

**Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd**  
**Abbreviated Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012**  
**Held at Toowong Villas 9 Ascog Tce Toowong QLD 4066**

**1. Introduction:** Meeting opened 8.44 am and all welcomed by JM

**2. Present:** John Maher, Kevin Peatey, Debbie Pearson, Amelia Leeman and Honorary Secretary Ron Gordon.

**3. Apologies:** Joanne Green

**4. Minutes of Meeting:** Minutes of meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were read and corrections to spelling error in 17.1.1 corrected.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May meetings with corrections be accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved by AL Seconded DP Carried by all**

**5. Business Arising:**

Section 6 Update of Outstanding Accounts and Financial Reports not yet completed.

PSSM (genetic disorder) article will be in next Journal.

JG to draft a letter to Tanya Hobbs and request a proposal for a twelve month period commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 for 4 issues at the same prices as the last contract.

No other business arising.

**6. Action Form:**

RG will maintain the Action Form in the future and will follow up with directors on a regular basis.

The office to respond to a Victorian member and request them to submit a proposal and an application for the formation of a new RAC in Victoria.

A letter to be drafted to a SA member advising them that they have all of the rights of membership but they should not show horses without the waiver being signed.

**7. Ratification of Motions:**

Amendments were required to the following motions:

Original Motion reads as – As from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 all scientific testing to determine parentage and / or the presence of genetic disorders must be carried out through the AAA Ltd Office.

Motion: Move that the date of the original motion be altered to the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.

**Moved by KP seconded by DP and carried by all**

That the original motion regarding changing the prices on the three panel test with DNA to \$170 that is still a saving to the member of \$15 and change the price on the five panel test with DNA to \$160 that is still a saving to the member of \$15.

Motion: That this motion be rescinded as the proposal has been withdrawn by the university and is no longer available.

**Moved by JM and seconded by DP and carried by all.**

Motion: That the revised motions made by email since the May 2012 meeting be ratified and carried by the Board.

**Moved by AL seconded by KP and carried by all.**

**The following are the emailed motions that needed ratification:**

**Motions to be ratified at the Board Meeting**

**Motion:** As AELEC has vacant dates from 17th to 24th March 2013, we change our Nationals to these new dates for 2013

**Moved:** John Maher **Seconded:** Joanne Gregory

**In Favour:** JM, JG, AL, DP, KP **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To accept the amendments drafted between the Board and AABA to the HERDA Rules for inclusion into the 2012 AAA Ltd Rule Book.

**Moved:** John Maher **Seconded:** Kevin Peatey

**In Favour:** JM, KP, DP, AL, JG **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** That the following statement be placed on the AAA Ltd Website and ask AABA to research these disorders and present their findings to the Board later in the year.

**Genetic Disorders**

Due to advances in genetic testing, a number of genetically inheritable disorders in horses, which have long existed, now have been given a name and DNA tests have been developed. For example:

- **Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy (PSSM)** – a non life threatening, treatable disorder in ALL breeds of horses.

- **Glycogen Branching Enzyme Deficiency (GBED)** – found in Quarter Horses and related breeds which are of King and Zantanon bloodlines.

- **Malignant Hyperthermia (MH)** – a treatable disorder found in Quarter Horses and related breeds with a prevalence of less than 1% of the population being affected.

The AAA Ltd does not require owners to test for any of these disorders.

We are offering a package from the Genetic Testing laboratory in Australia, which members may use to test for these disorders. Any horse tested can have results recorded in the AAA Ltd Studbook by sending the test results along with an appropriate declaration to the AAA Ltd Office.

The Board wishes to provide their members with as much information as possible to make informed decisions in their breeding practices.

Please research these disorders properly, and don't listen to misinformation which can be incorrect.

**Moved:** Amelia Leeman **Seconded:** Kevin Peatey

**In Favour:** AL, KP, JM, DP, JG **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To accept the suggested changes to the Rules on HERDA.

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

**In Favour:** JM, AL, DP, JG, KP **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** As from 1st August 2012, all scientific testing to determine parentage and/or the presence of genetic disorders must be carried out through the AAA Ltd Office.

**Moved:** Joanne Green **Seconder:** John Maher

**In Favour:** JG, JM, DP **Against:** AL, KP

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** We change the prices on the 3 panel test with DNA to \$170 that is still a saving to the member of \$15 and change the price on the 5 panel test with DNA to \$160 that is still a saving to the member of \$15

**Moved:** John Maher **Seconded:** Joanne Green

**In Favour:** JM, JG, DP, AL, KP **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried – Note that this has been rescinded.**

**Motion:** That the final rule book as attached be approved by the Board of Directors for publication.

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

**In Favour:** JG, DP, AL, KP, JM **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** As a result of an increase in the cost of printing services, it is proposed that the AAA Ltd increase the fee for Service Certificate Books and Point Recording Books to \$25.00.

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

**In Favour:** JG, AL, KP, DP, JM **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Recommended that the Notation "Note: or any other event as determined by the AAA Ltd Board from time to time" be included as part of rule 5.6

**Moved:** Joanne Green **Seconded:** Amelia Leeman **In Favour:** JG, AL, JM, KP, DP **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Recommended that the following events be added to the National Futurity Program 1. Suitability for Dressage 2 yrs & Under and 2. Suitability for Dressage 3 yrs & over.

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

**In Favour:** JG, AL, JM, KP, DP **Against:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To accept the 2013 National Show Program as presented.

**Moved:** Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** John Maher

**In Favour:** DP, JM, AL, **Against:** KP

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To accept the proposal put forward for the Youth Trip USA 2013.

**Moved:** Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Jo Green

**In Favour:** DP, JG, JM, KP **Against:**

**Motion Carried**

**8. Presidents Report.** JM read out his report.

**Motion:** That the report be accepted as presented to the Board.

**Moved by JM and seconded by DP – AL in favour KP against.** (KP disagreed about the wording in regard to if more members support APR more classes "will" be held at national.) KP felt that it should read "if members support APR more classes may be held at future Nationals".

**9. Treasurers Report.** Report on the AAA Ltd finances to the 31<sup>st</sup> October presented to Board. Yearly income forecast is for a positive result.

**Motion:** That the report as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October be accepted.

**Moved by JM and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

JM introduced some late agenda items late in the meeting and these items have been moved to here under the Treasury/Finance area.

The late items referred to outstanding debts by members and others. The amounts discussed are to be pursued and where possible affirmative action taken to recover the amounts.

## **10. Office.**

### **10.1 Office Items**

#### **10.1.1 Form for Registration of Approved Outcross Stallion.**

Motion: That the Board agrees with the concept and that more research is required in regard to the fee, the inclusion of mares, use of service books and effects. This item is to be discussed again at the next board meeting in May 2013.

**Moved by DP seconded by AL and carried by all**

#### **10.1.2 International Registration.**

KP will supply JG with copies of the e-mails that he has to date.

Motion: From the information supplied from KP that JG draft a proposal to the APHC about registration on the IRIP (International Registration Incentive Program) and APHC registration.

**Moved: KP Seconded JM Carried by all.**

#### **10.1.3 A & ASP Registered Horses.**

Kiara will advise the owner that the horse does not meet the requirements of the rulebook and is not eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. The rule referred to a 1994 Board Meeting special registration ruling does not appear in the current rulebook.

#### **10.2.1 2012-2013 Rules – Review for End of Year Nationals and State Awards.**

DP will review the proposal with Kiara and put in place immediately with the few small changes as discussed for this show season.

#### **Additional agenda item under Office: Prefix issues.**

The use of prefixes was discussed and it appears that registered prefixes are being used without the consent of the owner of the prefix. Kiara and JG will re-write the rule on prefix usage and put a proposal to the Board for the next meeting. The proposal should stress that no common usage words should be registered, not to use registered prefixes anywhere in the horse's name (front middle end etc.). This ruling is not retrospective and JM will advise Kiara not to process any more registrations for those who do not comply.

Motion: That the forms Notification of Colt to Gelding and Request for Genetic Testing Kit as proposed by the office be accepted and placed on the website.

**Moved by JM seconded by DP and carried by all**

JM to retrieve the email notification in regard to colour testing that have been missed for ratification by the Board.

Motion: That coat colour screening tests can be performed through the AAA office at a fee of \$55 effective immediately.

**Moved by JM seconded DP – AL in favour and KP against.**

**Additional agenda item under Office: Request from GDWPC for sponsorship.**

Motion: that the application for sponsorship from the GDWPC not to be accepted due to the timing of the show clashing with the AAA Ltd National Show and that the Associations available funds have been allocated to the National Show for the period.

**Moved DP seconded JM and carried by all.**

General discussion held on the Hendra Vaccination Rollout was held.

Items 10.3 and 10.4 moved to 15.4 and 15.5 under Studbook.

Motion: that the Office Report be accepted with amendments.

**Moved DP seconded AL and carried by all.**

**11.1 Magazine Report:** JG to draft a letter to Tanya Hobbs and request a proposal for a twelve month period commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 for 4 issues at the same prices as the last contract.

Motion: That the magazine report be accepted.

**Moved by DP seconded by AL and carried by all**

**12 Promotions/International:** Discussions were held over the number of stallion straws remaining. It was suggestion that discussions be held over the next few months to toss around a few ideas on how to move the remaining straws.

**Merchandising:** KP presented samples of merchandising items. The caps are available in different colours and the selling price will \$16.50.

KP will forward the link of the supplier to all directors to look at merchandise.

KP will investigate more stickers and slogans and also chairs. Also investigate other options such as iron-on images for tee shirts.

Order forms are now available for the office and the caps should be ordered ASAP.

JM made the point not to stock high volumes of the jackets due to slow moving stocks and the cost.

Motion: That the Promotions /International Report be accepted.

**Moved by KP and seconded by AL and carried by all**

### **13. National Show Report:**

13.1 DP spoke about entry codes into AELEC grounds and the self allocation of stables. There will be no self allocation at the Nationals.

Stable and camping costs have increased by one dollar and this will have to be passed on to members. Most other aspects have not changed. DP reported that two of her helpers have pulled out and that she was working on replacements.

Motion: That the National Show Report as submitted be accepted.

**Moved DP and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

### **14. Website/Online Studbook:**

JM reported that the system is much easier and user friendly. There is now a forum on the webpage capable of doing among other things polls. Members only can sign in and this will provide much more accurate polls on issues. The system has been tested and is ready to go. There will be a sign in page where members will agree to the rules of usage. Members will be requested not to copy or cut and paste from the site. A suggestion box is also provided. The directors will be the moderators.

There will be no change of user name once registered. User name can only be an identifiable established name and the user name may only be changed by a moderator.

In regard to other rules for the site directors have been requested to investigate what other rules should be introduced and to notify JM. These will be uploaded when the rules are developed.

An information page is required for the website for information on such issues as HERDA. It needs to have the Boards position on such issues or members to be able to access the

information, the information is currently on the news page but it is felt that it should be on a separate page – maybe a link is the answer.

Need to review links page on website to see who has not paid and remove those links that remain unpaid.

In regard to the For Sale and Stallion Page we can request that these be done as soon as possible.

Motion: That the report as presented be accepted.

**Moved by JM and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

## **15. Studbook/AABA:**

### **15.1 Discussions took place regarding a horse requiring upgrading.**

Motion: It was moved that the Board of Directors are not prepared to investigate this horse for upgrade to stallion status as the applicant is not a financial member of the AAA Ltd.

**Mover by JM and seconded by KP and carried by all.**

A letter received from a non-financial member to assess their horse. The Board will not assess this horse until the person is a financial member. JG and Kiara will send a registered letter stating this.

Meeting closed at 7:30PM

Meeting re-convened at 9:14 am Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**15.2 AABA Report:** Margaret O'Brien (MO) was welcomed to the meeting for a report on the activities of the AABA. MO tabled the report. Briefly the report referred to a stallion service raffle that made a profit of just under \$5000.

MO spoke of the support that the group has given to the AAA Ltd.

It would appear that the AABA membership fees are not being transferred to the ABBA bank account.

DP stated that she would like to see the AABA group run for a year and settle down within its role. To this end, and similar to the AO and Youth Associations, a program should be mapped out at the AGM for the forthcoming year and the group then follow that plan.

Discussions were held in regard to prize money. The general feeling from the board was for a guaranteed \$1000 for the class was preferred.



Discussions were held about the use of a US judge and the two judge system. The general feeling was that the \$3,500 cost for a US judge would be better in the hands of competitors rather than a US judge.

Many factors were considered as to why the numbers in the futurity were down.

Discussions were held on the issue that competitors like to hear the names of the sire and dam of winners and place getters at the Nationals. Supply of rosettes and rugs were discussed and arrangements are being followed up for the supply of rugs for the Nationals.

MO advised that the AABA will put \$350 sponsorship towards the judge's costs. MO also would like a link to the AABA site on the AAA site and an auction page on the AABA site. Scrolling banner ready for the AABA site.

MO mentioned that AABA should be able to supply statistical data from the futurity a month or so after the show so this should be ready for the May board meeting. JM will follow up on an article on how the Futurity operates for inclusion in the Appaloosa Journal.

Debate was held about APR horse registry and that some members of AABA think that we have put the cart before the horse. The AAA position was put as to the reasons why the events are on at the Nationals before holding them at RAC shows. AL will contact clubs for a sponsorship of APR events at their Shows.

**15.3 AABA Rules:** The rules for the running of the group were discussed at their AGM but the rules now on the website are nothing like what was discussed. The rules were modified and brought into line with the AO and Youth Objectives and the Strategic Plan of the AAA. It is understood that these were objectives only and not special resolutions affecting constitutional issues and therefore could be changed by the AAA.

Motion: Moved that the report as submitted be accepted.

**Moved AL and seconded by DP and passed by all.**

Margaret O'Brien was thanked for her report and participation at the meeting.

**15.4 Non-Studbook Registry** (moved from 10.3) Discussions took place on the proposed non studbook registry. Names were discussed and directors were to give some thought to an appropriate name and some were:

Coloured Horse Program

Coloured Horse Registry

## Coloured Horse Club

The decision on a name was not decided as these were drafted after the discussion and should now be up for consideration. There were some concerns in the naming of this as a registry.

In regard to the concept the Board (JM) will put forward a concept paper out to the membership to gain member input and ideas. This concept paper is to be placed on the website forum.

**15.5 APR Program** (moved from Item 10.4 of the agenda). Discussions were held in regard to adding another level (APR3). The idea is basically 5/8ths and 3 outcrosses in a 4 generation pedigree. It was suggested that the AABA have a review of the idea and report back to the Board.

### **16. Amateur Association Report:**

The Amateur Association is progressing along well with no major issues of concern. The belt buckles have been ordered and the amateur points are not on the AAA website. (Also refer to the discussion under item 14).

Motion: Moved that the report as presented be accepted.

**Moved by DP and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

### **17. Youth Report.**

**17.1 Youth Report.** DP spoke about the enthusiasm being shown by youth and that once again the Youth Association is progressing well with no major issues of concern.

**17.2 AAYA World Show Trip Report.** DP spoke of the excitement being exhibited by the youth about the upcoming youth trip. All teams are in fundraising mode and one team has already raised \$8000. Discussions are progressing well with Mark Shaffer in the US.

A team camp has been organized in WA for the weekend beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Timelines have been drawn up for when monies are to be banked for the purpose of purchasing airline tickets etc. Debbie Holden (team manager) is searching for larger funding sources to donate funds or uniforms and travel bags. Rosettes have been ordered for sponsors who donate over \$250.

A facebook page has been set up for the team only. This is for good news stories and to thank sponsors.

Full details for the Youth team are in Debbie Holden's report that was distributed at the meeting.

Motion: Moved that the report as presented be accepted.

**Moved by DP and seconded by JM and carried by all.**

### **17.3 Youth National Show Requests**

#### **17.3.1 Walk/jog Pattern Class request:**

#### **17.3.2 Youth Class request:**

Motion: As a result of requests from two youth letters it is proposed to include in the 2013 National Show two non-point scoring classes - Open Barrel, Open Keyhole and one point scoring class Youth 13 and Under Walk and Trot English Equitation.

**Moved AL and seconded by KP and carried by all.**

### **18. Regional Clubs.**

#### **18.1 Regional Clubs Report**

The NRAC has officially closed leaving ARAC the sole club in SA. Tasmanian club in abeyance and they would like to run a state show – advised that this can occur provided all fees and the election of a committee is completed – have not heard back as yet.

AL is to contact clubs in regard to compliance with AGM and payment of fees.

**18.2 PRAC.** PRAC wish to change their name to WA Appaloosa Club/Association – AL to have discussions with club committee on her visit to WA on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and will also discuss the issue of two unanswered letters. JM will forward the letters to AL during this meeting and AL will discuss with the committee in WA. In regard to the issue of changing the club address the club can do this after its AGM when it submits the Annual AGM Return to the government body.

**18.3 Update on new VIC Club:** No response has been received back from the proposer so it was decided to let the issue rest for the moment.

Motion: Moved that the RAC Report as presented be accepted.

**Moved by AL and Seconded by DP and carried by all.**

**19. Hall of Fame.** As JG is absent from the meeting the item was held over.

**20. General Business:**

**20.1 Next Board Meeting:** This will be after the National in May 2013. The question of where the meeting will be held will depend upon the location of the new board members. Best to wait and see the composition of the new board in the New Year before a decision is made.

Other Business:

**20.2 US Judge.** DP to contact Kiara to contact the US Judge who may be in Australia at the time. Keep contact with MO re the second judge.

**20.3 Palouse Ponies** – Some disillusioned members of the PPA who believe that the Palouse pony has been compromised by the miniature horse. A proposal was requested but nothing more has been heard.

**20.4 Texas Pleasure.** JM tabled details about an event known as California Ranch Style Pleasure or Texas Pleasure that has been recently trialed in America with some success. This could be an event for the new coloured horse program or even for the beginner classes at RAC shows. As this is an individual work out event and consequently quite time consuming it was decided to watch the development of the event over time.

**20.5 Marketing:** As the Association does not have a great deal of marketing expertise or contacts in the marketing field approaches will be made to a local contact with a view of putting a plan together and implement it over time.

**20.6 Directors expenses:** Most directors do not claim any expenses except air fares and accommodation. The option is available for directors to claim expenses and the reimbursements are as follows:

\$15 per meal

Telephone calls at cost

Taxi fares at cost

Vehicle costs – 40cents per kilometre

Parking charges at cost

Other reasonable expenses at cost as approved by the two executive members

These are in effect immediately and Kiara to be advised.

Motion: That the above re-imburement be effective as of this meeting if a director so wishes to claim.

**Moved JM and seconded by AL and carried by all.**

**20.7 Car Raffle** – a good concept but the AAA looking at something smaller this time around due the risk of not selling all of the tickets.

**20.8 Raffle.** A stallion service has been offered and DP investigate if the owner would be OK with a silent auction rather than a raffle and then if agreed to then place the detail on the forum page.

**20.9 Versatile horse:** Discussion about the appaloosa being a versatile horse or a specialist horse. Specialisation has occurred and between now and the next meeting directors need to give this some thought. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

**20.10 Discipline Committee:** currently no committee – should be three board members appointed with the senior member in the chair. JM would like to see one director on the committee and two others taken from a list of members. This would require a rule book change. Refer to the next board meeting for discussion.

Meeting closed at 12.40 PM Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012.