

**Australian Appaloosa Association
Board of Directors Meeting held 24th & 25th July 2010
Coogee Sands Hotel, Sydney**

Meeting Commenced at 8.45am on Saturday 24th July 2010.

1. Present

Conny Barry, Sharon Coldwell, Ron Gordon, Kiara Le Cerf, Amelia Leeman, Marsha Lewis, Debbie Pearson and Sandy Tucker.

2. Apologies

None

3. President's Report

Conny opened the meeting and welcomed Sharon Coldwell and Ron Gordon back to the Board.

Conny presented her President's Report.

6. Minutes from Previous Board Meeting

Sharon asked if we can still review the Price List as the Membership Forms have already been posted out to Members. Conny advised that the Membership Forms were sent out with the preliminary notice for the Extraordinary General Meeting to save the cost of sending the Membership Forms out separately, the Board can still review the Fees for the coming 2010/2011 Season.

Sharon queried refunds of National Show Entries but no refund of Stables? Stables are booked prior to the Show and AAA Ltd is charged for these stables.

Marsha queried 7.1 Breeding and Registry Services, Conny advised that Marcus Sweeney was to provide the Stud Book on CD, but as yet we have not received anything.

Discussion held on what is required to make a CD version of the Stud Book complete.

Debbie advised that one of our members has offered to help out in getting the information on older horses put onto our computer system to get the CD Stud Book complete.

Ron asked if there should be a cut off date for older horse to be included onto the CD Stud Book? Yes but there are a lot of these older horses that would then be missing from pedigrees.

Sharon advised of what Marcus Sweeney had suggested for the CD Stud Book.

Marsha suggested that we put the idea on hold until such time as we know exactly what is required to ensure that the information is correct.

Conny made the suggestion at the last Board Meeting, of a Non Members fee for late paperwork. The Board discussed the possibility of an Amnesty on late fees to encourage those that have paperwork that is outside the due date to lodge at the minimum fee.

Sharon suggested an Approved Breeders List, which can be placed on the website, for anyone wishing to purchase a horse from a AAA Breeder, and also an information page – How to Register an Appaloosa.

Office: To place an information page for Registration on the Website.

Further discussion to be held on fees for the 2010/2011 season during the Treasurer's Report.

Moved: Marsha Lewis

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

That the Minutes of the previous Meeting be accepted.

All in Favour - **Carried**

4. Treasurer's Report

Ron presented his Treasurer's Report. Spoke about what position the Association is in at the moment and how we can move forward to make the AAA viable for the future.

Sharon spoke regarding a review system for Clubs to ensure they are viable and following their role in the AAA. Sharon presented a Club Administration Manual from the NSW Rugby League and suggested a similar handbook for Regional Clubs which would entail outlining what is expected of the Club, what each executive committee member's role within the Club is, etc.

Sandy Tucker: To investigate.

6.1 Fees & Charges for 2010/2011

Discussion held on the Fees for the new season.

The following Schedule of Fees shall become effective as at 1st August 2010.

<u>Registration - Filly/Mare/Colt/Gelding</u>	
0 to 12 months (inc DNA Typing)	\$140.00
13 Months & Over (inc DNA Typing)	\$240.00
<u>Registration - Stallion</u>	
Upgrade to Breeding Stallion (inc Service Book)	\$300.00
<u>Other</u>	
DNA Typing fee per horse	\$80.00
Buffy Coat Activation	\$33.00
Change of Registration Category	\$20.00
Mare Return (Non Appaloosa Stallion)	\$20.00
Stallion Return	\$15.00
Late fee on Stallion/Mare Returns, per mare per month	\$25.00 (Max. Charge \$175)
Duplicate copy of Registration	\$30.00
Reservation of Name (Max. 2 Years)	\$25.00
Transfer of Ownership (Financial Member)	\$50.00

Transfer of Ownership (Non Financial Member)	\$95.00
Lease Lodgement	\$50.00
Prefix Record	\$100.00
Pedigree Record (subject to availability)	\$45.00
Amateur Membership	\$35.00
Club Affiliation (includes Insurance of \$450)	\$750.00
High Point Nomination fee (per category)	\$10.00
Point Recording Book	\$20.00
Service Certificate Book	\$22.00
Immediate Action Notice Fee (For all incorrect paperwork)	\$15.00
<u>Show Approval</u>	
State Shows	\$100.00
All Other Shows	\$20.00
Insurance Levy (from State & National Shows)	\$15.00
<u>Membership</u>	
Full Membership (inc Magazine)	\$170.00
Couple Membership (inc Magazine)	\$235.00
Constituent Membership (inc Magazine)	\$170.00
Youth Membership (Youth any Age) (inc Magazine)	\$116.00
Lead Line Youth Membership (2-10 years) (ex magazine)	\$20.00
Life Membership (ex Magazine)	\$1500.00
Magazine Subscription	\$70.00

Credit Card fee to increase from 1.95% to 3%.

4.2 Strategic Planning

Discussion held on strategic planning and how it should work. Ron presented draft a strategic plan as an example. Discussion was also held on the Directors Portfolios and if they should be revamped. A "Non Traditional" Portfolio was one of many suggestions made.

Ron: To prepare a draft and outline of a Strategic Plan and forward to all Directors for their two (2) most important issues or objectives that they wish to overcome in their portfolios.

4.3 Insurance

Discussion held on the Insurance policies the AAA currently holds. The AAA currently holds four (4) policies and they are Public Liability Insurance, Volunteer Workers Insurance, Directors Indemnity Insurance and Office Insurance.

4.4 Tenders for Auditor

Quotes were to obtain after the Annual General Meeting, but unfortunately this had not been done.

Office: To obtain three (3) quotes, including Warburton's Chartered Accountants, our current accountants, and forward on to the Board for consideration.

6.2 Hall of Fame

Ron explained the Strategic Plan that he has in place for the Hall of Fame and the proposals that are to be put forward for the Board to consider for implementation. These include the addition of a 2 tiered Honour Roll. The Board of Directors discussed the proposal and criteria as read out by Ron.

Break for Lunch at 1.30pm
Returned 2.20pm

6.3 International Exchange Programs

Discussion held on the current rules as set out by the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) and how these rules will affect AAA participants. Sharon advised the Board that she had had the opportunity to speak with the President of the British Appaloosa Society and the Board discussed the possibilities of having a similar program with other countries, such as England, and the possibility of implementing this kind of program for the 40th National Show.

Office: To reply to the ApHC thank them for the information supplied regarding their International Program and after discussion at our recent Board Meeting it was decided to explore all available opportunities.

6.4 National Appaloosa Journal

Sharon advised the meeting that the current contract with Tania Hobbs will be due for renewal prior to the next Board Meeting. The Board reviewed the current contract discussed amendments that need to be made prior to the signing of the new contract.

Sharon has held discussions with Tania regarding the cost of the Journal and Tania has been able to secure the printer for the next 12 months at a set printing rate. Sharon also advised that the contract previously listed the print run as 700 and after further investigation, the print run has now been reduced to 650.

Discussion held on the current Advertising fees and the Board agree to amend 8.8 of the Journal Contract to read – At the discretion of the AAA Ltd, advertising rates can be varied.

Discussion held on the possibility of the Journal and the Website working together for advertisers. The Board agreed to bring this back to the Next Board Meeting for further discussion.

Ron queries the ½ share of advertising fees to Tania and how does the Advertising work?

The Meeting was advised of the current procedure for Advertisers being invoiced, which unfortunately isn't working. After further discussion it was decided that as from the September/October Journal the procedure for advertising shall be – Once an ad is placed with the publisher, a booking form is to be completed and forwarded to the AAA Office. Once the AAA Office receives this, an invoice will be generated and sent to the Advertiser by email and/or Post. If the invoice is not paid by 1 week prior to the Printing of the Journal, the Advert shall be removed.

All Directors Agreed.

The closing date for each Journal shall be the 1st of the month in between, i.e. Deadline for Sept/Oct Journal will be 1st August.

All minutes from Board Meetings are to be placed on the website only with notation to be put in the Office News advising as such. The Approved Show Listing will also be placed on the Website only.

7.1 Resolution to the Extraordinary General Meeting

Ron and Conny briefly ran through the resolution that has been lodged for the upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting along with the letter of explanation.

It is noted that all EGM material, i.e. Notice of EGM, Proxy Form and Resolutions were sent from the Office on Wednesday 21st July 2010.

Sharon asked why is an election candidates' bio restricted to 300 words and can they be longer and could they be placed on the website as well?

The Board agreed that their Bio's can be longer than 300 words and shall be posted on the website.

Conny advised that she has been in contact with a solicitor in Newtown, who is available to attend the meeting.

Ron explained the differences between a Public Company and a Proprietary Company.

12.1 2010 National Show Refunds

A letter had been received from Lisa Everett, with a Veterinarian Certificate, requesting a refund of her National Show Entries. The Board reviewed Lisa's request and due to the request not being received as per the published show rules, Lisa's request has been denied.

Office: Reply to be sent to Lisa advising of the Board's decision.

A letter had been received from Sonya Vaughan, with a Veterinarian Certificate, requesting a refund of her National Show Entries. The Board reviewed Sonya's request and as it had been received as per the published show rules, Sonya's request has been granted.

Office: Reply to be sent to Sonya advising of the Board's decision.

At the request of the Board, all future requests for refunds must include a copy of the competitors show entries.

12.2 End of Year High Point Awards

Discussion held on the current End of Year High Point Awards. The Board agreed that the awards for the 2010/2011 Show Season will be:

National Awards

Filly 2yrs & under

Mare 3yrs & over

Colt 2yrs & under
Stallion 3yrs & over
Junior Gelding 2yrs & under
Senior Gelding 3yrs & over
Overall High Point Halter Horse
Yearling Versatility
2yo Performance Horse
3yo Performance Horse
Junior Performance Horse
Senior Performance Horse

English Performance Horse
Overall High Point Performance Horse
Amateur Halter Horse
Limited Amateur
Amateur Junior Horse 5yrs & under
Amateur Senior Horse 6yrs & over
Amateur Masters
Youth 13yrs & under – Walk/Jog
Youth 13yrs & under
Youth 14 to 18yrs

The following awards will also be included for the 2010/2011 season and will be scored on:

- Traditional English Horse - Dressage, Led Hack, Show Jumping, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter and Eventing.
- Games/Novelties Horse – Barrel, Keyhole, Stakes Race, Stump Race, any Pony Club novelties as sanctioned by the Pony Club Australia Rule Book.
- Working Cattle Horse – Working Cow Horse, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Cutting, Campdraft, Steer Daubing, Station Cutting & Steer Roping.
- Trail Horse – ATHRA sanctioned Trail Rides only.
- Endurance Horse – Equestrian Australia sanctioned Endurance Rides only.

Qualifying for National Awards will be 20 points for NSW/ACT, VIC, SA & QLD Only and 15 points for TAS, NT & WA only.

State Awards

State Awards will be awarded for the following categories in NSW/ACT, VIC, QLD/NT, SA, TAS, WA

Halter Horse
Performance Horse
Amateur Performance
Youth 13yrs & under – Walk/Jog
Youth 13yrs & under
Youth 14 to 18yrs

Qualifying for State Awards will be 15 points for NSW/ACT, VIC, SA & QLD Only and 10 points for TAS, NT & WA only.

Youth competing in Youth 13yrs & under may nominate for both categories, but may only claim points from 1 category per show.

Yearling Versatility will be scored on Hunter In Hand, Led Trail, Lungeline, Led Hack, Suitability For Dressage and Halter (Yearling Only)

12.2.2 Fees

To be eligible for End of Year High Point Awards, each competitor must pay a \$10 per rider, per horse, per category fee.

Office: To reply to Anne Brooksbank and advise of the new fee system and how it will work.

12.2.3 Trophies

The Board reviewed the trophies available from Cowboy Bronze for the End of Year High Point Awards and it was decided that National Trophies will be PLSH1 (8x10) and the State Trophies will be sourced from Australia.

The Board also decided that all High Point Categories will be available to be sponsored at \$200.00 per award.

Office: To place an article in the next available magazine explaining the changes to the High Point Categories and Fees. Also source a High Resolution Photo of the Awards for the magazine. To confirm with Cowboy Bronze that the number of Trophies required will be available. Sponsors to be added to the Website.

Sharon: To place an article in the magazine regarding sponsorship.

8.4 National Show High Point Trophies

The Board agreed that the same Trophy Horses from Cowboy Bronze will be given as the National Show High Point Trophies at the 2011 National Show.

Office: To place an order with Cowboy Bronze for these Trophies.

12.2.4 Letter Received from Anne Brooksbank

The Board discussed the letter as tabled from Anne.

Office: To reply thanking Anne for her letter and apologies and advise that the issue has been addressed and that the Presentation of the Awards from the 2009/2010 Season will take place at the 2011 National Show at an appropriate venue and time.

Conny asked if the winners of the 2008/2009 End of Year High Point Awards had received any other recognition.

Sharon advised that they were published in the magazine and also on the website.

12.3 Recognition Awards for Amateur and Youth

The Board discussed and agreed that Amateurs and Youth are to have Recognition Awards re-introduced at 25 points the same as horses.

Amend Rule 7.3 (pg55) – remove **(Horses Only) Twenty Five (25) Points at Halter.**

Sandy asked why the Certificate of Appreciation sent to National Show Sponsors is all they receive?

Discussion held on what else can be done for the Sponsors at the National Show.

Promotional

Australian Halter Showcase - Has sent a request for Sponsorship at their 2011 Show. The Board discussed what the AAA can offer this year. Suggested Pearl Sponsor (\$100), plus gifts for a Leadline Class (sponsored by AAYA) and \$50 plus a National Show Cap to the highest placed Appaloosa in each feature event – 14 Feature events in total.

Sandy: To investigate further and advise the Board.

Equitana – Conny explained the Breeders Village that is available at this year's Equitana, which includes a stable for 1 horse to be on display at a fee of \$1155 (inc GST)

All Agreed

NPHA – The Board agreed to give \$50 to the Highest Placed Appaloosa in each of the Feature Events on offer at the 2011 show.

Brochure – Marsha presented the draft brochure that Marcus Sweeney had started and also a draft brochure that Sharon had put together. The board reviewed both options.

Marsha was asked to collate a brochure to be ready for Equitana.

Sharon advised that she had received quotes from Tania Hobbs for the Printing of 1500 Brochures.

Sharon: To obtain a quote for printing 2000 brochures from Tania and advise the Board.

12.4.2 Letter from Kerry Andrews to hold a North QLD/NT State Show

The Board discussed the option of another State Show for QLD/NT and agreed that it would be appropriate to allow a second State Show in North QLD as NT does not have a State Show. Alternative dates would have to be sought as the dates given will clash with the National Show. The Show will also receive the \$350.00 given to Clubs as sponsorship from the Association.

Office: Send a letter to Kerry Andrews advising that the Board accept the idea of a North QLD/NT State Show. Final approval of the Show will be given once they meet all requirements for holding a State Show.

12.4.5 Letter from SEQAC re 2011 QLD State Show

A letter was received from SEQAC requesting an exemption from the 90 day time line as set out in the AAA Rule Book.

The Board discussed the exemption and agreed that the Rules as set out in the AAA Rule Book shall stand and that SEQAC will be eligible to apply for the 2011 QLD State Show once the 90 day time line has passed.

Office: To reply to SEQAC and advise of the Board's Decision.

12.4.6 Email from ARAC re 2011 SA State Show

An email was received from ARAC requesting permission to hold the 2011 SA State Show.

The Board discussed and agreed that ARAC had not waited the required 90 days and had not submitted the appropriate documentation to apply for a State Show.

Office: To reply to ARAC and advise that they must wait the 90 days as stated in the AAA Rule Book and that the Show Approval Form, Program, Judge's Name must be submitted as appropriate documentation when applying for a State Show.

12.4.3 Victorian Appaloosa Sport Horse Club

Discussion held regarding an email which was sent to VASHC and how the situation was handled. The Board agreed that we should initiate contact with the Club and advise that our new Board would like to offer them affiliation with the AAA as an Affiliated Club. We also require information about the type of insurance that they have.

Office: To send a letter to VASHC.

12.4.4 Director attending PRAC Annual General Meeting

Sandy advised that Sharon and herself would be attending the PRAC AGM in September. The Board agreed that the AAA will cover the cost of the flight of 1 Director to attend.

12.6.1 Letter of Acceptance of ApHC Stallions

Conny read the letters for both Stallions, Mr Cool Hand Luke and Dynamic Kid To A Te and signed the letters on behalf of the Board of Directors as being accepted into the AAA Ltd Stud Book.

12.6.3 Reinstatement of Membership for Vince McAuliffe

The Board discussed the resignation of Vince McAuliffe, who is a long time member of the AAA and agreed to offer Vince's Honorary Life Membership back to him.

Office: To send a letter to Vince advising of the Board's decision.

12.6.2 Review de-registration of Cayuse Pep Talk and Progeny

Sharon spoke on the original decision and why it was made. Sharon was the only remaining Director from the Board at the time.

Marsha asked if the Official Protest procedure was followed?

Sharon advised that if a Director brings something like this to a Board Meeting, it doesn't come under the Official Protest procedure.

Conny went through the pedigree, as supplied, of Cayuse Pep Talk.

Lengthy discussion held on the Rules of the AAA and the Pedigree.

Break for Tea at 9.30pm
Returned at 10.40pm

Discussion continued on Cayuse Pep Talk and Progeny.

Motion

To reinstate the Registration of Cayuse Pep Talk and all progeny into the AAA Ltd Registry on the grounds that Rule 3.5 and Rule 3.13, note iii are not clear in their definitions.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Marsha Lewis

All in Favour - **Carried**

The Board agreed that Rule 3.5 needs to be reviewed for clarity.

Meeting closed at 11.45pm

Meeting re-opened at 8.45am on Sunday 25th July.

Sharon asked could the Registration notations, as per Rule 3.5, be changed?

Discussion held on the current rules for Approved Outcross Breeds.

Further discussion shall be held during 11 - Rule Book

8.1 Nationals Venue

Sandy presented information on Tatura Park. Discussion held on Tatura Park v AELEC.

The Board agreed to have a decision prior to EGM. The 40th Anniversary Nationals to be discussed after the EGM.

Office: To send a copy of the 2010 figures to Ron

8.3 Program

Debbie presented 3 options of programs. Discussion held on the number of days and the programs.

Sharon requested for 2 programs, 1 for Tatura Park and 1 for AELEC.

The Board agreed to hold the decision until after the venue decision is made.

8.6 Futurities

Debbie presented information on the Futurities and ideas on how they can be revamped.

The Board were asked to review the information as tabled by Debbie and give appraisals via email.

8.3.2.1 Suitability For Dressage Pattern

The Board agreed that for Suitability For Dressage, it shall be left up to the judge's discretion to use the pattern available or to set their own workout.

8.3.2.2 Head Gear for Unbroken Horses.

The Board advised that horses shown in Suitability For Dressage must have appropriate head gear as per the HSAA Rules.

9.1 Purchase Request Applications

The board reviewed the application as tabled and agreed that it be implemented immediately.

9.2 Fund Raising Deposit Form

The board reviewed the deposit form as tabled and agreed that it be implemented immediately.

9.3 Clinics with US Trainer

Marsha presented information on Gail Mitchell, a clinician that she has been able to secure for January 2011. A clinic in each state was envisaged depending on the option being picked up by a coordinator in each state.

Conny asked would the clinics be open to all breeds with preference being given to AAA members. The clinics shall be run in each state in lieu of the International Exchange Program.

Discussion held on what the funds raised from these clinics will be used for.

Sharon advised what programs are available for youth.

Dates of the Clinic are yet to be confirmed. Dates will be lodged as the States take up the Clinic Option.

Break for Morning Tea at 10.50am
Returned at 11.10am

Discussion continued on clinics.

Marsha: To contact state Amateur delegates, venues, dates, etc and advise Board.

9.4.1 Amateur Association

Debbie presented the report from the Amateur Secretary.

Amateur Pro Rata – Decision was made at the AAAA AGM to supply 3 Rugs to each State Show. Figures show that this will put the AAAA over budget for the year. The Amateurs are requesting the Board to override the decision and change it to 3 Rugs for the larger State Shows and a smaller number of rugs are given to the smaller State Shows.

The Board agreed that the Amateur Association be allowed to change the decision made at the AGM to that as has been suggested.

Access to the AAA Website – Amateur Page and the email address for the Amateurs - Further investigation to be done on limited access for the AAAA to the AAA Website.

Masters Rules – To be discussed during item 11 - Rule Book

9.5 Youth Association

Sharon presented the report from the Youth Association on what has happened in the last 12 months and what they are planning for the coming year.

Debbie queried the Buckle for the Youth President. Sharon advised that it was passed by the previous executive committee. The suggestion was made that the President should serve 2 consecutive terms as Youth President before receiving the President's Buckle. All Agreed.

Debbie queried the Versatility Award and Award of Excellence Buckles. Sharon advised this was also passed by the previous executive committee Board Meeting.

Discussion held on Youth Awards and Prizes.

Sharon requested that Youth Walk/Jog competitors be allowed to use dummy spurs if needed.

Office: To send a letter to HSAA requesting that the rule be amended to allow the use of Dummy Spurs in Youth Walk/Jog events.

Sharon requested that parents of Youth competing in Walk/Jog events be made aware of the current HSAA Rule regarding the use of 1 or 2 hands for rein control regardless of head gear on the horse and also that the Gate be made optional in Youth Walk/Jog Trail events.

Conny advised that under HSAA Rules, a youth competing in Walk/Jog events has the option of using 1 or 2 hands regardless of head gear on the horse.

Office: To send a letter to all Regional Clubs advising of this rule.

At the 2011 National Show

- The AAYA have secured Rugs for National Show Runner-Up High Point Awards.
- The AAYA will sponsor the Trophy for the Youth Feature/Versatility Event.
- Gifts for the Youth attending the Nationals have been donated.

Major Fundraising for the coming year is the Stallion Tender as advertising in the Magazine.

Minor Fundraising will be the sale of AAYA Merchandise.

Marsha asked what is the deal with the Stallion Tender, who is the contract made with. Sharon advised that once the service is purchased through the AAYA, all dealings are done with the Stallion Owner.

Sharon discussed the letter which is sent out to all new Youth Members who join the AAA.

9.6 Breeders Group

Amelia presented a proposal for the formation of the Australian Appaloosa Breeders Association on behalf of the Breeders Group Sub Committee and if the Board would give approval to form such Sub Committee.

Sharon advised that requests had been made in the past to form a Sub Committee.

The Board agreed to the formation of a Sub Committee.

Ron advised that he had discussed this with Margaret O'Brien.

Office: To send a letter to Margaret O'Brien advising that the Board agreed to the formation of a Sub Committee and a Caretaker until the AGM is held.

Motion

That an Interim Breeders Group be appointed and led by Margaret O'Brien and supported by John Maher and Brian Orton. Such group shall hold office until the next AAA Ltd AGM.

Moved: Ron Gordon

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

All in Favour - **Carried**

Amelia read a report from Margaret O'Brien, which came from a meeting held at the QLD State Show.

10.1 Excessive White

Discussion held on the current rules for Excessive White.

Sharon suggested that the notation be - if an AQHA/PHAA dual registered horse shall be eligible for use in an Appaloosa Breeding Program if they have tested OLWS Negative.

This will not cover any other breed that is an accepted outcross dual registered with PHAA.

Discussion held on the best wording to cover all horses.

Rule 3.13 Note (iii) to be removed and replaced with the following new paragraph:

It is the Appaloosa Breeders responsibility to ensure that any horse showing Excessive White markings, as defined in Rule 205 of the ApHC Rule Book, has been scientifically tested for Overo Lethal White Syndrome (OLWS) and has returned a Negative Result. Any horse that has returned a Positive Result is not eligible for use in an Appaloosa Breeding program.

Motion:

To accept the above Rule Change and amend the AAA Ltd Rule Book accordingly.

Moved: Conny Barry

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

All in favour – **Carried**

Note: After discussions with concerned members, the Board will discuss this issue further and hold off making a final decision until the November 2010 Board Meeting.

10.2 Email Received from Ev Lagoon

A copy of the email from Ev has been distributed to all Board Members and has been noted.

Office: To reply thanking Ev for her email and advise that her email as tabled and discussed.

4 Treasurers Report

Ron presented his Treasurer's Report to the meeting.

Motion:

To accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

Moved: Ron Gordon

Seconded: Sharon Coldwell

All in favour - **Carried**

Amelia raised the issue of the Australian Warmblood Horse Association. The Board agreed that this is an issue that needs to be sent to the Breeders Group and for them to report back to the Board with their recommendations.

Amelia: To reply to Ben O'Sullivan and advise.

11.2 Rule Amendments

Sharon presented a proposed rule for Animal Welfare. The Board agreed that the Association must have rules to cover this and shall be included into the Rule Book.

A list of suggested rule amendments was presented to the meeting.

The following rule changes will become effective as of 1 August 2010.

From the May 2010 Board Meeting – It was requested through the National Appaloosa Journal that any member who has used a HYPP N/H horse in their breeding program to produce a foal in 2010, to notify the office of this. As at the time of the July 2010 Board Meeting the Office had received no notification of this happening. Therefore Rule 3.6 shall be amended to read:

1. Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP)

All foals bred from horses known to carry the HYPP gene must be tested.

Foals born after 1st August 2010 that test positive to HYPP N/H or H/H will not be registered with the AAA Ltd.

Any existing horses registered with AAA Ltd that have tested or do test HYPP N/H or H/H, must state this fact in ALL advertising pertaining to the Horse.

Rule 1.4 Definitions

Amateur Horse Ownership - **Add** Niece(s) & Nephew(s).

Add Definition for:

Immediate Family – Contestant's Spouse. Parents, De-facto, Partner, Child of the Family, Grand Parents, Brother(s), Sister(s), Niece(s), Nephew(s).

Rule 3.38 Transfers

Delete current Paragraph 8 and replace with - "A new photo is required each time a Transfer of Ownership form is lodged with the AAA Ltd Office." This will ensure that the horse's description is kept as up to date as possible.

Delete current Paragraph 12 (1st sentence only) and replace with - "If the Registered owner of the horse is a minor (under 16yrs of age) a parent/guardian must also sign the Transfer as seller. If the minor is under the age of 10yrs, a parent/guardian signature only will be required as seller."

Rule 5.2 Misconduct

Replace paragraph 4 with –

Cruel or painful physical usage of a horse whilst on the show ground or as defined in Rule 8.8 of the Rule Book.

Delete the current Rule 5.13 'A' Class Shows and replace with:

5.13 'A' Class Shows - Recognised Associations

Single 'A' class points will be allocated for recognised events (see Rule 7.2) held at shows run by the following Associations or their Affiliates:

Australian Barrel Horse Association
Australian Bushman's Campdraft & Rodeo Association
Australian Professional Rodeo Association
Equestrian Australia
National Campdraft Council of Australia
National Cutting Horse Association
Reining Australia
Show Horse Council of Australasia
Pony Club Australia
Australian Trail Horse Riders Association

Note: Other National Associations may be added to the list upon application to the Board of Directors.

Show program **MUST** be sent to the AAA Ltd Office with point recording sheets.

Note: 'A' class points count towards ROM's and End of Year High Point Awards.

Rule 5.16 Approval

Add as 7th & 8th Paragraphs –

No show shall be given approval if the venue where the show is being held is within a 100km radius of an already approved event on the same day.

AAA Ltd Affiliate Clubs shall receive preference over Non Affiliate Clubs should two clubs apply for approval within the 100km radius. Where there the two clubs are both Non Affiliate Clubs, approval shall be given on a first in, best dressed basis.

Rule 5.20 – Point Recording Fees

Delete current rule and replace with – “Any Horse, Amateur or Youth that competes at a AAA Ltd Approved Show shall receive their points recorded automatically. Any member wishing to compete for End of Year High Point Awards must pay a nomination fee (see schedule of fees) per rider, per horse, per category fee.”

Rule 5.22 – Points for Champion at National and State Level.

Add as 3rd & 4th Paragraphs –

Supreme Champion awarded at National Show will earn 4 points if 3 or more in the class.

Supreme Champion awarded at State Show will earn 3 points if 3 or more in the class.

Rule 5.24 High Point of the Show

Add as 3rd & 4th Paragraphs -

Amateurs competing at all AAA Ltd approved shows can ride 2 horses in the same Amateur age group. Nominations for each horse must be made to the Show Secretary prior to the start of the Show. Only the highest placing horse in Amateur classes will be given points towards high Point Awards of the Show or Club End of Year High Point Awards. If due to death, injury or sale of either of the nominated horses no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the Show Office or the Club Secretary.

Youth may compete on 2 or more horses at all AAA Ltd approved shows, however the Youth may only nominate a maximum of 2 horses, whose points will be counted towards their High Point of the Show Awards. Nominations must be made to the Show Secretary prior to the commencement of the Show.

Rule 6.3 Halter Classes

Delete current Note for Spayed Mares and replace with - **Note:** A Spayed Mare/Filly is not eligible to compete in Mare/Filly Halter Classes.

Delete the following: **Spayed Mares:** For mares which have been registered in the Spayed Mares Registry.

Rule 7.2 AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards - Para 6 & 7

Delete both existing paragraphs and replace with – “Amateurs and Youth may nominate a maximum of 2 horses for End of Year High Point Awards. Nominations for each horse must be made with the AAA Ltd Office prior to the start of the Show Season. Only the highest placing horse in Amateur or Youth classes will be awarded points towards End of Year High Point Awards. If due to death, injury or sale of either of the nominated horses no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received by the AAA Ltd Office.”

To Qualify –

Delete current and replace with - “To Qualify for National High Point Awards, a Horse, Youth or Amateur must have gained a minimum total of 20 points in recognised events.

To qualify for State High Point Awards:

- A minimum of 15 points in recognised events for NSW, QLD, SA and VIC.
- A minimum of 10 points in recognised events for NT, Tas & WA.

Note: State Championship points will be counted for State High Point Awards, but **ONLY** for the show held in the state that the Owner of the Horse, Amateur or Youth reside.

Recognised Events

Delete the following events from 7.1 Non Point Scoring Events and **Add** to Recognised Events.
 Rookie/Limited Non Pro Reining (ROA Only)
 Amateur Masters/Select (Amateur Only)

Amendments

Stump, Stake & Rope Race – **Change** to Stump Race, Stake Race and Rope Race.
 Hacking – **Remove** (Best Educated, Height & Weight Only)

Rule 8.8 Animal Welfare

Delete the existing rule in its entirety and replace with –

1. No person shall treat any horse in a cruel or inhumane manner.
2. Cruelty to horses other than Australian Appaloosa is included in this prohibition, as it indicates a general course of dealing with horses which is unacceptable for AAA membership qualification.
3. For violation of this rule, an AAA member may be disciplined, suspended, fined and/or expelled from the AAA.
4. This prohibition against cruelty includes, but is not limited to, AAA members and/or owners of Australian Appaloosas, their agents, representatives and employees, the actions for which a member or owner are also responsible.
5. A conviction of an individual under State or Federal Law, for an offence of cruelty to, or inhumane treatment of, a horse, or judicial confiscation of a horse, whether or not an Australian Appaloosa is involved, shall constitute a presumption of violation of this rule.
6. The AAA may accept suspension rulings pertaining to cruel or inhumane treatment of horses from other recognised equine related associations and State racing commissions. The effect of which is to automatically suspend the individual from AAA membership privileges, or deny such privileges, for a length of time equal to the suspension for which reciprocity is given.
7. No person on show grounds, including but not limited to barns, stalls, practice areas or show arena may treat a horse in an inhumane manner which includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress
 - b. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or whilst lunging
 - c. Letting blood from a horse
 - d. Use of inhumane equipment, including but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores

- e. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods such as poling - striking horses' legs with an object (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.) or use of a bit to reprimand a horse
- f. Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail, or
- g. Intentional inhumane treatment that results in bleeding.
- h. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. (See Drugs and Medications and devices and appliances for complete rules.)
- i. Exhibit a horse that appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.
- j. Exhibit a horse that has an open, raw or bleeding sore.
- k. Withholding food and/or water for prolonged periods of time such that it causes undue discomfort or distress to the horse.

Pending final hearing by the disciplinary committee, the board may, by giving written notice of their action to the owner of record at his/her current address as evidenced by AAA Ltd. records, temporarily suspend a horse and/or any responsible party as defined in Responsible Party from further participation in AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored events or shows.

The Board may secure the opinion of a licensed veterinarian or other appropriate professional to aid in the determination of violation of this rule.

Division 10 – A.A.A.A. Amendments

Add - 10.3 new (l) Amateur Masters

- i. An Amateur Master is any person who holds a current Amateur Membership and has turned 50 yrs of Age.
- ii. Amateurs who are eligible for Amateur Masters must apply using the Official form as supplied by the AAA Ltd. Proof of age must be provided in the form of, but not limited to, a Drivers Licence, Birth Certificate.
- iii. Amateur Masters are not limited to but may also compete in Amateur Events, Age Events and Open Events with **exception** to shows run under AQHA rules where AQHA Select Amateur Rules will apply.

Existing (l) becomes (m).

10.3 (m) new ii. Amateurs competing at all AAA Ltd approved shows and for AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards may compete with 2 horses in the same Amateur age group. Nominations for each horse must be made to the Show Secretary or AAA Ltd Office prior to the start of the Show or Season. Only the highest placing horse in Amateur classes will be given points towards high Point Awards of the Show, Club End of Year High Point Awards or AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards. If due to death, injury or sale of either of the nominated horses no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the Show Office, by the AAA Ltd Office or the Club Secretary.

Existing ii becomes iii.

Add to iii Para 5:

AAAA Yearly High Point Amateur Master; All points earned by the Amateur Master in Amateur Master or Select Amateur classes at Approved Shows, will be calculated by the Amateur Point Scorer. Points will be calculated as per AAA Ltd Rule Book (Rule 5.21).

Existing iii becomes iv.

Division 11 – A.A.Y.A.

11.3 Youth Rules

Add – “Youth competing at all AAA Ltd approved shows and for AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards may compete with 2 horses. Nominations for each horse must be made to the Show Secretary or AAA Ltd Office prior to the start of the Show or Season. Only the highest placing horse in Youth classes will be given points towards high Point Awards of the Show, Club End of Year High Point Awards or AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards. If due to death, injury or sale of either of the nominated horses no points for the replacement horse will be recorded until written notification of the new horse is received at the Show Office, by the AAA Ltd Office or the Club Secretary.”

Add – “Annual National High Point Youth: All points earned by the Youth in Youth classes at Approved Shows, will be calculated by the AAA Ltd Point Scorer. Points will be calculated as per AAA Ltd Rule Book (Rule 5.21).”

State High Point Youth: All points earned in Youth classes at Approved Shows, will be calculated by the AAA Ltd Point Scorer. **Only** Points earned from the state in which the Youth Resides will be calculated toward State High Point Awards. Points will be calculated as per AAA Ltd Rule Book (Rule 5.21).

Add – “Youth are not permitted to handle/ride/exhibit colts/stallions at any AAA Ltd Approved Show. The only exception to this rule is NCHA/RA affiliated Events. This rule will to be strictly enforced by Show Management.”

In Lead Line Events, The horse must be led and controlled by an adult who is over 18yrs of age.

Two letters were received from Evelyn Lagoon - Proposed Rule Changes.

Rule 2.2 paragraph relating to Constituent Memberships.

It is requested that the paragraph be amended to read –

Constituent Members - being members who are Companies, Firms, Executors, Institutions, Trustees, Societies or Studs who are interested in the promotion of the Appaloosa in Australia on the basis that this category of membership is entitled to one (1) nominee, details of whom must be provided to the Office upon application and the nominee is to be responsible for all bookwork, signatures and voting on behalf of such constituent membership and shall be the only person eligible to vote, show and/or sign on behalf of this membership **That representative has and may exercise on behalf of the Constituent Membership full membership rights** provided that such nominee may be altered by notice from such constituent membership and provided that such new nominee is approved by the Executive Board and on the basis that all persons or Companies, Firms, Executors, Institutions, Trustees, Societies or Studs who are noted on the application form for constituent membership shall be liable for the actions of the nominee from time to time.

The Board discussed this request from Evelyn and agreed that the current rules for Constituent Memberships are adequate.

Office: To reply to Evelyn and advise of the Boards decision.

Rule 6.1 Halter Rules – General

It is requested that the Tack (compulsory) be amended to read –

Tack (compulsory) -

Neat halter, silver optional, no bits of any type allowed, chains may be used over the nose or under the chin **not through the mouth or “lip chained”**. Stallions and colts over 1 year **MUST be shown with a chain over the nose, under the chin.**

The Board discussed this request and agreed that as the rules for lip chains are restricted to Stallions and Colts (over the age of 1 year) it is a safety issue and the rules shall remain as is.

Office: To reply to Evelyn and advise of the Board decision.

11.3 Open Appaloosa Halter Classes

Conny advised that sometime ago there was a restriction on obtaining points from both Open Appaloosa Halter Classes and Aged Appaloosa Halter Classes at the shows where both classes were offered. This rule was removed to aid competitors in achieving their ROM's under the old ROM system. The Board discussed the issue and the Rule.

Note to be included under Rule 7.2, Recognised Events to read:

Where a program offers both Open Appaloosa Sex Halter Classes, i.e. Open Appaloosa Filly/Mare, as well as aged Appaloosa Halter Classes, i.e. Appaloosa Filly 2yrs & under, Appaloosa Mare 3yrs & over, the Open Appaloosa Sex Halter Classes will receive ROM Only points. **Exception:** State Appaloosa and National Appaloosa Championship Shows.

Where a program only offers Open Appaloosa Sex Halter Classes, i.e. Open Appaloosa Filly/Mare and no aged Appaloosa Halter Classes, normal points will be awarded.

Motion

To accept the above rule changes as presented.

Moved: Sandy Tucker

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

All in favour - **Carried**

11.1 HSAA

Debbie queried what our position is with the HSAA.

Conny explained why the AAA decided to no longer be a member of the HSAA.

11.4 Disciplinary Action

Conny advised that our solicitor had suggested that we add a “3 strike and your out” policy to our Disciplinary Rules. A change to the constitution was also recommended to refer to the Rule Book.

The Board agreed that the Disciplinary Committee shall draft the rules and supply a copy to the Board as soon as possible for review.

12.5 Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA)

Marsha advised that as a representative from AAA was not able to attend the meeting held in early June, a letter of support and an apology had been submitted for the meeting. A draft copy of the minutes from the meeting had been received and we are waiting on the final copy to be sent through to us.

Marsha: To place an article in the magazine for members to read.

New Appaloosa Club in Grenfell

An emailed letter had been received from Jenny McCue from Grenfell, who would like to start a new Club there and be affiliated with the AAA. The Board discussed and agreed that they will accept the Application from the Club, once they have held a meeting and established the required committee, and have forwarded their detailed application to the AAA along with Payment. It is also a requirement to have the word “Appaloosa” in the name of their Club.

Debbie and Kiara left meeting at 2.30pm

Articles by Susan Sargent from Equest Equine Charity to be sent to the journal for inclusion if appropriate.

Letter from Debera Ebbett, addressed to board.

Action: To consult our solicitor for advice on the best course of reply

Instigation of a blue card system for people that are officially working at AAA events OR police check form of clearance to be completed by worker/volunteer

Discussion Paper - members to have read and reply regarding extra registry. Views from members to be taken into account but the board needs to put together their own framework as a starting point for the instigation of an extra registry. Having this in place will lead to members being able to critique enable proper formalisation of document. Amelia offered to take the idea to The Breeders Group for their suggestions regarding guidelines for the registry. All concepts need to be looked at with a view of refining and seeing if an area can be incorporated into the AAA registration program.

Ron: To draft a concept plan and forward it to Amelia so she can discuss with the Breeders Group and present their recommendations back to the Board.

Meeting closed 3.25pm