

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting – 6th to 8th May 2016
Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park NSW 2175

1. Introduction

Joanne Green, President, Welcomed everyone and New Directors to the meeting and declared the meeting opened 3.30pm.

2. Present

Joanne Green, Anna Duin, Summer McDermott, Jan Garland, Marsha Lewis, Patricia Thompson, Debbie Pearson, Kiara Le Cerf

3. Apologies

Narelle Kurtzer, Selener (Sam) Lindley – Delayed

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting as circulated.

Moved: Anna Duin

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: AD, DP, JG, PT, ML, JGD, SM

Against: Nil

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Marsha queried the Semen Retention Rules been completed. To be implemented in the rules for 1st August 2016.

Joanne advised that Maria Stokes had been adding items of interest to the AAA's Public face book page which is doing extremely well. Encouraged all directors to be active but reminded everyone that when posting to be careful as comments can be seen as the view of the whole board not just the individual.

Marsha & Anna discussed assistance needed for Clubs with the general running of clubs – discussion held over to 11. Regional Clubs

Joanne asked for further points of discussion from the last meeting.

6. & 7. Presidents & Treasurers Reports

Joanne presented President/Treasurer Report.

Discussed options for Registrations – Break down of cost.

Summer suggested that we should be looking at DNA Typing horses first at a young age, then completion of registration later.

Cost of registration for the over 25 months age group – consider an amnesty for 12 months, possibly \$140.00, and then review.

Discussed the implications of a 12 month amnesty versus a permanent reduction in the fee for older horses.

Further discussion to be held under 15.4 Memberships & Registrations.

8.1 Constitution

Anna Discussed the review and where it is up to, it is estimated to be fully completed by August.

8.2 Disciplinary

Anna advised that there are some changes to be made to the draft presented to the meeting. Requested any suggested changes from Board.

Marsha thanked Anna for her tireless work on both the Constitution & Disciplinary guidelines.

Anna suggested that a reminder of the AAA's Code of Conduct be reiterated to those that post on Social Media. Board agreed.

9.1 Magazine – Suspend Standing Order until Sam arrives.

9.2 Point Calculations

Marsha discussed updates on website monthly for competitors to see where they are “running” for end of year awards.

Jan raised concerns of the need to contact a 3rd party to obtain such reports.

Kiara advised that within last 48hrs have received access to test reports from said 3rd party but will need to access these to find out if they are suitable or more works is required.

Joanne requested that this be done and report back to Office Director in 14 days. Kiara advised that testing these can be difficult, but will check them out and update Office director in that time frame.

Debbie requested that the lodgement time for competitor points sheets be reduced from 60 days to 30 days.

9.3 Incorporating National Appaloosa Journal with The Horse Downunder Magazine

Jan advised that she had been in contact with Tara Gordon, publisher of both magazines, and discussed the option of joining both magazines, and presented a proposal to the Board.

Anna advised that she is not in favour of joining with any other magazine.

Marsha queried advertising after the fact, stallion owners are not advertising in the Journal.

Jan advised that this option may assist in selling advertising.

Kiara queried where the advertising income will go?

Debbie advised where the current magazine is up to, but raised concerns that we are 1 magazine ahead of where we should be.

Discussed the magazine, costs to produce and months of publication.

Tara to be contacted to discuss an editorial in The Horse Downunder Magazine on the AAA Ltd.

10.1 Email request for Name Change

Summer declared a conflict of interest as owner of the sire.

Email received from Kris Boysen to change the name of horse registered as ‘The Uterlizer’.

Directors discussed and agreed that as per rule 3.31 the Name change is not required by the Board.

Letter to be sent to Kris to advise

10.2 Sponsorship Request – QLD State Show

Letter of request for Sponsorship of the upcoming QLD State Show tabled.

Motion: To Sponsor \$250.00 towards the 2016 QLD State Show.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Pat Thompson

For: JG, PT, AD, SM, JGD, ML, DP

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 6.10pm – 8.00pm

Sam arrived 6.20pm

10.3 Personal Accident Insurance

Pat advised that she had a conversation with Paul Davenport from Affinity.

Option of utilising this type of insurance as opposed to the current Volunteer Workers insurance that we currently have, which could be added to memberships.

Anna queried the fine print of this type of insurance. Pat read the policy details as supplied.

Discussion on option of added to a 'Social' type membership.

10.4 Mailing List for Previous Members

Jan requested a mailing list for old members to contact them with membership forms.

Joanne advised that a mailing list is available. Also advised that renewals sent out last year and did receive some renewals.

Sam offered to contact inactive stallion owners. Board agreed.

Jan to obtain list from office to contact previous members

10.5 Office Procedures & Equipment

Jan asked if a second desktop computer is required.

Kiara queried the need as we have a laptop which is available to be used as a second computer.

Debbie discussed options available to digitally store old registration papers and requested 1 box to use as an example of what we will have available once scanned.

Board agreed to purchase an external hard drive for storage.

Meeting Adjourned 9.00pm, 6th May 2016

Meeting continued 8.30am, 7th May 2016

Discussion on Directors access to Stud book, Joanne advise that all directors have been given log in details. Marsha raised concerns of members granted access to add old horses and requested that if any queries found, they are to be reported to the Office.

Discussion on staff leave and what assistance Directors can give during annual leave, also discussed 1 month closure at Christmas time.

10.6 Award System Review

Discussed points raised in Letter tabled from Katrina Lewis, current show climate, etc.

Motion: As from 1st August 2016 the Life Time Award points criteria shall be: - Recognition Awards - 10pts, Register of Merit/Register of Achievements – 20pts, Bronze Medallions – 60pts, Silver Medallions – 100pts, Gold Medallions – 150pts, Sapphire Awards – 200pts, Diamond Awards – 300pts and Platinum Awards – 400pts and will not be given retrospectively.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: JG, JGD, AD, SM, SL, ML, PT, DP

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Marsha queried points for general performance type classes, e.g. Ridden Appaloosa at ag shows, that can be ridden either Western or English. Discussed options.

Debbie & Kiara to discuss further to find suitable option.

10.7 End of Year High Point Award Review

Discussed points raised in Letter tabled from Katrina Lewis. As investigation is continuing into the expansion of Versatility events, no changes will be made to the End of Year High Point awards at this time.

Thank you letter to be sent to Katrina Lewis for both letters.

Break – 10am to 10.15am

11.1 South Western Appaloosa & All Breeds Performance Club (SWA&ABPC) – Grenfell

Marsha advised Board of what has transpired between the club and herself as Regional Club Director. Also advised that the club's books were handed over for review and will be retained by AAA. Discussed options to proceed with club.

Board agreed to send a letter to Both SWA&ABPC and Jenny McCue. *Joanne to draft letters*

Joanne thanked Marsha for the work that she has done in relation to this matter.

11.2 Regional Clubs 'B' Constitution

Marsha requested that the current 'B' Constitution be reviewed to bring up to current requirements and therefore be made available to Clubs as a basic template that Clubs can add their own requirements to suit them.

Anna advised that she will review and update, however as each club is incorporated in their own state, that information will also need to be reviewed.

Board approved the recommendation made. Anna & Marsha to Liaise and report back to the next meeting.

11.3 Show Program Uniformity

Pat raised concerns of programs being so different and competitors becoming confused by differing rules primarily HSAA & AQHA.

Marsha discussed the issues she has found when compiling results for her club.

Recommendation that the requirements for show approval be reviewed and to include option of Specialty Shows, i.e. Dressage, Trail, Hacking, etc, is accepted.

Marsha, Debbie & Kiara to discuss further and present draft rules to the board.

Discussion held on re-instating 'C Class ROM Only' shows, Points gained when attending 'B' class shows, and effect on Agricultural Shows.

Motion: As from 1st August 2016, show approval fees for all shows, except State Shows, shall be increased to \$30 per approval.

Moved: Pat Thompson

For: PT, JGD, ML, DP, JG, AD, SM, SL

Seconded: Jan Garland

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Motion: As from 1st August 2016, the Australian Agricultural Society will be added to Rule 5.10.1 Recognised Associations and removed from Rule 5.11 'B' Class Shows.

Moved: Summer McDermott

For: SM, DP, SL, JGD, ML, PT, JG, AD

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Debbie raised concerns over events held at State Shows that are not sanctioned by our rule book. Discussion held on programs.

All Show programs are to be sent to Debbie, Competitive Services, for review.

Discussed 3yo & Over Led Versatility. Further investigation required and draft Rules to be sent to the Board for final approval.

Meeting adjourned 12.30pm

Meeting continued 1.30pm

11.4 Clubs Risk Assessment Requirements

Pat raised concerns that clubs need to have more appropriate procedures & protocols in place with regard to Security & Safety if problems arise. Clubs need to be encouraged to have things like Stable Plans, Bio Security procedures, etc so that if a problem does arise, appropriate action can be taken.

Marsha queried if Stable name plates could be sourced and supplied through AAA.

Debbie to contact company to find out if possible and cost.

Show approval forms to be revised and to include expectations.

11.5 Club Affiliation

Marsha presented a report to the Board regarding current affiliates and their requirements.

Board discussed proposal and accepted recommendations with the exception of point 2.

11.6 Inactive Regional Clubs

Marsha presented a proposal to the Board to contact, by letter, clubs that are currently inactive to remind them of their affiliation regulations and to confirm their intentions for the future.

Discussion regarding a time frame for clubs to notify of their future intentions, 6 months was agreed to.

Motion: To accept the proposed recommendations for 11.5 with the exception of point 2 and to accept the proposed recommendations for 11.6 with the inclusion of a 6 month deadline.

Moved: Joanne Green

For: JG, PT, AD, SM, SL, JGD, ML, DP

Seconded: Pat Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED

11.8 Discussion – Regional Clubs Start Up Pack

Debbie presented a discussion paper to assist members who wish to re-start old clubs.

Discussed what assistance the AAA can give. Further investigation of what options would be available.

Calendar of Events – Discussed options to put together a more detailed calendar for members/competitors.

- Clubs giving notice of intention to run a state show, including intended dates by beginning of season.
- Incentive to clubs to lodge show approvals for the full season or at least intended show dates.

Discussed issues with State Shows being allowed to run within certain time frame of Nationals.

Motion: As from 1st August 2016, No State Show will be granted approval to run within 21 days prior to or post National Show Dates.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Summer McDermott

For: JG, SM, AD, SL, JGD, ML, PT, DP

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 2.50pm to 3.00pm

11.7 Discussion – Lita Hottel Clinic/Camp

Marsha presented a proposal regarding Youth & Amateur clinics with Lita Hottel.

Joanne suggested that it is something that the Regional Clubs could run and work together to run these.

Anna queried the cost to run the clinics. Marsha advised that cost would be airfares, etc but Lita indicated that she would be happy to billet with someone.

Marsha advised that ApHANZ had been contacted to see if they would be interested in doing similar, possibly a Judge for their Nationals, no response to date.

Marsha to contact the Regional Clubs to seek their interest.

11.9 Discussion – Introduction of Beginner Events

Debbie presented a discussion paper for the introduction of Beginner Events at club level, with proposed elimination criteria, eligible events and possibility of Beginner Only Shows.

Discussion on the viability and need for these types of events.

Motion: To accept the proposed discussion paper and with rules and criteria to be set and sent to the board for final approval.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: DP, JGD, ML, PT, JG, AD, SM, SL

Against: Nil

CARRIED

11.10 HSAA Rule Amendments

Pat advised that she had received rule amendments from the recent HSAA Meeting, a couple of the rule changes are –

- All youth must wear helmets.
- Select Amateur can only compete in either Open Amateur or Select Amateur, not both.

Board requested that Pat forward a copy of the information received from the HSAA by email.

Discussion on AAA having their own Performance Rules and Accredited Judges.

Motion: To work on setting up Performance Rules and Judge Accreditation System for AAA Ltd.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Anna Duin

For: DP, AD, SM, SL, JGD, ML, PT, JG

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Pat to prepare Performance Rules and Judge Accreditation system

11.11.1 Sydney Western Riders (SWRS) Group

Pat advised that she had discussion with Paul Davenport from Affinity and advised of outcome.

Joanne advised that SWRS have their own Public Liability Insurance, same as AAA.

Pat advised that as there seems to be some confusion, she will re-contact Paul to clarify.

11.11.2 Orange Team Sorting Group

Pat advised that she also had discussions with Paul in regard to a club that is not a traditional western club being an affiliate.

Pat advised that they would be covered for insurance if they are part of an existing club but would have to operate as "existing club" T/A Team Sorting Group.

Discussion on the use of "Appaloosa" in their name. If they are a standalone club, there is no rule that stipulates they must have "Appaloosa" in the name of the club.

12.1 & 12.2 Hall of Fame & Online Nominations

Pat advised that she has been in discussion with Tamara Pearson (HOF Committee) regarding criteria, etc and presented proposed interim changes to the current criteria, but advised that they are still working on it.

Pat requested that the Nomination form and criteria be made available online. Board Agreed

Pat and Tamara to finalise changes and send to the Board for approval and supply to Office for inclusion on the website.

Joanne suggested that the Board make 1 nomination per year to help get appropriate horses into the Hall of Fame.

Pat advised that the due date for nominations will be 1st November for the 2017 Inductions.

12.3 Discussion – Hall of Fame Stud Category

Pat proposed the option of a Stud Category for the Hall of Fame for those Studs that made a significant contribution to the Breed, however still working on the criteria.

Discussion on Stud Category option.

Pat to set criteria and present back to the Board.

13.1 Novice Youth

Joanne queried if this proposal had been through the appropriate process of a Sub Group AGM.

Debbie confirmed that it had not been put to the AAYA AGM.

Letter of reply advising that the Board of Directors are willing to consider after consideration is further discussed within the AAYA at their AGM. Then a proposal form be presented with further information.

13.2 Youth Halter

Proposal tabled for the inclusion of Youth Halter.

As the presented proposal has not been through the appropriate process of a Sub Group AGM, the proposal is denied.

Letter of reply advising that the Board of Directors are willing to consider after consideration is further discussed within the AAYA at their AGM. Then a proposal form be presented with further information.

13.3 AAYA World Show Team

Pat gave an update on the Youth Team and preparations for the trip, which is leaving from Sydney on 26th June, at this time all plans are in place and ready to go.

14.1.1 Proposal for Amateur Novice

Debbie, on behalf of the Amateur Association, presented a proposal to remove Amateur Limited and replace it with Amateur Novice as from 1st August 2016. Advised that letter has been sent to the AQHA for final confirmation of acceptance of our Amateur Novice, to enable eligible AAA Amateurs to compete in Amateur Novice events at AQHA sanctioned shows.

Amateur Membership form will require changing to allow for Amateur Novice to be included on form. Eligible Amateurs will receive a standardised letter with their card advising of what they are eligible for.

Kiara to confer with Tamara & Debbie with new form and Novice Letter.

Motion: To accept the proposal as presented with the amendment of ROA's to 60pts and no fee for Amateur Novice.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Anna Duin

For: DP, AD, SM, SL, JGD, ML, PT, JG

Against: Nil

CARRIED

14.2.1 Letter from Warren Byers

Joanne Green declared conflict of interest.

Letter tabled from Warren Byers. Board discussed at length points of concern raised in letter.

Letter of reply to drafted and sent to Warren.

Meeting adjourned 6.40pm, 7th May 2016.

Meeting continued 8.45am, 8th May 2016.

14.2.2 Letters regarding RWD Events from Pam Phillips & Maria Tataroglou

Letters tabled from Pam Phillips and Maria Tataroglou requesting the inclusion of Riders With Disabilities (RWD) events.

Board discussed the inclusion of RWD Classes, rules for other associations, etc.

Motion: To include RWD Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle and Walk/Jog Western Pleasure classes at the 2017 National Show.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: JG, JGD, ML, DP, AD, SM, SL

Against: Nil

Abstained: PT

CARRIED

Pat to draft rules and send to Board for Approval.

14.2.3 Assisted National Show Competitor Scheme

Debbie presented a discussion paper for a scheme to help Amateur & Youth in getting to Nationals for ridden performance only.

Summer queried the criteria for the scheme.

Anna raised concerns of having to choose who gets it.

Discussed the proposed criteria.

Suggested criteria –

- Never competed at Nationals previously
- Must have been a member for 2 or more years
- Must have competed at their own state show

Applicants would be required to send a bio of themselves as part of their application.

Debbie to make discussed amendments and re send to the board with the application form for approval.

14.2.4 Letter from J Fowler and D Kenny

Pat tabled letter received from Jo Fowler and Debbie Kenny to hold a Fun/Reunion Night during Nationals.

Board discussed and suggestions made in letter, however they are already being run by Amateurs and Youth groups, requested that more detail be supplied for logistics of who running and what planned before considering.

Debbie to send letter of reply.

15.1 Date for Next Board Meeting

Date for the next Board Meeting will be 2 – 4 December. Debbie to confirm dates with SIEC.

15.2 Palouse Registry

Sam discussed option of involving a Palouse registry under the AAA umbrella.

Discussed the existing registries for Palouse Ponies, target group would be between 10.2hh & 14.2hh, registry rules would be along same lines as our current Appaloosa Registry, with restricted approved outcrosses, performance rules would be the same.

Sam to investigate further and prepare a report for the next Board meeting.

15.3 Pony Club Communication and High Point Awards

Sam requested permission to prepare an information pack to be sent to pony clubs advising of what is available through AAA.

Board agreed for Sam to proceed.

15.4 Memberships & Registrations

Summer presented discussion paper on the expansion of our current membership categories, to include Associate, etc type membership.

Discussed at length and agreed that further investigation is needed on financial viability of such categories and findings to be sent back to the Board for approval.

Discussion on Registration fees for 25months & Over category.

Motion: As from 1st August 2016, the 25months & over age group be removed so that all registrations from 9 weeks and over are \$140.00. The 0 – 8weeks age group shall remain at \$110.00.

Moved: Jan Garland
For: JGD, AD, SM, SL, ML, PT, DP, JG

Seconded: Anna Duin
Against: Nil

CARRIED

15.5 Melbourne Regional Appaloosa Club

Joanne advised that she had received a phone call from Karli Roderick to reinstate the Melbourne Regional Appaloosa Club, as interest within her area to get club running again.

Marsha to contact Karli and advise that they can go ahead.

15.6 Digital Photos

Joanne presented a proposal to remove photos from Registration cards but to make the requirement for digital photos to be supplied for inclusion to the stud book.

Discussed importance of photos on registration cards and agreed to continue current requirement for printed hard copy photos for registrations.

Summer to investigate online photo ordering

15.7 Strategic Plan

Joanne advised that the strategic plan is due for review this year.

Board to review Strategic Plan and time to be allocated at the next meeting.

9.1 Magazine/Marketing/Merchandise

Sam advised that currently working on portfolio and investigating Marketing and Merchandise.

Discussion on Magazine and reducing associated costs, Board agreed to reduce the number of magazines. Sam to contact Tara Gordon and advise.

15.8 General Business

Pat advised that she had visually inspected Brett Spradbrow's horse, BS In Your Dreams, and tabled inspection report and photos. Board discussed and under the rules for colour registration the horse does not meet the requirements.

Letter of reply to Brett advising of Board's decision.

Debbie advised that it has been brought to her attention that grants may be available to us. Board discussed and further investigation on what grants might be available to us, i.e. IT, Historical, etc.

Summer to investigate.

2017 Nationals – Debbie advised that dates, program, venue, etc need to be confirmed for next Nationals. Debbie to set program, looking at changes to current program and the addition of other events.

Lengthy discussion on available dates and venues.

Joanne thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed 1.20pm, 8th May 2016.