

Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association
Held at Airport Sydney International Inn, Arncliffe NSW
April 11th-13th 2008

Meeting commenced at 9:40 am on Friday 11th April 2008

1. Attendees

John Etccl, Debera Ebbet, Kevin Peatey, Sharon Coldwell, Brian Dediccoat, Don Northey, Marcus Sweeney, Karen Leoncelli

2. Apologies

None

3. Previous Minutes

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

New Actions

S Coldwell: Update Show documents to include information on photo and returned show results layout and quality

B Dediccoat – Add discussions to All Breeds meeting agenda regarding Show Approval and then AQHA declining & NT Promotion

4. Financial Report

Discussions held on the Audit findings from the annual review. A number of issues the auditor raised regarding handling of cash, cheques and the receipting process.

Action

The Treasurer will respond to the auditors outlining the changes made or procedures implemented to reduce these risks. This response will be drafted and reviewed by the Board.

Options form office to address the handling of cash at the National Show. The Board were in acceptance of the process for increasing the accountability of monies handled at the National Show.

Discussions held on the Profit and Loss statements for 2008 year to date. Figures tracking as per previous years.

D Northey and M Sweeney noted D Ebbetts hard work in successfully applying and obtaining EI funding for the Association. The board agreed this has been a fantastic result for the Association in tough times.

Motion

M Sweeney put the financial statements are true and correct

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: B Dediccoat **Carried**

Motion

M Sweeney provide options on short term investment opportunities to provide low risk growth. The board provides preliminary approval for this investment to be undertaken depending on options tabled to the board.

Moved: B Dediccoat

Seconded: D Ebbett **Carried**

Action

M Sweeney to identify where EI grants have been allocated in P&L and report to the Board.

J Etccl joined meeting at 11:20am.

5. National Show 2008

5.1. DPI Requirements

A discussion was held on the impact of DPI requirements on the National show. D Northey advised a judge has not been confirmed due to clashing with the ApHC National show.

Action

D Northey: Office to ensure all nominees for National Show are aware of DPI travel requirements for their State and any States traversed during travel to the National show.

Action

D Northey to communicate that the Office is responsible for the coordination of DPI requirements for the Association in the organisation of the National show.

Action

M Sweeney to include a link to the Horse Events DPI page n the website.

5.2. Photographer

Sharon discussed requirements for a photography at the National show and reviewed one response from Nicole Noppert

Motion

Nicole Noppert be accepted as official photography

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: D Northey

Carried

5.3. Letter regarding High Point from Amelia Leeman

Discussion on letter requesting Reining and Western Riding be included in the National High Point awards. The Board has reduced the events to Open events due to time restrictions but is happy to include the events in the overall Highpoint.

Action

D Northey to notify Office to include these events in the High Point awards

Action

Office to reply to A Leeman stating these will be included

5.4. High Point Queries from Amateur Association

Action

D Northey to respond with National program changes as outlined

5.5. Office closure during Nationals

Office will be closed during the time of the National Show

5.6. General Discussion

Board discussed cost to be charged to NSW State show for running at Nationals

Action

D Northey to notify NSW state show coordinator that cost to run State show will be \$400/day. AAA will organise stables, camping and arena construction.

Motion

National Classes "Suitability For Dressage" and "Led Hack" will be split to "2 and under" and "3 and over"

Moved: B Dediccoat

Seconded: K Peatey

Carried

A general discussion was held on the National Show events and timing

Action

D Northey to update six (6) feature events to have \$1000 for Open, Amateur \$500 and \$500 Youth prize money as a flat rate instead of as a rate of entries.

Action

D Northey to get Office produce a mail out to all members with updated National program and details with a cover letter.

Action

D Northey to add a "Sale Parade" event at the Nationals

Action

D Northey to remove Tuesday as the rest day and start National program on that day

Trophies for Nationals where discussed and approved to be High Point buckles and plaque trophies for individual classes.

Meghan Hennessy joined the meeting at 3pm

6. Directors Reports

Each Director presented a report on their portfolio including activity since last Board meeting and planned activities.

6.1. J Etccl – President and International Relations

J Etccl tabled a written report of activity over the last 12 months and outlined the importance of some strategies to be implemented over the coming 12 months

The future of the ApHC relationship requires dedicated effort from the Board to foster and grow this over the next 12 months

Western Breeds meeting will be organised and this is crucial for the Association over the next 2-3 year period

6.2. D Ebbett – Insurance/Risk Management

D Ebbett presented a written report on Insurance, EI and Office Management issues including activities in the last period and current issues effecting the Association.

6.3. S Coldwell – Youth/Promotions/Magazine

S Coldwell presented a written report on the portfolios. A new Youth logo was discussed and to be presented to the Board. The Youth Association has performed very well and the amount of effort extended by the group has been very impressive. The Youth have a number of initiatives being investigated including NZ Youth exchange, Outreach and International Youth.

A number of promotions are ready for when season gets underway. A number of these have been deferred due to EI and are now OK to proceed.

6.4. B Dedicoat – Regional Clubs/Amateur

B Dedicoat tabled a summary of all Regional Clubs and membership sizes and activities undertaken.

Action

B Dedicoat to issue written notice to Regional Clubs, outlining enforcement of Renewal rules for this year and outlining EI easing of these rules.

6.5. D Northey – National Show/Futurity/International

D Northey deferred discussions on the National Show to the dedicated agenda item for this meeting. D Northey presented overview of Office visits and local Equine Focus groups he is attending.

6.6. K Peatey – Merchandise

K Peatey presented options for Association buckles. K Peatey to supply re-designed layout and magazine ad. K Peatey to supply quotation for fridge magnets, pens, vests and jackets

6.7. M Sweeney – Treasurer/Website/Information Technology

Presentation on web site development, studbook and website statistics

7. Equine Influenza

7.1. Lessons Learnt

D Ebbett presented findings from the Equine Influenza outbreak and lessons that should be learnt. Presented options to the Board on options for improving communication and reporting in future outbreaks.

The Association databases and reports need to be modified to ensure we can report by location and Post Code. M Sweeney advised the current system can provide these reports.

7.2. General Discussion

A discussion was held on the role of the Association and the Australian Horse Industry Council (AHIC) and Queensland Horse Council (QHC)

Action

J Etccl: Add the AHIC role of the combined western breeds as an agenda item at the Western Breeds meeting.

Action

M Sweeney to investigate review of Registration Database to identify deceased horses that have not been officially notified by the owner to the Association. This may include a magazine article to encourage members to notify the Associations.

8. Amateur

8.1. Exclusion of Amateur Reining and Riding at Nationals

These events have been excluded for 2007/2008 show due to EI changes to the show.

Action

J Etccl to distribute National Show mail out and it will include explanation of why program has been shortened.

8.2. Limited Amateur List

Amateurs have requested Limited Lists be handled by the office. The Board has accepted this request.

8.3. 50 yrs and Over Amateur class

Discussion held on the inclusion of the 50 year and over Amateur class being included in the rule book

8.4. National Amateur High Point awards

Discussions were held regarding who was sponsoring these events. The Association will sponsor these events at the National Show.

8.5. Amateur Halter High Point Award

Discussions held regarding including this as a new award for 2008/2009 season at a State Level. This was approved by the Board and will be discussed during Office agenda item under 16(C). Amateur Association to fund this award.

8.6. New Versatility High Point

This award was approved by the Board and will be minuted under agenda item 16(c). Will be funded by the Association.

8.7. High Point Saddle

The High Point award will be provided in the 2008/2009 show year after it was cancelled due to EI. Discussions will be held at the National Show with the Amateur group before the qualifying requirements are finalised.

Action

The Amateur Director, K. Leoncelli (with assistance from outgoing Amateur Director B. Dedicoat and delegate, Meghan Hennesy, to provide material to the magazine and the website.

8.8. Proposed Limited Amateur changes

G Allen submitted letter to change Limited Amateur rules regarding Youth riders moving into the Limited Amateur classes.

The Board will not consider this issue without input from the Amateur Association

Action

M Hennesy: The Amateur Association review this issue and provide feedback to the Board for a decision to be made.

Action

D Northey: The office to reply to Gillian Allen outlining the issue has been referred to the Amateur Association for comment.

9. Youth

S Coldwell raised the issue of sportsmanship within the Youth ranks. Provided the option of including a change to objectives and aims in the rule book to help address the issue. An article outlining the benefits of sportsmanship to the Youth will be distributed and available on the Internet site.

Motion

Update the Australian Appaloosa Youth Association objectives and aims to include ext outlining the role of sportsmanship in the Association:

Moved: S Coldwell

Seconded: J Etccl

Carried

S Coldwell presented activities undertaken at State Shows and planned activities at remaining Shows.

S Coldwell presented options for new Youth logo and all options acceptable to the Board

S Coldwell presented various Youth fundraisers and activities for the Youth happening in 2007/2008 year. The Board agreed with all proposals.

The balance of the Youth Association Acc at 31/12/2007 is \$2750.00

Action

M Sweeney to provide advice on the current Youth Bank account, cheque and deposit structure and process

Meeting closed at 6.01 pm

Meeting Re-opened Saturday 12th April at 8 am

10. Election

The President J Etccl stood aside from the official position as President to allow the Election of a new Executive committee.

10.1. Executive Position of President

D Ebbett called for nominations for the position

S Coldwell Nominated J Etccl seconded by D Northey. J Etccl accepted the nomination.

B Dedicoat nominated K Peatey, seconded by S Coldwell, K Peatey declined nomination.

J Etccl was elected as President

10.2. Executive Position of Vice President

D Ebbett called for nominations for the position

B Dedicoat nominated K Peatey, Seconded by D Northey, K Peatey accepted the nomination.

M Sweeney nominated D Northey, seconded by J Etccl, D Northey declined the Nomination.

K Peatey was elected as Vice President

10.3. Executive Position of Treasurer

D Ebbett called for nominations for the position

D Northey nominated M Sweeney, seconded by B Dedicoat, M Sweeney accepted the nomination

M Sweeney was elected as Treasurer

10.4. Disciplinary Committee

D Ebbett called for nominations for the Disciplinary Committee

B Dedicoat nominated for the Committee.

S Coldwell nominated for the Committee.

K Peatey nominated for the Committee.

Motion

That K Peatey, S Coldwell and B Dedicoat be the Disciplinary committee for the next 12 months.

Moved: J Etccl

Seconded: M Sweeney

Carried

K Leoncelli provided a summary of her professional career to help the Board understand portfolio allocation.

11. Portfolios

The Board reviewed the current Director portfolio definitions. A general discussion was held and input

from all Directors was heard.

S Coldwell raised the option of creating an Association History portfolio to ensure the history of the Association is preserved.

M Sweeney raised the option of having more official sub-boards to help run the association.

J Etcell raised the option of having two(2) new sub-boards, International Affairs and National Show sub-boards

Motion

The formation of the two new sub-boards known as “International Relations” and “The National Show” immediately. These sub-boards will report to a director or the board directly.

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etcell

Carried

M Sweeney raised the issues around D Ebbett leaving the board and the flow on effect in regards to current legal and constitutional issues. No other Board member is willing or able to take this role.

Motion

The position of the Company Secretary be filled by member D Ebbett for a period of 12 months pursuant to clause 42 of the constitution. This will be an honorary position.

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etcell

Carried

The portfolios were discussed openly and the following allocations of Directors to portfolios was agreed:

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| Website/IT | M Sweeney |
| Regional Clubs | B Dedicoat |
| Youth | S Coldwell |
| Amateur | K Leoncelli |
| Promotions/Magazine | S Coldwell |
| Merchandise | K Peatey |
| National Show Sub Board | D Northey (S Coldwell, K Peatey) |
| International Relations Sub Board | K Peatey (D Northey, K Leoncelli, J Etcell) |
| Studbook/Association History | K Leoncelli |

The Rulebook and Insurance / Risk Management portfolio has been delegated to the secretary D. Ebbett as an Office Management task and will not be a direct responsibility of a Director.

The two new sub boards will be inviting members with relevant interest and expertise to join the sub boards.

Each Director presented the future goals for their new portfolios. This provided information to other Directors and helped the Board gain an understanding of the overall progress of the Association and sets expectations for achievements to be met by the next Board meeting.

Activities planned across all portfolios include:

- 1 Completion of studbook and online registrations
- 2 New merchandise
- 3 International Sub-Board establishment and first meetings
- 4 Investigation into alternative National venues
- 5 Major sponsorship options
- 6 Regional Club partnerships

The meeting we adjourned for the AGM at 10:30 am

The Meeting was re-convened at 2:20 pm

12. 2009 Nationals

J Etcell Opened the floor for discussions regarding the 2009 National show and the need for improvements. M Sweeney discussed combining the Futurities and National events over the full term of the show.

Action

The new National Show sub-board should consider a new location to hold the National show.

The National Show sub-board to consider holding the Futurity and National events combined over the term of the show

The National Show sub-board to address drug testing issues at the National Show.

13. Magazine

D. Ebbett advised the magazine contract is due to expire in August 2008. The Board discussed renewing the contract with the existing magazine editor.

Action

S Coldwell to investigate other magazine editorial options to benchmark the existing contract

Action

S Coldwell and D Ebbett to meet with magazine editor to discuss current terms and conditions and continuance of current contract.

14. Rule Book

14.1. List of Amendments for New Rule book

A number of minor rule changes have been proposed by the Board and the Office and were discussed by the Board.

Action

M Sweeney to create a template for Transfer and supply to Office for printing on the reverse side of certificates.

Action

D Ebbett to communicate rule changes to the Office for modification in the Rule Book

- 1 Remove reference to \$2.00 futurity payment
- 2 Page 55 should reference Awards not Certificates / Medallions

14.2. Quote for Printing Rule Book

Discussions held on current position of new Rule Book and printing for membership

Action

K Lencelli to get quotes on Rule Book folders

14.3. Judges eligible for State and National Shows

D Northey discussed negative feedback received from State Show judging

Motion

For State or National shows judges must be at a minimum, Accredited AQHA or Open HSAA and the Rulebook be amended accordingly.

Moved: D Northey

Seconded: J Etcell

Carried

14.4. Use of digital Photos

M Sweeney proposed the use of digital photos in view of the proposed on-line Membership/Registration systems. The Board agreed for the use of digital photos via the on-line systems.

14.5. Membership Renewals

M Sweeney proposed a proactive renewal system for Memberships. This process would include a mail-out to members in July of every year prompting members to renew. The Board was happy for the process to be introduced.

Action

M Sweeney to introduce process for this to occur in 2008-2009 year.

14.6. Recording of Show Results

K Peatey discussed option for recording points for all horses scoring points at a show regardless of whether a point scoring fee has been paid. This will be re-visited when the technology exists within the Association

to cater for this as current resource levels will not allow.

14.7. Addition to Hardship Clause

Discussions were held regarding the modification of the Hardship clause to cater for situations where stallion owners do not provide paperwork. The board agreed that the clause will not be changed and that every case will be reviewed on its merits when presented to the Board.

14.8. International Registry Rule changes

D Ebbett outlined issues for the International sub-board to consider when an International Registry is being considered.

14.9. The Knabstrappers

The Board considered the matter and requires more information from B O'Sullivan outlining the benefits of introducing this breed to the Association before considering the request.

Action

The Office to send B O'Sullivan written notice of the request outlining that more information is required

15. Hall of Fame

The Board discussed nominations for G Wilson, H Dalton, and W Myers. No nominations were accepted by the board to be inducted

The Board discussed nominations for Navaho Quicksilver, Plaudit Cowboy, ENR Crown Prince, Breeze Bars, TS Cappucino, Isas Candy Bars, Nioka Classic Queen and Double D Suzanna Plaudit.

Breeze Bars was unanimously accepted by the Board to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Board nominated Mega Dream to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in accordance with Rule 2.6. The nomination was unanimously accepted by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM

The Meeting opened 8am Sunday 13th April 2008

16. Office

16.1. Review of Fees

The full scheme of fees was reviewed and the following changes have been made

- 1 DNA typing per horse was reduced to \$65 from \$88
- 2 DNA typing fee for second and subsequent horses was reduced to \$65 from \$77

Motion

That the DNA fees be reduced to \$65 for all DNA testing

Moved: M Sweeney

Seconded: J Etcell

Carried

Action

M Sweeney to review a proposal of a Renewal Discount for members paid by August of every show year.

16.2. 2008/2009 End of Year High Point Awards

The following amendments are to be made to the yearly Awards list.

Motion

The 11 years and under Walk Jog event should have an End of Year High Point award

Moved by: S Coldwell

Seconded: B Dediccoat

Carried

Action

The office to update the High Point list to include the following:

- 1 *Add the Amateur Halter Horse to the Amateur Awards*
- 2 *Add the State Amateur Halter Horse*
- 3 *11years and under Walk Jog*

16.3. Registrations/DNA

General discussion held on categories of Appaloosa as of 01/08/2008

Action

D Ebbett to amend rule 3.10 to recognise the registered categories of Appaloosa's.

The letter of complaint received from S Lowery regarding the time taken to process a registration where the stallion return has not been lodged with the office.

Action

The Office to reply in writing outlining the process required to progress the registration.

Action

M Sweeney to put a sample of a current Registration and Breeding certificates on the website. Also include the form for upgrading the status of a registered horse.

16.4. Sapphire Coast Western Performance & Appaloosa Club

The Board reviewed a request for Affiliation from the club. The Board has agreed this application may be processed if all documentation supplied to the Office.

Action

The office to reply with the Boards approval for the application to be processed.

16.5. New Logo

Options proposed by the office for logo changes

Action

D Ebbett to let the office know that no more time or money should be spent on proposed changes to the official logo.

16.6. Townsville Club

A letter received proposing a new Regional club in Townsville, Queensland.

Action

B Dedicoat to reply outlining requirements the Associations requires to be met for a Regional Club.

16.7. International Programs

Action

K Peatey to organise the first meeting of the sub-board to progress international programs.

17. Constitution

D Ebbett discussed the review and update of the current constitution to refresh for the current age and environment.

Action

D Ebbett to review and provide feedback to the board on changes that could be made.

18. New ROM System

D Ebbett raised issues as to appropriateness of current system and the incentive to members. A general discussion was held on the type and quality of the current ROM awards and rewards.

Action

D Northey to supply the board with information on the system and options to improve

19. Western Breeders Trainers accreditation

D. Ebbett referred to the establishment of a trainers accreditation and how the board could be proactive in such. A general discussion was held on the possibility of creating this type of accreditation or Association

Action

J Etccl to include as an agenda item at the next three western breeds meeting

20. HERDA

D. Ebbett again raised the issue of rules in respect of HERDA which had been put on hold due to EI. The Board had an in-depth discussion on the possible impact on the Association and the Appaloosa horse. The following motion was discussed but requires further review.

Motion

As of 01 August 2008 Imported horses/Semen/embryos, must be HERDA tested and test negative before registration with the AAA will be accepted.

As of 01st August 2008 all current registered breeding Stallions must be tested, via the Association, for HERDA and the status will be recorded on the registration certificate. If the testing has not occurred no progeny will be registered until the testing is complete.

As of 1st August 2008 no Carrier or Afflicted horse will be eligible for registration with the AAA unless spayed or gelded.

Meeting Closed at 2pm Sunday 13th April 2008