

Board Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association
Held at Airport Sydney International Inn, Arncliffe NSW
September 6th – 7th 2008

Minutes Recorded and numbered as per Agenda

Meeting commenced at 9.00 am on Saturday 6th September 2008

1. Attendees

Directors: John Etccl, Kevin Peatey, Sharon Coldwell, Brian Dedicoat, Marcus Sweeney, Karen Leoncelli

Secretary: Debera Ebbett

Don Northey arrived 9.50am

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.

New Actions

Noted the appointment of Carol Ricketts as Office Manager for AQHA, to send a letter of congratulations on the appointment.

Complaints received: Lengthy discussion of complaints received. Parties to be advised of Boards response and results.

4. Discussion on Company Secretary & CEO Roles

Discussion re engaging a consultant to develop long term strategic plan. No CEO at this time, will consider recommendations.

No discussion on Company Secretary, information will be supplied by D Ebbett

5. Directors Reports

John Etccl

President's report

Run down on activities, report re attempts to get 3 breeds meeting- discussion with Craig Dengate re Paints, still interested, will continue to pursue.

Kevin Peatey
Vice President

International - will progress further following US trip and finalisation of discussions with ApHC.

Merchandise - New Gate signs for members and stickers are the latest merchandise, jacket samples for USA World Show attendees. A gate sign to be supplied to each affiliate club.

Merchandise to be made available to affiliates for sale and keep 15% commission on sales

Action

K Peatey to create Order form with product codes for ease of supply.

Spent time at the breed display at the Brisbane Royal at the stand run by Regional Appaloosa Open Performance Club, horse displays 2 times daily as well as participating in grand parade, job really well done - send letter of thanks and congratulations.

Also attended BWBRAC AGM to chair and answer questions. Had a number of queries, discussed shows and other activities.

Marcus Sweeny
Treasurer

Report and P&L supplied. Discussion re figures. Position better than was expected following EI, \$15,000.00 in grants obtained by D Ebbett was certainly a big help with the bottom line. Discuss issues re National Show which did make a profit. Not addressing issues raised by Auditor, discuss organising separate ledgers / acc for National Show. Require detailed budget P&L for Nationals. Have not yet discussed concerns with auditors. Have investigated investment options; recommend term deposit with CBA as safe low risk option. Credit Card and Net banking to provide for payment of accounts, daily limits to apply.

Website

Changes have been effected re complaints made; S Coldwell supplied a further list of defects.

Discussed problems re website, discussions re matters raised and complaints received. There is concern at the ongoing issues re website. Discussion re where problems are arising. New website simply uploads data from office. A number of problems arise from office data base mistakes and given that it records differently, having to repair office database to effect correction on studbook. K Leoncelli has been manually rectifying office database studbook.

Discussion re Sale page and future visions of website.

Action

M Sweeney to contact Tania Mather re website issues.

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

S Coldwell, M Sweeney, K Leoncelli to liaise and formulate a brief and seek web designer and costings. Supply brief and costings to Board for consideration.

Brian Dedicoat
Director
Regional Clubs

Application for change of name Southern Tasmanian Club – discussion as to use of state as name, already exists in NT and SEQ ,no rule to not allow club name -

Motion to approve name of Tasmanian Appaloosa Club.

Moved: J Etccl; **Seconded:** B Dediccoat **For:** S Coldwell, J Etccl, B Dediccoat, K Leoncelli;
Against: M Sweeney, K Peatey, D Northey **Carried**

East Coast Appaloosa, Paint and Western Performance Association application for Affiliation.
Approved following provision of all required paperwork and payment affiliation fee.

J Etccl received email re club at Grenfell (near orange) is 2 to 3 hours away from current clubs B Dediccoat spoke to D Pearson who was happy with it and did not think it would impact her club.

Note: to check re Appaloosa in name passed in minutes, file all paperwork required and payment of fee, send to all directs to approve.

Mark Schaffer clinics all are approved - board to be aware of all international clinics to be run.

GRAC – 10th – 13th November 2008

SEQAC – 29th – 30th November 2008

TDWP&AC – 1st – 3rd November 2008

PRAC – 22nd – 23rd November 2008

SA State show approval – dates only sought at this stage, full particulars to be supplied. Dates Approved

Disciplinary Committee - complaint received re member letter of reprimand sent. No further action to be taken at this time.

Sharron Coldwell

Director

Youth

Youth report – Proposal sent to NZ for exchange programme re youth teams

Letter from Danielle Philpots Green re issues with current youth and sponsorship for youth.

Promotions - Journal problems with time compliance. Photos ongoing problem re delivery to magazine and delivery in accordance with agreement to office. Layout issues still a problem.

D Ebbett advised had been discussed with Tracey re many issues but still awaiting confirmation.

Want a budget for promotions so can plan advertising campaign. Have had discussions with Performance Horse Magazine and Western Breeds Magazine for exchange advertisements.

Brochure – needs updating, change photos. Brochures for AAAA and youth.

Photo competition in next journal – merchandise prizes

Action

D Ebbett to finalise Magazine contract and develop Advertising contract

S Coldwell to have meeting with Tracey re design issues.

S Coldwell to do draft survey for Promotion and send to Board

S Coldwell to present a promotions budget plan for a budget of \$5,000.00 to be approved by the Board

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NSW Reining Horse Assoc Seeking sponsorship from AAA for a buckle to the top placed Appaloosa – Approved - Require a photo of winner and article for Journal.

6. Nationals

2008 Report- D Northey provided costing report for Nationals and went through expenses and income received. Had American Genetics sponsor Judges return airfares. Good result and all should be congratulated.

- ai – Letter from Naomi Moore - Discussed D Ebbett to contact to explain decision.
- aii - letter from Christine Young – Discussed – no refund for futurities and cannot carry forward. Nature of Futurities are all paid out so no funds available for refund
- aiii - letter Derek Reed re Nationals and reining classes. – Discussed, J Etccl to contact Derek and discuss his concerns.

2009 Nationals

Tentative bookings made 17-24 April Dubbo / Tamworth

SIEC dates tentative 18-28 march, 28 April -3 may.

The Board discussed the running of the NSW State Show with the Nationals in 2008 and determined the Nationals will not run in conjunction with the State Show in 2009. May consider a post open one day show if a club wanted to run one.

Discussions re why do we run a Nationals / what do we expect to achieve / long term goals. Dubbo, Tamworth and Sydney SIEC considered. Discussion on pro's and con's of all three sites, considering – facilities (horse & people), location, accessibility, friendliness of facility, canteen, proximity to transport, proximity to food / fuel / horse feed and other competitor needs and costs to both competitors and the AAA. Discussion stood down for further reflection.

New Proposal

Super Horse – Guaranteed \$2,000.00 paid \$1,000/600/400, bonus across 4 feature events Hunter, WP, Trail, Halter. \$1,000.00 per class paid 600/300/100 plus AO \$150 highest placed AO in each class and Super horse bonus.

Motion - That this proposed event be run at the 2009 Nationals

Moved S Coldwell **Seconded** M Sweeney - **Carried**

Also to be considered for inclusion in 2009 Nationals

Free clinics – Hunter in Hand

Show train classes (WP, Hunter, Trail) gold coin donation

Demonstration Classes – i.e. Carriage Driving / saddle seat/ Grand Pre Dressage

BBQ Welcome

Entertainment

2 Photographers, one official, one for social / promotional

Further discussion re the 3 possible venues Dubbo / Tamworth / Sydney – comparison on access, camping, stables, facilities, prestige and future needs, supplies. Discussion with ref to survey results. Further consideration of costing required. Stood down again.

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.

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b. International Programs – J Etccl, K Peatey, K Leoncelli, D Northey & D Ebbett will be attending ApHC World Show in Fort Worth Texas with a view to finalise previously discussed programs – youth exchange, AO exchange, semen, International registry, suppling Judges for the Nationals. Discussions re defining our relationship with ApHC, questions as to registration status of Australian horses in ApHC registry. Integrity of AAA registry, confirmation of recognition of AAA as only organisation in Australia and all matters to be dealt through AAA.

Meeting adjourns 7.00pm

Sunday 7th

Meeting started 8.00am

7. Amateur Owner

Megan Hennessey

Saddle delayed till next year, still to finalise rules and also advised no NSW State Show in 2008/2009 season as intending to return to Sept/Oct dates. Will still have bridle and other high point prizes. Fund raising for buckles for state show high points.

Select AO – notation printed on membership cards to provide ability to ride AQHA select classes as confirmed by AQHA as acceptable.

5. Directors Reports cont.

Karen

Amateur Owner / History

Amateur Owner - liaising with Megan, has been going well.

Have spent considerable time proofing the studbook and fixing it up to assist the upload to the website. Numerous data entry mistakes and failings need to be addressed. Have obtained a quote to print studbook, approx \$50 each for a run of 200. Will continue to work on studbook to get right for uplift to website. Access to be provided to archive boxes in office to allow further development.

Query re history and what expected. Discussion re Shepparton Printing and retrieval of previous material. Other parties to contact re possible material.

Action: K Leoncelli to contact Shepparton Printing to arrange time to view material contained in files and report back to board as to value to AAA in historical terms.

Have been developing sponsorship parameters to establish sponsorship packages of mutual benefit to AAA and sponsor.

6. Nationals cont

Further discussion re National Show venue – consideration of costings of each venue, calculated on 200 horses and 150 campsites, Tamworth would cost \$305 per person/horse for venue hire, SEIC would cost \$578.00 per person/horse. Unable to consider SEIC at this time based on costings to members and AAA. Tamworth financially viable however concerns that not yet up and running and significant problems re camping facilities, believe from inspection that will be a number of teething problems. Agree to observe events in 2009 and reconsider in 2010.

5. Directors Reports cont.

D Ebbett

Company Secretary

Office – report re office activities, instigation of weekly activity reports have been providing good insight into office activities, problems with office, discussion as to increasing staff levels post EI
Action: D Ebbett and K Leoncelli to advertise seeking office manager for 20 hours per week. After consideration of applicants short list to be circulated to Board with recommendations on appointment for ratification of the Board. D Ebbett to discuss with Kiara re proposed actions. Also to prepare brief and approach interested parties in supplying quote for consultancy on Strategic planning - approved

Court Case - Report provided by D Ebbett re Industrial Magistrates wages Claim, have filed extensive material, Boards appointment of D Ebbett as Company Secretary, and the use of her expertise has certainly saved the AAA significant costs with more than 100hrs work in preparing Court documents, Advised one affidavit still to file. Court has advised trial dates likely in December. Advices provided in report as to possible outcomes and best/worst case scenario. Discussion as to prospects of settlement. Board will continue to conclusion.

8. Office

- a. Board Nominations – Probity / Criminal checks – no concern
- b. 2008/2009 High Points – 11yr & under walk jog is a State and National award, Yearling Versatility high point to be included as per previous minutes
- c. Closure to office for holidays – Kiara can have days off for holidays but office will be manned for some period by new office manager if appointed or K Leoncelli / D Ebbett.
- d. Dates for next Board Meeting 6 -7 Dec 2008
- e. Stallion upgrade fee – amend DNA requirement to reflect mandatory DNA from 1st August 2008 on registration, fee to remain unchanged.
- f. Approved outcrosses – S Coldwell to investigate Warmblood registries re amendment to approved Breed registry. No further information received re Knapstrupper Registry
- g. Late Payments – Motion any member with outstanding accounts for a period of 90 days will be declined all member privileges until payment effected. **Moved:** J Etccl **Seconded:** D Northey - **Carried**
- h. Bank acc – Youth acc access to current balances etc and confirming have paid bills. Should be separate acc, chq, deposit – no longer transfer between acc to pay bills.
- i. Sponsorship – K Leoncelli sent letters to various organisations requesting input as to their expectations for a return on sponsorship. Development of sponsorship package to

- address expectations and needs of all parties.
Letter Danielle Bender will provide a trophy and write to confirm.
Sprint racing – ensure ApHC only deals through AAA.
- j. Regional Clubs dealt with in B Dedicoat report.
 - k. Magazine Contract – D Ebbett provided report re current status.
 - l. Letter received from AQHA in response to letter from Raelene Gilboy and AAA.
 - m. Letter from Palomino, White, Buckskin & Dun Association re new registry for broken coloured dilutes. Noted and letter of thanks.

10. Hall of fame

Willow Park Monte Cloud - Horse nominated in accordance with rules. Moved: B Dedicoat
Seconded: D Northey, Carried Will be included on list, advertised in the magazine for comment.
Joan Crosby - Discussion as to compliance with requirements, complied, discuss re application
and accuracy and achievements re formation of Sydney Regional Club and other matters, **Moved**
B Dedicoat **Seconded:** D Northey, **Carried**.

The Board can nominate any horses or persons to include on the list – B Dedicoat Nominates
Carol Ricketts, discussion re why nomination should be considered and what input to AAA.
Moved: B Dedicoat **Seconded:** J Etccl, **Carried**

B Dedicoat also like to nominate Ron Gordon - extensive time on the board and assistance, seven
years – 6 as president, discussion as to what input to AAA, **Moved:** B Dedicoat **Seconded:** D
Northey, nomination lost (5:1)

Discussion re what to do with lists and whether should remove names if not moved to Hall of fame
in a specified time frame, will be further considered.

11. Rule Book cont

Issue raised re registries categories – discussed, Motion to drop GC registry as at 1st Aug 2009.
Moved: B Dedicoat **Seconded:** M Sweeney - **Carried**.

Require agreement from ApHC to reciprocate re disciplinary action and only deal with AAA re all
actions re Appaloosa in Australia. Current AQHA situation noted.

6. Nationals cont

Further discussion re venue for 2009 Nationals - **Motion** that AAA Nationals remain at Dubbo for
2009 and further investigate Tamworth once it has had an opportunity to run events. **Moved:** John
Etccl **seconded:** Don Northey - **Carried**

Motion: That \$8,000.00 be provided to the show sub-board to be utilised for the development of
the prestige of the Nationals for 2009. **Moved** M Sweeney **Seconded:** K Peatey – **Carried**

Brian Dedicoat tendered his resignation from the Board for Personal reasons. The Board thanked
Brian for his decision and his time on the board.

At this time, position will remain vacant until the next election. John Etccl to take over the
Regional Clubs portfolio.

Board Meeting Closed 2.45pm