

**Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association**  
**Held at Coogee Sands Hotel & Apartments, Coogee Beach, NSW**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Meeting commenced at 9.00 am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**1. Attendees**

Directors: John Etccl, Kevin Peatey, Sharon Coldwell, Marcus Sweeney, Karen Leoncelli  
Secretary: Debera Ebbett

Don Northey arrived 9.40am

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Previous Minutes**

Review of previous minutes and all actions discussed. No new business arising. Outstanding actions were noted for review

**Moved:** Kevin Peatey **Seconded:** Marcus Sweeny Minutes accepted.

**Actions arising from previous minutes**

D Ebbett to finalise Magazine contract and develop Advertising contract - yes  
S Coldwell to have meeting with Tracey re design issues. – No meeting, had discussions  
S Coldwell to do draft survey for Promotion and send to Board – still compiling  
S Coldwell to present a promotions budget plan for a budget of \$5,000.00 to be approved by the Board – still to address, clarification sought for what budget covers.

**New Actions arising**

Discussion re Tracy purchasing interest in Performance Horse Magazine and what result will be for AAA, will seek expression of interest for new magazine editor. **ACTION** D Ebbett to finalise Magazine contract and Advertising contract.

Following further discussions with APHC and in recognition of the support offered agreed to make Steve Taylor Honorary Member AAA and send magazine. **ACTION** J Etccl to send letter and arrange membership and magazine with office.

**4. Discussion on Company Secretary**

D Ebbett presented information on legal requirements under Corporations Law and per the AAA constitution on the role of Company Secretary. Failing of Board to appoint since Vicki Lane left. Kiara had nominated JE at some point but no consent to act had been filed and a director cannot be the Company Secretary.

D Ebbett left the room for further discussion at 12:45 PM

Discussion held amongst the Board of Directors regarding the role of Company Secretary and its associated duties.

D Ebbett rejoined the meeting at 13:40

## 5. Directors Reports

### John Etccl

#### President's report

USA Report – review minutes from D Ebbett – ApHC meeting and email from Steve Taylor re meeting.

Current funding is available for current schemes for International Judges, youth exchange, clinics. Still to be approved by ApHC Board for extension to Non-pro (AO), ApHC still reviewing changes required to ownership rules to allow international competitors, also have to consider safeguards of their own non-pro's so as not to flood shows with international competitors at the expense of their own. Also have to cover availability of horses and trainers involved in the process. AAA would be in full control of who attends, would likely be limited to ridden classes.

Believe the newly forged relationship is important. Kevin Peaty, Vice President is head of the AAA International Committee. To date the involvement in the programs has been warmly received and confirmed that the ApHC would again supply a Judge for our National Show, chosen by AAA and after making a formal request ApHC would reimburse airfares. Other delegates from ApHC may also attend the National Show. May consider request for more than one judge. AAA Make formal request, seeking approval.

It was vitally important to the AAA that all programs are sanctioned and authorised only through the AAA. AAA will select youth to attend ApHC Youth World Show. Hope to have in place 2009.

ApHC will pay accommodation, entries for 3 classes, waive any ownership rules etc. Would be good to know any particular speciality so can match youth with a trainer. Would arrive 2 weeks before Show (mid June) 1 or 2 youth, preferably 2 so look out for each other.

Would love to extend to Non Pro (AO) see it as a part of the AAA development program, want to see both schemes as a reward for loyalty and awarded to people that will appreciate and retain learned skills within the AAA.

The ApHC Will be looking to their Spring meeting to change rules to allow international exchange of Non Pro /AO, hoping is reciprocal. They have had preliminary discussions on the ApHC board with goal to have AO attending 09 Worlds but not set in stone at this time, but youth is set to go as is International Registry and Semen.

There has been semen collected under the ApHC scheme, for provision to AAA for fundraising and provision of funds for international schemes. At this stage 3 Cool Hand Luke (Hunter) 3 halter and hoping for another either halter or pleasure will be provided by ApHC.

Following further discussions re the International Registry and some valid issues raised ApHC are now considering something different for Australia. Have spoken and cleared with the registrar but will look to allow direct ApHC registration for AAA registered horses because Australia has such a developed registry. The registrar was happy with it as a proposal and all felt would be a good

development. Will have to go to a ApHC Spring Board meeting with a view to establishing by 1 August in line with AAA Calender.

Would be 2 exceptions, (1) solids would have to have a performance record and comply with the ApHC rules with perhaps some modification and (2) Warmbloods are not an accepted outcross. These horses would be eligible under the international registry. ( Some discussion that 2<sup>nd</sup> generation mares breed to ApHC registered horses probably would get in, Could see some ApHC members becoming AAA members to breed WB breed horses in Australia to import for hunter and dressage.) Would work on time frame to allow rule changes for 2009 June/July.

Cannot emphasise enough that all these proposals must come through the AAA, are some splinter Assoc in Australia and do not want to see the same situation as the AQHA has arising here. Confirmation that ApHC categorically would only deal with AAA. Also discussion on autonomy of International Associate Associations.

Issue raised as to developing ApHC approved Judges in Australia. This matter will need to be further discussed with all parties.

Question as to whether youth attending for World show would be able to attend regional shows if available. Also consider a World youth team in 2010, not for World or Nationals but to perhaps compete at some other major ApHC event. Advised by ApHC would have to look at allowing waiver on request.

K Peatey provided information obtained re storage and distribution costs of Frozen Semen.  
Discussion as to process for semen, sale, tender, raffle.- determined tender best option  
Discussion as to application of funds. Not yet finalised given change in registry status, look to divide between ApHC reg horses and exchange program.  
Compliance with DNA and all relevant AAA breed registry rules must be met  
Waiver of registration fee to AAA donated import semen pursuant to the ApHC scheme.  
Discussion re rules to change.

**ACTION** - proceed to implement and make any changes to allow exchange program on same basis and provide for semen and ApHC registration.

**ACTION- D Ebbett** to consider and recommend rule changes for all ApHC schemes

**ACTION** - **K Peatey** to speak to ApHC re implementation of schemes in 2009 and confirm reciprocal arrangements.

- **K Peatey** to contact semen agent to determine if will accept responsibility and sign paperwork, service certificate etc.
- **K Peatey** to contact ApHC re ApHC registration and provide rules they are intending to implement so AAA can implement non conflicting rules.  
**K Peatey** to speak to Trainers re reciprocal USA Youth and Non-Pro placements
- **D Ebbett** to draft amendments required to AO rule to waiver ownership rules and anything else to provide provision of scheme and submit to Board.
- **J Etccl** to include details of ApHC International program in mail out to members

**Kevin Peatey**  
**Vice President**

Costing for signs and stickers provided.

Order forms for products for office or club use supplied. To be added to web.

Gate signs and stickers approved to be ordered

**Marcus Sweeny**  
**Treasurer**

Have contacted Tania Mather and others re complaints re website and discussed.

Notation to be placed on website re work in progress and what is coming –

S Coldwell, K Leoncelli were to liaise with M Sweeny and formulate a brief and seek web designer and costing. Not undertaken at this time, one option re Matt Dockerty interviewed for Office Manager job has web site experience and lives in Tamworth.

**ACTION - M Sweeny** to contact Matt and discuss prospect of taking over web site updating.

Report and P&L supplied. Discussion re figures. Position better than was expected following EI, \$15,000.00 in grants obtained by D Ebbett and \$18,000 saved wages was certainly a big help with the bottom line. Currently \$175,000 unallocated in account, approx Accruals \$45,000 expect to be \$50,000 '09 believe income will be less next year with current world economic situation.

Investment options look at CBA as current bank and ease of movement – immediate access, no fees and interest fluctuates with Res Bank rate.

**Moved** M Sweeny to invest \$160,000 **Seconded** K Peatey - **Carried**

**Karen Leoncelli**

Supplied sponsorship package taken from various sources. Values to us and them – cost of sponsorship, comments. Classes and major sponsors, inclusion in magazine, website links etc, see package

**ACTION - M Sweeny** to include sponsorship package on web site.

**ACTION - J Etccl** to include info re sponsorship in mail out to members

Discussion as to the previous practice of providing free membership to first time members which seem to have disappeared.

**MOTION** All first time members upon registration or transfer of an appaloosa horse receive one year's free membership for the current membership year.

**Moved** K Leoncelli **Seconded** K Peatey **Carried**

**ACTION – D Ebbett** to include in rule book

**A/O** - problem re fund raising and clarity as to application of funds – K Leoncelli to advise that A/O to resolve or BOD will step in. Re saddle, concerns as to further delays, BOD determined will be requirement of 5 shows and either a State or National Show, a ticket draw to be used to determine winner, one ticket for each A/O class entry, bridle for High Point A/O -

Discussion on AAA Select A/O classes. No such class approved in AAA rules, notation on

membership cards is only for members to qualify for AQHA Select classes at AQHA run shows.

**Sharon Coldwell**  
**Youth / Promotion**

Re previous minutes - website no action yet

Magazine – no face to face contact but numerous discussions with Tracey McClurg , did have discussions re D Ebbett suggestion of one magazine for show results and Annual stud book. Question re additional magazine or replace one existing magazine. Determined to add magazine pages to counter show results.

Further problem re getting proof too late to alter, need to get earlier, consider create common email address to have all articles submit for ease of access.

**ACTION – M Sweeney** to create common email address for all articles for magazine

**ACTION – J Ebbett** to provide address in mail out

Promotions budget – what include in promotions budget advertising, promotions (buckle etc)

Advert proposals for Horse Deals, full page colour / bw. Discussion as to why we advertise, and what is our purpose, increase membership, sales, increase breeds profile.

**ACTION – S Coldwell** to engage Mel Cruden to design add for external magazines re National Promotion and to promote Appaloosa generally by making people want to become involved and own an Appaloosa.

NSW Reining buckle was well received. Picture of recipient to be supplied.

Supply of material to Equitana – not know what was sent but all went in first day

Will get material on possible involvement next year. Discussion may share site with AQHA and paints as western stand. Also talk about including a breed display, supply of a stable and stand, similar concept to Qld Royal Breed Display.

**ACTION - OFFICE** to investing AAA participation in future Equitana.

S Coldwell Plans to Travel to SA and Tas State Show to observe and obtain photos for promotion.

Discussion as to revamp pamphlet and develop a separate A/O and Youth pamphlets

**ACTION – S Coldwell** to bring revamp and new AO / youth brochure and costing.

**Youth Participation Program**, which rewards youth for pursuing excellence in their chosen field of equine events.

Current status- steady numbers of youth are participating, but more would be better!

**Across the Ditch Program** for youth from Australian and New Zealand to be hosted in each country and compete at each country's National Show.

Current status- NZ last indicated that they would discuss the program at their next meeting to be held mid November. As of yet, have had no response.

**International Youth Exchange Program** for our senior youth to compete in the USA Youth World Show.

Discussion as to International youth program. All international programs are to go through K

Peatey as International Delegate. Discussions as to US programs elsewhere in minutes.

**ACTION - S Coldwell** to send a letter to all youth inviting them to submit applications as to why they should be chosen as an International Delegate.

**Running of camps and clinic** for youth to learn from experts in the equine field about their chosen events and general equine husbandry at State/National shows

**ACTION – S Coldwell** to follow up and confirm available trainers

**Out-Reach Program** for youth based in remote areas that are generally unable to attend events such as State Championships or the National Show. They would be helped with travel, accommodation, training and free entry to events.

Current Status- Has not been implemented yet. While some minimal interest has been received, finances are limited for this expenditure.

**ACTION – S Coldwell** to continue investigate implementation of outreach program

## **6. NATIONALS**

### **Don Northey - Chair National Show Sub-Board**

Discussion of program for 2009, classes settled, Show Sub-Board to finalise program order and inclusion of above classes and social activities and re-present final draft.

Once approved, show pack to be forwarded to all members and 2008 Competitors.

**ACTION – D Northey** to ensure post packs finalised and available for the office to send out.

Discussion re issue at 2008 Nationals where competitor refused to allow photo of horse to be taken for Sponsor. Sponsors are difficult to secure and we need to comply with reasonable requests for photos etc. Note to include a requirement all competitors to comply with sponsorship package to advert require, include in show rules or loss of prize.

## **7. OFFICE**

### **Cayuse Pep Talk**

**Discussion** - as to issue raised with validity of registration re the above horse. Discussion as to the meaning of Paint Breeding versa Paint rego and registration of horse from outcross registry. The onus of proof of breeding, signing of registration form declaring horse has no paint breeding onus is on the breeder to prove proof of breeding.

**Motion** - That Cayuse Pep Talk and all progeny from the mare Cayuse Pep Talk being 2005 Stallion Cayuse Chatta Lena, 2006 Gelding Cayuse Talk About Ted and 2007 filly Cayuse Gossip 'Bout it be deregistered effective immediately as a result of confirmation of paint breeding in the dam of Cayuse Pep Talk. **Moved** M Sweeney **Second** J Etccl - carried unanimously

**Action – D Ebbett** to advise decision and appeal process.

**Meeting adjourns 7.30pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting started 8.30am**

### **Apologies Karen Leoncelli**

### **National Show cont**

Finalise program

Futurities – directors chairs trophy

Trophies discussed – as per 2008 survey, proposal satisfies all parties. Winners will have the option of extra prize money or Trophy advice of this option will be advised in show pack.

**ACTION – D Northey** to ensure details as to prize money / trophy option included in Show pack, Prize money increase - \$90, \$30, \$10 in line with proposal.

**ACTION - K Peatey** to obtain prize plaques, quote on ribbons to be sourced

**ACTION - D Ebbett** to source trophy frames as per sample provided.

**ACTION – D Ebbett** to send letter seeking interest as photographer include contract.

**ACTION - D Ebbett** to approach Bunnings to provide chairs for futurities at cost price

**ACTION - D Ebbett** to contact re fencing for show.

### **OFFICE Appointment**

Gave consideration to all material supplied and determined to accept the panel's recommendation to the board D Ebbett to advise all applicants and proceed with appointment.

### **Ev lagoon**

Application to change name of horse – Application declined.

**ACTION - Office** to send letter advising.

### **Deceased horses**

Discussion as to validity of data base and studbook, member's failure to advise horses deceased. Members have indicated a desire to retain rego papers and not to have deceased stamped across.

Change rule to

3.24

When a registered Appaloosa dies the registered owner must notify the AAA by a declaration in writing that the horse is deceased and the AAA will note all records accordingly. All horses over 30 years of age will be deemed to be deceased and records noted accordingly unless the AAA is notified by the registered owner in writing that the horse is not deceased. A deceased horse cannot be registered with the association.

**Moved S Coldwell second D Northey, carried**

**ACTION - D Ebbett** to amend rule and put all amends in magazine in a rule book change column

**ACTION - Office** to maintain ledger with all rule amends and dates of amendment and effective dates.

Discussion re ownership of rego papers and problems with transfers. Horses sold without rego papers being transferred, rights of new owner to seek registration. No change of rules at this time.

### **NSW State Show**

Application re run NSW state show with Nationals in 2009 – discussion re prospect, was discussed at last Board meeting and minuted that would not be undertaking in 2009 given difficulties in

establishing sponsorship arrangements and other organisational issues and diminishment of the prestige of the Nationals and participation.

**Moved** D Northey – That NSW State Show not run in conjunction with the Nationals 2009  
**seconded** M Sweeny – **carried**

**Board Meeting Closed 2.45pm**

Next meeting proposed for Sat 28 February to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> march