

**Board of Directors Meeting held 6th to 8th May 2011
Coogee Sands Hotel & Apartments, Coogee NSW**

Meeting opened at 4.10pm Friday 6th May

2. Present

Conny Barry, Amelia Leeman, Debbie Pearson, Sharon Coldwell, Joanne Green, John Maher and Kiara Le Cerf.

3. Apologies

Sandy Tucker

Conny requested that it be noted that the meeting held on Sunday 27th March 2011 at AELEC, Tamworth NSW was not conducted under Articles 15a and 24 of the AAA Ltd Constitution and therefore is deemed to be an unconstitutional Meeting to elect the Office Bearers, therefore the election of the Office Bearers must be conducted again.

Joanne requested that the ballot be conducted as a secret ballot.

Conny opened the meeting and welcomed John Maher and Joanne Green to the Board.

Kiara took the chair and called for nominations for the position of:

President

Conny Barry, Nominated by Debbie Pearson, Seconded by Sharon Coldwell.
John Maher, Nominated by Amelia Leeman, Seconded by Sharon Coldwell.

John requested that Sandy Tucker be contacted by phone, so all directors had the opportunity to vote.

There being no further nominations a secret ballot took place.

Conny received 2 votes.

John received 5 votes.

John declared elected as President.

Vice President

Conny Barry, Nominated by Joanne Green, Seconded by Amelia Leeman.

There being no further nominations, Conny declared elected as Vice President.

Treasurer

John Maher, Nominated by Conny Barry, Seconded by Debbie Pearson.
Joanne Green, Nominated by John Maher, Seconded by Conny Barry.

There being no further nominations, a secret ballot took place.

John received 4 votes.

Joanne requested that all Directors investigate the international portion of their portfolios and refer it to Joanne for the next meeting.

Sharon raised the issue of Blue Cards for Directors and Staff and on receipt of further information it is determined that they are not required.

Motion: To accept the Business Arising from Previous Meeting.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson

In favour: 6

Carried

6. Action Sheet

John requested that an Action Sheet be implemented for all meetings as a record of each Directors and Secretaries action's from each Meeting.

Conny advised that the internal copy of the minutes from each meeting already stipulates that information.

Joanne requested that she liase with Kiara to implement the Action Sheet.

Joanne/Kiara: Liase to create an Action Sheet for each Meeting.

7. Presidents Report

John presented and read out his Presidents report as was printed in the May/June National Appaloosa Journal.

Motion: To accept the Presidents Report as presented.

Moved: John Maher **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In favour: 6

Carried

John advised that Margaret O'Brien will be attending the meeting from approx lunchtime on 7th May to present the AABA report.

Conny queried why the remainder of the Board weren't notified of Margaret's attendance.

John advised that it was a last minute offer from Margaret and he accepted.

8. Treasurer's Report

John presented his Treasurers Report.

John explained the report and the figures supplied.

Discussion held on the financial situation and what can be reduced to help the bottom line for the 2011 financial year.

As there are a number of outstanding Advertising fees from the Magazine, Joanne proposed that a letter be sent from the President/Treasurer to include strong terms for payment or passed over to the Sheriff's Office.

Motion: President/Treasurer write to the 90 day + debtors and advise them that they are required to make payment and that no further Advertising will be accepted and if not paid within 30 days we will forward to debt collectors. A copy of these letters are to be forwarded to Tania Hobbs.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

John: To write letter to all 90 day+ debtors and advise them to pay outstanding amount or will be forwarded to debt collectors.

Discussion held on Complimentary Memberships.

Motion: Any new member shall pay 50% of a Full Membership (\$85.00) when transferring or registering a horse for the first time. A new member shall be defined as being a person who has never been a member of the Association previously.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Kiara: To calculate the number of Complimentary Memberships that have been given and to keep record of how many renew.

The Board noted Ron Gordon's recommendations and will be discussed through out the course of the meeting.

Motion: To Accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

10. Office

10.1 Directors/Staff Code of Conduct

Joanne presented a Code of Conduct which is to cover both Directors and Staff and also requested that if everyone agreed, each Director/Staff is to sign off on the code of conduct.

Joanne noted a few things in the proposal and asked if anyone had any questions.

John asked if a New Directors Pack can be put together which would include a copy of the Directors Code of Conduct, Constitution, etc.

Motion: To accept the Directors Code of Conduct as presented and each Director shall sign as acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

10.2 Role of Executive Directors

Joanne presented a proposal for the Executive Directors to follow.

Discussion held on what the proposal should include.

The proposal as presented by Joanne is noted with further investigation to be made and presented at the next Board Meeting.

10.3 Office Report

Kiara presented the Office Report advising that at this time the Office is playing catch up after the Nationals and work is being completed as quickly as possible.

Motion: To accept the Office report as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Joanne Green

In Favour: 6

Carried

14. Website/Online Stud Book

14.1 Website

John advised that he had spoken with Marcus and that he is waiting on confirmation from the Board to continue with the implementation of the New System.

Conny advised that this is not correct, Marcus had been advised and given confirmation to proceed.

Joanne requested that as per her recommendation presented she be given permission from the Board to contact Waxson IT directly and speak with them.

Further discussion held on the website.

Motion: To implement Joanne's recommendation as soon as possible

Moved: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

Kiara requested that Marcus be asked to update the Online Stud book to more current information.

Kiara: To send an update to Marcus by Friday 13th May 2011.

Joanne: To contact Waxson IT re website.

Motion: To accept the Website/Online Studbook report as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6.45pm Friday 6th May 2011

Meeting recommenced 8.35am Saturday 7th May 2011

11. Magazine

Sharon presented her report on the Magazine and raised some issues that are still hindering the magazine production, i.e. Information and Photos from State Shows getting to the magazine on time for publication.

Joanne suggested that the magazine be reduced to 4 issues per year.

John advised that he had spoken to Tania regarding other options and presented a rough estimate on possible savings on reducing the number of issues published but hadn't received detailed information from Tania prior to the Meeting.

Sharon advised of costs from previous research she had done.

Joanne suggested joining with another magazine.

Further discussion held on other possibilities.

Joanne: To investigate the options of joining with another Equine Magazine.

Sharon: To investigate options to reduce magazine costs, e.g. E-Magazine, Reduce number printed, etc

Motion: To accept the Magazine report as presented.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson
In Favour: 6

Carried

12. Promotions

12.1 Promotions Report

Sharon presented her Promotional Report advising that Tasmanian Appaloosa Club was attending Agfest in Tasmania this weekend and advised of the work put in from Club Members.

Posters have been designed by Tania and printed at no cost to the AAA and will be available for use at Promotional days.

Discussion held on gaining Corporate Sponsorship.

Joanne: To investigate the possibility of Corporate Sponsorship and someone to obtain Corporate Sponsorship.

Lengthy discussion held the Plan and the best way to implement it.

John requested that all Directors sign on to the Strategic Plan

Motion: To accept the Strategic Plan as presented, with amendments made.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

A copy of the Strategic Plan will be placed on the website and a hard copy will be made available from the Office.

14. National Show

Debbie presented her report on the 2011 National Show.

Sharon queried the ½ share of the Champagne Western Pleasure Calcutta and why it was changed from the AAYA to the 2011 National Show.

Debbie advised that as per previous years the National Show Team made the decision as to who would receive the ½ share of both the Hunter Under Saddle Classic and Champagne Western Pleasure Calcuttas. The decision was made that all Calcutta money will go to future years National Shows.

Discussion held on the Calcutta and Members and Competitors suggestions that had been put forward to the Show Team for future years,

Increase the payment of the Calcutta to 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Run the Calcutta like a silent Auction

It is to be noted in the National Show program where the ½ share of the Calcutta money will go.

Conny requested that Office Staff wages be included in the budget.

Debbie read out suggestions that had been made to her during the show.

Kiara suggested that signs be made up to welcome spectators and request that they be mindful of the competitors in the arena competing.

Joanne had it suggested to her that a Rodeo be run in conjunction with the Nationals to help raise money for the Association.

Joanne: To investigate the possibility of getting someone to run it, we hire arena and split the gate 50/50 with the organising body.

Motion: To make payment on the Invoice from AELEC for the 2011 National Show.

Moved: John Maher

Seconded: Conny Barry

In Favour: 6

Carried

Discussion held on Dates for 2012.

At the time of the meeting confirmed dates were not available but further contact from Mike Rowland at AELEC was expected within the next week.

Kiara: To contact Mike Rowland in regard to confirmation of dates for 2012 and possibility of booking for multiple years.

Conny requested that the National Show be given its own bank account as had been the case previously.

John disagreed.

Discussion held on the pros and cons of the National Show having its own account.

Motion: To open a separate bank account for the National Show.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

In Favour: 2

Against: 4

Motion Defeated

Sharon queried Lead Line competitors competing in Walk/Jog events.

Debbie advised that a mistake was made when the rules were finalised and should have read exactly what the HSAA Rules stipulate, "No rider competing in this class may enter any other RIDDEN events except Showmanship at Halter."

Debbie: To ensure that the HSAA rule is included in the show rules for the 2012 National Show.

Conny requested that the Lead Line age be changed back to 2 – 6yrs.

Sharon advised that the age changes for Youth were agreed to at the previous Board Meeting.

13.3 Australian Coloured Performance Horse Award

John presented a proposal from Ben O'Sullivan, from Australian Coloured Performance Horses.

Discussion held on the proposal and Directors agreed that further information is required before a final decision can be made.

Joanne: To investigate the proposal further and present findings at the next board meeting.

John requested that the National Show section be recommenced later in the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1.50pm for lunch

Meeting recommenced at 2.35pm

John welcomed Margaret O'Brien, Chairperson of Australian Appaloosa Breeders Association (AABA), to the Meeting

15. Stud Book

Amelia presented her report and handed over to Margaret to present the AABA recommendations.

Margaret presented the Excessive White Rule recommendations.

Discussion held on the impact of OLWS and HERDA and recommendations.

Margaret, on behalf of AABA, proposed that the Board adopt the proposal as presented.

3.5 NON ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

A horse is not eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. that has Draft, Pony, Standard bred breeding, or Pinto or Paint breeding as defined under these rules. A horse bred from a grey parent is not eligible for registration. Any horse that is H/H or N/H for HYPP is not eligible. Any horse found to be OLWS positive is not eligible. There is no discrimination against registering an animal with glass (blue) eyes.

3.13 APPROVED BREEDING REGISTRIES

The recording of progeny in the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd Registry requires proof of parentage (see exception re geldings in rule 3.10) The following Breed Registries, subject to the qualifications herein, are the only approved registries;

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd.

A.J.C. Registered or Australian Stud Book Thoroughbreds (see (iv) & (v) below)

Australian Stock Horse Society (See (i) & (v) below)

Arabian Horse Society of Australia (See (ii) & (v) below)

Australian Quarter Horse Association (See (iii) & (v) below)

Australian Warmblood Horse Association – Stud Book Only (See (v) below)

- (i).** When using a Stock Horse outcross, members should ensure the horse has known, acceptable and proven breeding. Horses of unknown breeding are not acceptable. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.
- (ii).** Arab horses of UNKNOWN breeding (part bred) or Arab ponies are disallowed. The onus is on the owner of a part bred Arab to be able to prove by means of copies of registration certificates that their horse is eligible to be used in the AAA Ltd breeding program by establishing acceptable proven breeding in one of the approved registries. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.
- (iii).** Any resulting progeny from a registered Quarter Horse outcross who has its self or it is direct sire or dam, any notation on registration papers stating "This horse has white markings designated under AQHA Rules and Regulations as undesirable and uncharacteristic of the breed" or tests positive to the OLWS gene will not be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. In addition the outcross or its direct sire or dam must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.
- (iv).** When using an Australian Stud Book Thoroughbred or AJC Registered Thoroughbred outcross the breeder shall ensure the outcross or its direct sire or dam used must not be known to contravene section 3.5 or any other provision of this section.

(v). Further to the requirements above ANY outcross horse who itself, or its direct sire or dam, displays any characteristic or description outlined below shall NOT be eligible for use as an acceptable outcross for breeding Appaloosas.

1. A face marking within a line from the centre of the base of each ear to the nearest corner of the sides of the mouth and then turning at a right angle just below the jaw and running to a point beneath the jaw to meet with the similar line from the opposite side of the face. (see diagram below)

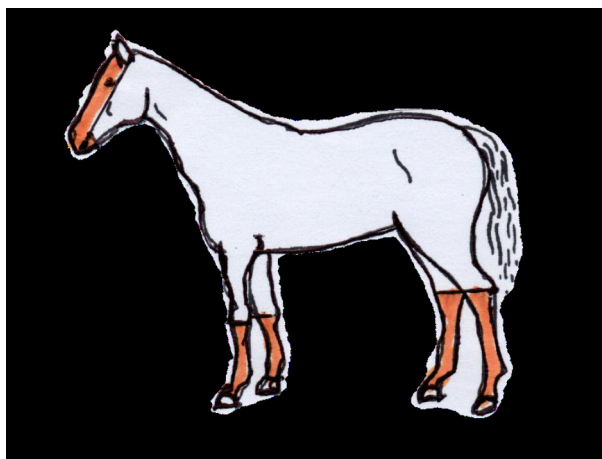
2. A leg marking not contained below the centre of the knees or point of the hocks. (see diagram below)

3. In addition, there is an allowable single area of white marking with light skin underlying that is no greater than 1" (2.5cm) in diameter, which can be either joined to or free standing from the above described areas of white markings.

4. Any horse described on its registration papers as Sabino, Overo, Frame, Splash, Tobiano, Tovero or any other term commonly considered to describe paint or pinto characteristics.

5. Any horse described as roan or having a substantial area of roan or ticking which cannot be attributed to any Appaloosa genetics.

6. Is grey or has a grey parent.



(vi). When using any outcross the **onus is on the breeder** to provide copies of all paperwork necessary to prove compliance with these rules. For outcross registries that do not have photographs on registration papers nor record all levels of excessive white, photographs will be required.

Note- It is recommended when using any outcross that the breeder request any DNA test results available, such as HERDA, HYPP, OLWS or Grey gene.

(vii). A horse may be deregistered if it is found to be bred from a non-appaloosa parent who has or has any genetic lineage that contravenes rule 3.5 or 3.13 and the breeder shall be subject to penalty under these rules.

Note: The power to deregister a horse shall include the power to deregister any progeny of that horse.

(viii). If an application for registration of resulting progeny from an outcross mating shows indications of excessive undesirable white markings greater than those specified in rule (v) 1,2 or 3 above, then such will be considered undesirable and excessive and registration will be refused. If the breeder can reasonably show that such excessive white has most likely resulted from the existing Appaloosa component of the breeding then the Board may permit registration of the progeny. If the outcross used is shown to be a horse excluded under these rules the resulting progeny will not be registered.

1.4 DEFINITIONS

PAINT BREEDING is defined as any horse registered with the Paint Horse Association of Australia or any other Australian or International Paint Horse Association or any horse while not registered with any Paint association exhibits white markings exceeding those allowable under rule 3.13 (v)

PINTO BREEDING is defined as any horse registered with any Australian State or National Pinto Horse Association or any International Pinto Horse Association or any horse while not registered with any Pinto Association exhibits white markings exceeding those allowable under rule 3.13 (v).

The board agreed to accept the proposal from AABA with the inclusion of Australian Warmblood Horse Association (Stud Book Only).

AABA: To conduct further investigation on Hanoverian, Trakehner, Holsteiner and Knabstrupper Associations for possible inclusion as approved Breed Registries.

Motion: Given that the Board have received clarification on the Excessive White information, the Motion to change Rule 3.13 Note (iii) at the July 2010 Board Meeting be rescinded.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

The Board note the AABA report on Excessive White.

Imported Horses/Semen

Margaret read the new imported rule.

3.15 IMPORTED SEMEN

(i) Imported semen can be used for Artificial Insemination provided all the requirements in rule 3.5 are met and the Stallion must be registered with one of the approved registries noted in Rule 3.13. (All ApHC and other outcross International Stallions being used for breeding must be registered with one of the relevant Australian registries approved in 3.13 to be eligible).

(ii) In addition the International Stallion must comply with all other requirements in 3.13 (v) to have progeny eligible for registration.

(iii) It is the breeder's responsibility to submit all necessary documentation including proof of breeding as supplied by the approved Breed Registry. (see also rule 3.17)

(iv) The stallion owner/lessee shall prepare a properly completed breeding certificate with the original to be filed with the AAA Ltd and the duplicate shall be issued to the mare breeder. Such breeding certificate will show the mare as being bred artificially.

3.17 IMPORTED HORSES

(i) For an Imported horse to be considered for entry into the Australian Appaloosa Association Registry, a horse must first be registered with one of the following:

Appaloosa Horse Club of America, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand or Britain **and must meet**

all the AAA Ltd. Registration requirements.

(ii) All imported horses must first be registered in the Australian Registry before their progeny can be accepted for registration.

(iii) A transfer or lease signed by the owner of the said horse must accompany the application. The application must be made within three (3) months of importation.

(iv) An original or certified copy of the horse's American, Canadian, Mexican, New Zealand or British registration papers must accompany the application.

(v) Documentation confirming compliance with rule 3.13(v) as required for outcross horses will also be required.

(vi) Horses imported (or those used for semen importation) after 1st August 2011, must be HYPP, HERDA & DNA verified and recorded and where considered necessary OLWS tested and those that test positive to HYPP N/H , H/H or HERDA N/Hr, Hr/Hr or OLWS will not be registered with the AAA Ltd.

(vii) As at 1 August 2011 any imported horse (or those used for semen importation) must be DNA tested for the grey gene. Only horses that test negative will be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd.

This same criteria applies to imported semen from any of the above registries. (see also 3.15)

Discussion held on the new rule.

HERDA

Margaret presented information and concept rules as supplied. The Board discussed No 2 Recommendation as listed below:

1. The BOD to start an education process through the website, magazine and personal letters to owners of horses who need to be tested requesting their assistance.
2. As if 1st August 2012 all Appaloosa stallions and mares whose pedigree traces to Poco Bueno used in any AAA Ltd breeding program are to provide evidence (by means of genetic testing or otherwise proven to be N/N by parentage verification) of their HERDA status for recording purposes by the AAA Ltd. Such results will be made available to all members. All Breeding stallions or mares that do not have their HERDA results on file by 1st August 2012 the following suspensions will apply: The stallion/mare will have no showing rights, therefore no show points will be accepted, no transfers will be done, no Leases that involve this stallion/mare will be completed and no breeding returns that pertain to breeding as from 1st September 2012, will be accepted until such time that the Association receives the HERDA results for that stallion/mare. Therefore no progeny resulting from the breeding of this stallion/mare after 1st September 2012 will be eligible for registration. Once results have been received, all rights and privileges for that stallion/mare will be reinstated.
3. As of 1st August 2012, NO outcross Stallion or mare that is N/Hr or Hr/Hr for HERDA will be accepted as eligible for any breeding purpose by the AAA Ltd.
4. As of 1st August 2013 all progeny bred from an AAA Ltd registered stallion or mare whose pedigree traces back to Poco Beuno and have not been proven to be negative for the HERDA gene must be tested for HERDA and the status recorded by the AAA Ltd and be made available to all members.

Discussion held on the recommendations from AABA.

Motion: To Accept the no 2 recommendation with the amendment to item 2 of including mares.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Margaret presented a recommendation for registering all Outcross horses for use in Appaloosa Breeding programs.

Discussion held on this recommendation and the Board have noted this recommendation but will place on hold for future meetings.

22. Australian Appaloosa Breeders Association

Amelia presented a membership form for interested parties to become a member of the AABA.

Debbie queried how members would know that they are members, do they get a membership card.

Margaret advised that at this stage there is no membership card but requested that a list of members be placed on the AAA Website.

Kiara: To put the AABA Membership on an official AAA Letterhead.

Motion: To accept the AABA Membership form as presented.

Moved: Amelia Leeman

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

Margaret requested information from the Board on what parameters do the AABA have for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Joanne requested that this become part of the strategic plan.

Margaret asked what can the AABA offer potential sponsors, i.e. advertising.

AABA: To provide the Board with a proposed sponsorship package.

National Futurity

Debbie queried if the AABA had made any decisions in regard to the 2012 Futurities.

Margaret advised that some ideas had been noted but nothing finalised as they had been working on Excessive White and HERDA for this meeting.

AABA: to liase with Debbie on the 2012 National Futurity Show.

Sharon asked what the Boards position is for PSSM.

Discussion held on PSSM.

Motion: That AABA investigate PSSM further and provide information to the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Motion: To accept the Stud Book/AABA reports as presented.

Moved: Amelia Leeman

Seconded: Joanne Green

In Favour: 6

Carried

AABA: To investigate PSSM and supply information to the Board prior to the next meeting.

John thanked Margaret for her time to attend the meeting.

Margaret left the meeting at 4.30pm

Meeting adjourned 4.30pm

Meeting recommenced 5.00pm

Meeting continued with National Show.

13.2 Refunds

Discussion held on the existing National Show Refund Rules.

It is noted that as per the rules of the National Show, refunds would be considered for Entries and must have been received by 4.00pm on Thursday 24th March and would be presented at the next available Board Meeting.

5 requests for refunds have been received and presented as follows.

13.2.1 Debbie Cotton – Requesting refund due to injury of horse, Vet certificate supplied.

Motion: To Refund Entry fees of \$70.00 accepted.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Joanne Green

In Favour: 5

Against: 1

Carried

13.2.2 Renee Howison – Requesting refund due to illness of horse, Vet Certificate supplied.

Motion: To Refund Entry fees of \$530.00 accepted.

Moved: Amelia Leeman

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

In Favour: 6

Carried

13.2.3 Pat Thompson – Requesting refund due to injury of horse, Vet Certificate supplied.

Motion: To Refund Entry fees of \$175.00 accepted.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

13.2.4 Katherine Bowe – requesting refund of Stable as not used.

It is noted that AAA were not charged for this stable.

Motion: To Refund Stable fee of \$88.00 accepted.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

13.2.5 Judith Tolomeo – Requesting refund of Amateur Entries due to ill health.

Motion: Request be declined as it does not comply with the refund rules of the National Show.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Kiara: To write to all those requesting refunds and advise of the Boards decision.

Debbie: To include in refund rules that Stabling and Camping are not refundable and to present a proposed new refund rule for the 2012 National Show.

National Show High Point Performance Sire

Kiara advised that after receiving a query on the calculation of the High Point Performance Sires award, it was realised that not all performance events were included.

The Board noted that not all performance events were included in the original calculation and appropriate alterations are to be made and results are to be amended and published.

Motion: To accept National Show Report as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

17. Australian Appaloosa Amateur Association

Debbie presented Amateur report on behalf of the Amateur Association.

Gail Mitchell Clinics

Debbie presented the report on the Clinics indicating that the clinics were a successful fund raiser for the AAAA. A big thank you to Marsha Lewis for her tireless effort in organising these clinics.

Discussion held on future clinics and the Board request that a proposal be put forward by Marsha Lewis.

Amateur Rules

Debbie presented proposed rule changes to the Board for implementation.

Discussion held on Dual Amateur Ownership and Limited Amateur Rules.

Motion: To adopt proposed rules 10.5 and 10.6 as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Joanne Green
In Favour: 4 Abstained: 2

Carried

Motion: To adopt Limited Amateur Eligibility System as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Sharon Coldwell
In Favour: 6

Carried

Motion: To accept Amateur Association Report as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Joanne Green
In Favour: 6

Carried

18. Australian Appaloosa Youth Association

Sharon presented Youth Association report.

Sharon advised that the AAYA had been promised sponsorship from Gippsland Regional Appaloosa Club, which had not been received at this stage.

Sharon: To contact GRAC re promised sponsorship.

Sharon discussed the programs that are available through the AAYA, for John and Joanne who were not aware of such programs.

Discussion held on the programs and their progress. Sharon advised that interest had been shown by Youth in WA of attending the 2012 Nationals.

Sharon: To investigate options available for these Youth to attend.

Motion: To accept the AAYA report as presented.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson
In Favour: 6

Carried

19. Regional Appaloosa Clubs

Sharon supplied a report from Sandy, who was not in attendance, and was read by everyone.

Discussion held on Regional Clubs and the support that they receive from AAA.

Motion: The Board express concern that the Regional Appaloosa Club Director doesn't have a true understanding of responsibilities and accordingly a description of this portfolio shall be forwarded to her.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Conny Barry

In Favour: 6

Carried

21. Non Traditional

Joanne advised the Board that due to preparation of her other portfolios and short period of time on the Board, nothing had been prepared.

Discussion held and ideas were noted for further investigation and presentation at the next Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6.25pm Saturday 7th May.

Meeting recommenced at 8.40am Sunday 8th May.

Excessive White Rules

Further discussion held on the proposal presented by Margaret O'Brien

Motion: To accept the Excessive White Rules as presented by AABA with the addition of 2.5cm in Rule 3.13 (3).

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Conny requested that the inclusion of N/Hr to N/Hr breeding not be acceptable.

Motion: To include in new HERDA Rules that the resulting progeny from N/Hr to N/Hr breeding, shall not be eligible for registration.

Moved: Conny Barry

After further discussion on this, Conny rescinded her motion.

20. Hall of Fame

Conny presented Hall of Fame information from the November Board Meeting and raised concerns with regard to Trainers having their own section as they would be eligible under the section for people.

John raised queries upon reading the proposal.

After further discussion, Conny asked if John would be interested in taking the Hall of Fame portfolio on as he was one of the original sub committee.

John accepted and his portfolios will now include Hall of Fame.

The Board noted and thanked Ron Gordon for his efforts in putting together his proposal.

John: To review Hall of Fame proposal, make recommendations and present at the next Board Meeting.

16. Rule Book

Conny presented the Rule Book and advised that this version was November 2005 and all minuted Rule changes had been included, as highlighted, for the boards review.

Meeting adjourned 9.40am

Meeting recommenced 9.50am

Discussion held on Regional Appaloosa Club rules.

Motion: The Board express concern that money held by Regional Appaloosa Clubs may not remain under AAA auspices and therefore money held by Regional Appaloosa Clubs are to remain in the possession of said Regional Appaloosa Club and may not be transferred to any other Breed Association, Affiliate Club or any other Club or Organisation that is not a Current Regional Appaloosa Club. Effective 8th May 2011.

Moved: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson

In Favour: 6

Carried

Motion: To amend Rule 89(j) to read "As the club is a Regional Appaloosa/Affiliate Club the Executive Office Bearers namely, President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary must be financial members of the AAA Ltd."

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

Joanne: To draft a new Regional Appaloosa/Affiliate Club Rule and forward to all Directors for ratification.

Further discussion held on Rule Book.

Motion: To amend the Definition of Weanling under Rule 9 to read "Weanlings – Weaned Foals. Can NOT be shown before 1st January of their Weanling year and must have reached a minimum age of 18 weeks."

Moved: Sharon Coldwell **Seconded:** Joanne Green

In Favour: 6

Carried

Further Amendments to be included:

- Rule 19 New Excessive White Rules as previously listed
- Rule 23 Remove (As from 1st August 2009 the GC Registry was dropped)
- Rule 26a New HERDA and OLWS Rules as previously listed
- Rule 27 Entire Rule to be reviewed & presented for ratification

- Rule 28 To include Microchipping
- Rule 54 To include Amateur Hi Pt Awards & Current Aust. Standard Safety helmets & Riding Boots must be worn at all times by Youth with the exception of Western Events.
- Rule 65 To include - No Show will be granted Approval in the same state on the same dates as that state's Championship Show.
To amend the radius from 100 to 200 kms by normal road.
- Rule 85 Remove current Futurity/Maturity Rules and replace with "The Board of Directors and the AABA will make decisions on the National Futurities and composition of State Futurities will be discussed.

Motion: To accept rules as presented with amendments.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 6

Carried

16.2 Amateur Rules

Further discussion held on Amateur Rules.

Joanne queried Youth obtaining free Amateur in their first year out of youth.

Debbie advised that this was an enticement for youth to make the transition into Amateur.

All agreed to Remove Rule 10.11 from Amateur Rules.

Amelia queried why the entire Amateur Rules changed.

Debbie advised that it was to bring it into line with the AQHA and to limit confusion.

John queried the \$3000 given to the AAAA each year.

Debbie advised that the AAAA had always received ½ of the Amateur Membership fee but it was agreed that a flat fee of \$3000 would be given in place and the AAAA were advised that the money was to be used to support the Amateurs at State and National Shows.

Amelia queried if the AABA would receive ½ of their membership.

Motion: To accept AAAA Rules as presented with Joanne Green to liase with the AAAA to amend the Aims and Objectives for inclusion.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

Motion: As from 1st August 2011 the monies transferred to the AAAA each year will cease and are to be reviewed for the 2012 show year.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 5

Against: 1

Carried

Sharon felt that as we have already had people purchase at full price it would be unfair to them.

Kiara: To supply semen information for both Stallions to John and Joanne.

Magazine

Conny asked how many pages do the AAA get in each magazine.

Sharon advised that the AAA get 5 pages per issue.

Debbie requested that 1 page be issued to Nationals when needed.

Disciplinary Committee

John called for nominations for the Disciplinary Committee

Joanne Green, Nominated by John Maher, Seconded by Sharon Coldwell
Conny Barry, Nominated by Debbie Pearson, Seconded by John Maher
Debbie Pearson, Nominated by Conny Barry, Seconded by Joanne Green

There being no further nominations and as the Disciplinary Committee is made up of 3 Directors, John asked for a show of hands.

In Favour: 6

Against: 0

Carried

John declared that Joanne, Conny and Debbie will be the disciplinary committee for the ensuing year.

Debbie advised that she received an email from Debera Ebbett requesting that 2 year olds have the option of either a bridle or halter for Hunter In Hand, Led Hack, Suitability For Dressage.

Debera's request is noted and advise that HSAA rules state that after 1st January it is mandatory that 2 year olds be shown in a bit.

Amelia advised that she had received an email from Debera Ebbett requesting a change in points awarded at shows as per new AQHA rules.

Debera's request is noted and no further action will be taken at this time.

Sharon queried why the Youth paid the \$500 prizemoney for the Youth Versatility at the 2011 Nationals and requested that as this was not voted on at the November Meeting that the \$500 be refunded to the AAYA.

Motion: To reimburse the AAYA \$500 and that an amendment be shown in the National Show budget.

Moved: Sharon Coldwell

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: 3

Against: 3

As there is a tied vote, John, as President, HAS the casting vote – Against

Motion Defeated

23.1 Recreational Registry

Discussion held on implementing a new registry for horses that are obviously Appaloosa but no or very little information is known about them.

Joanne asked what the purpose of having such a registry was.

John felt that it would increase registration and membership income.

Discussion held on the proposal of a separate association run under the AAA umbrella as submitted by Ron Gordon at the November Meeting.

John suggested that it be given to the AABA for review and request their recommendations be presented at the next meeting.

Sharon raised concerns regarding the Colour Horse Association.

Joanne: To liase with Amelia Leeman regarding terms of reference.

Motion: Board of Directors agree to have some form of non stud book registry and to be commenced as soon as possible and to provide the AABA with terms of reference to prepare a report for the Board.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

In Favour: 6

Carried

23.6 Dates for Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting shall be held 21st to 23rd October 2011.

Sharon asked for Futurity Payments be agreed upon so forms and information can be advertised in the July/August Journal.

John called for any further General Business. As there is no further General Business John thanked everyone for coming and declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm.