion in 12.1.

**13 Amateurs**

**13.1 Amateur Exchange Programs**

Discussion was held in regard to the sending of Amateurs to America. As the initial agreement between the ApHC & AAA Ltd has changed, it was discussed that Clinics with American Trainers be organised for both Amateurs & Youth combined. These clinics would be Open to all Breeds, AAA Ltd members would be given a discount. These clinics would also be held in all states over 3 days. Looking at January 2011, otherwise 2012.

**Action**

DP, ML & ST asked to investigate America trainers that could be approached to do a clinic in Australia for youth & amateurs, available dates that don't clash with shows & circuits in the particular states. Costings etc to come back to the BOD for discussion.

**14 Youth**

**14.1 Youth Exchange Program**

As per above discussion

**14.2 Youth Handling of Stallion/Colts at Shows**

Members have been questioning Youth handling stallions/colts at Shows. If these are AAA Ltd approved shows the classes are to be run under HSAA Rules which state - Amended Rule in 2007, Rule 55 (b) Youth any age MAY NOT exhibit Colt/Stallion in Youth or Non Youth Events.

**Action**

Office: to send a reminder to Regional Clubs of the above rule for their Regional Club Shows.

**14.3 Leadline Classes - Youth Leading Youth**

Members have raised concerns of Youth Leading Youth in Leadline classes at Regional Club Show. If these are approved AAA Ltd shows these classes are to be run under HSAA Rules which state - Rule 250 Leadline Class (ii) ....*The horse must be led and controlled by an adult who is over 18 years of age...*

**Action**

Office: to send a reminder to Regional Clubs of the above rule for their Regional Club Shows.

## **15 International**

### **15.1 International Exchange Programs**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss.

### **15.2 Imported Semen**

Discussion held on the Imported Stallion Semen & where the program was up to. Paperwork supplied discussed & will move to have the semen available for the coming breeding season.

#### **Action**

Office: to create flyer on International Semen Program & Application form, with terms & conditions. These forms are to be an insert in the next Journal for members to purchase.

### **15.3 Frank Larrabee Email**

Discussed Frank's email in regard to International Semen, International Youth program & Non Pro (Amateur).

#### **Action**

Office: to thank Frank for his email, notify him of the change of board & where the international Semen program is up to and let him know that our youth numbers are a little small at present for the exchange program & that we are looking at a Clinic with an American trainer for both Youth & Amateur.

## **16 Journal**

To be held over until a full Board of Directors to discuss.

## **17 Rule Book**

### **17.1 Automatic Point Recording Fee**

Discussion to clarify the costing of the Automatic Point Recording Fee. The Nomination Fee would be \$10 per High Point Category.

#### **Action**

Office: to place the above in Office News in the Journal.

### **17.2 Proposed Rule Amendments**

These rules are only proposed as service certificates for the current season will need to be checked before making the below changes.

#### **Motion**

To Change **Rule 3.6 - Genetic Disorders** from the current rule to the following:

#### **.1 Hyperkalaemic Periodic Paralysis Disease (HYPP)**

All foals bred from horses known to carry the HYPP gene must be tested.

Foals born after 1st August 2010 that test positive to HYPP N/H or H/H will not be registered with the AAA Ltd.

Any existing horses registered with the AAA Ltd that have tested or do test HYPP N/H or H/H, must state this fact in ALL advertising pertaining to the horse.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Marsha Lewis

**Carried 5 for, 0 against**

## **17.3 Rule Change**

### **Motion**

Under **Rule 6.3 - Halter Classes** remove:

#### **Spayed Mares:**

For Mares which have been registered in the Spayed Mare Registry.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

**Carried 5 for, 0 against**

## **18 Correspondence**

### **18.1 Letter from Kerry Andrews**

Discussion held regarding the registration of Precious Dreams with a HYPP Status of N/H & her showing rights. The BOD gave consideration to the introduction of Spayed Mare Classes, but do not see this as a feasibly option at this time.

#### **Action**

Office: To send a letter to Kerry Andrews advising that for Precious Dreams to be registered with the AAA Ltd, she must be Spayed and a written report from the Vet conducting the procedure must be forwarded with the Application for Registration. Also advise that as a Spayed Mare/Filly she is not eligible to compete in Mare/Filly Halter Classes, but is eligible to compete in Mixed Sex Halter Classes (i.e. Yearling at Halter). Also advise that Spayed Mare Classes are not a feasibly option at this time.

### **18.2 South East Queensland Appaloosa Club**

The board noted and approved the Queensland State Show dates

#### **Action**

Office: to send a letter to SEQAC for approval of state show.

### **18.3 Orange Regional Appaloosa Club**

Letter regarding State Show judges. No further discussion held

### **18.4 Tamworth P & A letter**

Letter from Tamworth P & A inviting discussion with the AAA Ltd & office space at AELEC once the P & A office moves out to AELEC.

#### **Action**

Office: To send reply letter to Tamworth P & A, that the AAA Ltd would like to discuss office space in the Tamworth P & A office at AELEC.

### **18.5 Email from British Appaloosa Club**

Letter from Brenda George of the British Appaloosa Club & an upcoming visit to Australia. Would like to contact some Australian Appaloosa studs while in Australia.

#### **Action**

Office: To ask Sharon Coldwell to look at people/studs Brenda can look up when in Australia.

## **19 EGM**

The Office received notice of the EGM & documentation was supplied at the meeting for directors to read & discuss. The office as directed sort legal advice on the lodgement & it appeared to be lodged under the incorrect section of the Corporations Act 2001.

### Action

Office: To send a letter (Letter to be approved by BOD before sending) back to the group of members stating that the AAA Ltd had received the notice, but would require it be lodged under the correct section of the Corporations Act 2001 & then the AAA Ltd would proceed accordingly.

### Action

Office: To start tentatively booking a room for EGM to be held and organise other pieces of information.

### **General Business**

- Directors Expenses while at Board Meetings. It was agreed that Directors receive a meal allowance of \$30 per day. AAA to supply breakfast.
- NPHA - Debbie Pearson was approached by Joanne Gregory from NPHA in regard to sponsorship for this years' show & to see if the AAA Ltd was happy to do the same as last year & supply \$50 to the Highest Placed Appaloosa's in Finals of Feature Events at 2010 NPHA.  
All in Favour of vouchers being produced to present with a AAA Ltd Cap for the above events.
- Debbie Pearson would like to remind Youth the rule regarding - No youth is to receive remuneration for 3 years prior to applying for a Amateur Membership.  
All in favour of a reminder being placed on the Youth Page of the Journal.
- Discussion on internet connections available for Conny to have email etc.
- Discussion regarding ROA points for Gill Allen who obtained these points before the Amateur 50yrs & over was bought in. As these points were sent to the office & lodged in the correct season these points would be recorded against Gill's ROA's.
- Discussion on Sydney Regional Appaloosa Club and the location of the books etc. Debbie Pearson and Amelia Leeman to speak with Tania Mather and other ex-members to notify them that the money would be held by the AAA Ltd & then given back if the club was to become operational again.

**Meeting Closed Saturday 1st May at 6:15pm**  
**Sunday 2nd May at 1.30pm**