

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting – 2nd to 4th December 2016
Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park NSW 2175

1. Introduction

Joanne Green, President, thanked everyone and welcomed to the meeting. Meeting declared open 3.30pm.

2. Present

Joanne Green, Marsha Lewis, Debbie Pearson, Narelle Kurtzer, Summer McDermott, Selener (Sam) Lindley, Jan Garland, Patricia Thompson, Kiara Le Cerf

3. Apologies

Anna Duin – arrived 5.40pm

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, held 6 – 8 May 2016 at SIEC, as circulated.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from previous Meeting

Marsha Lewis, queried tasks from previous meeting

- Code of Conduct been reiterated to members on Social Media? Joanne to Contact Tamara Pearson to make reminder for Social Media sites.
- Points lodgement time changed from 60 to 30? Kiara advised that this is being done as results books go out to members. Sam suggested that notation be put to members at the end of each month that they have 30 days to check points and at the end of that 30 days they are taken as true and correct. Board Agreed.
- Contact with Tara re Horse Downunder Magazine? Debbie advised that initial contact had been made with Tara and will contact to discuss further.

Discussed the Advertising/Promotional piece in the Western Horse Annual. Will be obtaining the pages for further promotional use.

- Contact with 'inactive' Stallion Owners? Sam advised that she hadn't, but would like to request that AABA be asked to contact them.
- Contact with Previous Members? Jan advised that list had been obtained.
- Purchase of External Hard Drive? No purchase as not started on the scanning of older registrations.
- Contact with Affinity regarding SWRS affiliation? Pat advised that she had discussed with Affinity again and was advised that we would not be able to accept.
- Use of photos being sent direct from printer to Office? Summer advised that she had been able to do this but will require some tweaking before putting it out to the members for them to understand exactly what we require.

- Marsha, Debbie and Kiara to further work on show program uniformity in regards to rules.
- Implement Performance Rules and Judge Accreditation System for the AAA Ltd to be put on hold for future discussion.
- Investigation of Grants available to the AAA by Summer has not been completed at this time.
- Regional clubs had been contacted via email for their expressions of interest regarding clinics with Lita Hottel.....No replies received.

Index Registry, discussed and Board Agreed to proceed with implementation of this new registry effective 1st January 2017.

Motion: To implement the Coloured Appaloosa Performance Index effective 1st January 2017.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Joanne Green

In Favour: DP, JG, ML, AL, NK, SM, SL, JGD, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

As from 13th January 2017 the Board have rescinded the above motion to implement the Coloured Appaloosa Performance Index, effective immediately.

6. Directors Reports

Treasurer - Joanne advised that we are expecting another loss this financial year, by figures to the end of October. Query on a couple of accounts that seemed excessive. Kiara to check and advise Joanne.

Regional Clubs – Marsha advised that she has contacted and requested information from clubs for Magazine articles, club rules, etc, but has only received a reply from 1 club. Still working on obtaining information.

Sponsorship – Jan advised that sponsorship is coming in slowly this year, but at the request of sponsors, have a lot to re-contact from January onwards.

Nationals – Debbie advised that planning is coming along well. Have had issues with Judges not replying, Kiara advised that a judge has been secured in the past few days. Program and entry pack has been made available to members. We will have Special Edition Competitor Bags and Pens as the 2017 Show will be the 45th Anniversary for each competitor at the Show.

Youth – Narelle advised that she has been working on Birthday cards for the youth, as well as temporary tattoos to go with those cards. Waiting on List of Youth from Office. Kiara to follow up. Colouring in Competition received 2 entries. The Board voted on the entries and as a tied vote 2 awards will be presented to the winners. Kurtzer Family is donating Anniversary Caps for all youth competitors at the Nationals. Advised of planned youth activities to be held at Nationals.

Communications/Non-Traditional – Sam advised that she has still been investigating outside opportunities and disciplines. Has been in discussions with AABA Committee member regarding their incentive ideas. Summer suggested import/export options for semen with incentives to do so. Summer to follow up. See 10 for further on Non-Traditional.

Merchandise – Summer advised that she had obtained quotes for merchandise. Discussion on ordering large numbers and the ability to sell. Summer to investigate further.

- 7. Constitution/Disciplinary** – Anna advised that it is complete. Query on options of including sections for additional articles. All has been investigated and additions made where required.

Motion: To send the updated constitution to the Director General in accordance with the Act.

Moved: Anna Duin

Seconded: Joanne Green

In Favour: AD, JG, ML, DP, NK, SM, SL, JGD, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Sam queried the Disciplinary Actions taken early in the beginning of the season. Anna advised that letters had been sent to those members and no further correspondence from either.

8. Promotion/Merchandise

- 8.1 National Show Buckles** – Jan presented quotes for buckles from Camden Rossmore Stock Feeds and Running P Australia for the Classic and Showcase events.

Discussed options and quoted prices and voted to accept the quote from Camden Rossmore Stock Feeds.

- 8.2 Stickers** – Jan presented quote from Impulse Print for Large and Small stickers. Board discussed quote, agreed to 200 Large and 200 Small but to get a quote for a larger size. Board also requested that Jan also get quotes for Mugs and Magnets.

- 8.3 Merchandise Discussion** – Summer presented quote for shirts and options available, styles, printing, etc. Summer requested to order 50 units, minimum order of 10 units can be made. Board discussed and agreed that at this time wouldn't be proceeding.

9. Office

- 9.1 State Show Sponsor Requests** – Board discussed requests for sponsorship from NSW, Tas & WA State Shows. Debbie advised that Rugs had been purchased for use as sponsorship from AAA. Board approved 2 Rugs, printed with “*Sponsored By Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd*” be sent to NSW, Tas & WA State Shows with covering letter.

- 9.2 Discussion – Undesirable Traits** – With recent discussion on Social Media regarding eligibility of registration, the board discussed the current Rules for Registration and AABA to be requested to put together an information pieces on genetics and breeding.

Notification received at Office regarding a registered horse that is possibly under the 14hh limit requirement. Owner of horse in question contacted and have supplied photographic evidence of horse being measured. Board discussed and request that the horse be measured and obtain an official record of height. *Office to contact owner to advise and provide contact details.*

Email received by Directors Friday 2 Dec, regarding the Transfer of a Registered Stallion. Request to have the Transfer not processed due to horse being sold again. No new transfer has

been received and therefore the current transfer will be processed. *Office to reply and advise of this and that this is a matter between the two (2) Parties which AAA will not become involved.*

- 9.3 Letter re Registration Eligibility** – Letter received from Noelle Russell regarding registration eligibility for 5 horses. Supplied pedigrees reviewed and letter of reply to be sent to Noelle advising of process to register eligible horses and request further information to clarify if eligible. Normal registration fees to apply for eligible horses along with a \$500 late penalty. *Office to write reply and send to Registry Services Director for approval.*
- 9.4 Registration Application** - Application for registration received from Mark Gauci for 2015 colt foal who had returned a HERDA N/Hr result. Joanne advised of discussions she had with Mr Gauci. Board discussed and advised that the colt must be gelded. Once appropriate notification of castration has been received horse will be accepted for registration.
- 9.5 Letter of Registration** – Letter received from David Lacey regarding the registration of a mare whose Parent Verification result showed that the listed Sire did not match. David contacted during meeting for further information, advised that the only other possible Sire was deceased. Board discussed and Summer to research Siblings of the possible sire to find out if a DNA match could be done using that method. Board agreed that the mare would also have tests for Splash White, HYPP, HERDA, Grey & Roan prior to being accepted for Registration. *Summer to investigate possible Sire's family for DNA options and write to Mr Lacey.*
- 9.6 Email re End of Year High Point Awards** – Email received from Debera Ebbett regarding the calculation of End of Year High Point Awards. Board discussed and reviewed current rules and advise that Rules for the End of Year High Point Awards were accepted prior to the start of the season and published on the AAA Ltd Website for all Members to read and adhere to and that all High Point Awards were calculated in accordance with those rules. *Board formulated response and Office to send to Debera.*

Sam requested to have APR Halter distinguished from 'normal' halter on the online stud book. *Office to make appropriate changes to these events when recorded.*

- 9.7 Facebook Proposal** – Tamara submitted a proposal regarding the current AAA associated Facebook pages available to bring them all together and be under the one main umbrella. Board accepted Tamara's proposal as presented. Debbie contacted Tamara by phone during the meeting for the Board to ask any questions. Sam asked if Tamara would be accepting of being given an 'official title', Media Consultant. Tamara accepted. Tamara also advised that there is an Instagram Page but hasn't been able to find out who started/runs the page. Joanne advised that it was started by Amelia Leeman.
- Tamara, with the boards permission, has also been researching the upgrade of the current website and Studbook program, has had contact with Marcus Sweeney who advised that there is an updated version available, with features such as For Sale page, etc, but will possibly need to be updated again with new capabilities now available, e.g Mobile compatibility, etc. However there will be associated costs to this.

Motion: That the proposal presented by Tamara Pearson for Facebook and Website updates be accepted with funding to be sourced.

Moved: Sam Lindley

Seconded: Narelle Kurtzer

In Favour: SL, NK, DP, JG, PT, ML, SM, JGD, AD **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

9.8 National Show Competitor Scheme – Debbie advised that there was 1 complete nomination received and 1 enquiry for eligibility. Both were discussed. The member enquiring for eligibility is to be advised that they are not eligible as they have owned horse(s) that have competed successfully at previous Nationals. The board agreed that the scheme would be granted to the person nominating for this scheme. *Office to reply to both advising of the Boards decisions.*

10. Non-Traditional

10.1 Pony Club Australia Letter - Sam advised that due to technical issues with computer the letter to be presented had been lost and would need to be re-done.

10.2 Anniversary Momento – Sam presented a proposal for Anniversary momento's to be presented to members when they reach a certain number of years as being a member. However due to financial restrictions will rethink proposal and re-present. Would like to find out the joining year of Members. Board gave permission for Sam to conduct a survey style Facebook post to see what responses she can get. Held over for further investigation.

10.3 Membership Classified Directory in Magazine – Sam presented a proposal to assist members advertise their outside business/interests/etc to other members. Debbie suggested that it could be part of the For Sale section on the website. *Sam to contact Tamara and discuss.*

10.4 Palouse Registry – Sam gave update on her investigations into the Palouse Registry. Has had discussions with current Palouse Registries and found that there are 5 different Palouse Registries, each with differing requirements with each registry, i.e. height requirements, accepted breeds, fees, etc. Current population is not large enough to support another registry, therefore the recommendation is that this is not a viable project at this time.

11. Regional Clubs

11.1 Approval Requirements – Marsha presented a proposal to amend the requirements for show approvals to include full list of show rules, high point rules, etc.

Debbie requested that it be mandatory for each club to nominate a First Aid Officer for each show.

Motion: To accept the proposal as presented with the addition of First Aid Officer to be included as well.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Patricia Thompson

In Favour: JG, PT, ML, JGD, AD, NK, DP, SM, SL **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

11.2 Affiliation Requirements – Marsha presented a proposal for an information pack for new clubs. Discussed implications of pro-rata insurance fees. Discussion regarding clubs with small committees. Board agreed to hold proposal for time being.

Debbie advised that an issue had been brought to her attention from the recent BENRAC show regarding Novice Amateur. This issue has been dealt with appropriate action taken.

12. Work Place Health & Safety – Pat discussed WPH&S responsibilities of Associations and Clubs. Information is to be sent to Clubs and request a copy of their Meeting Minutes as acknowledgement that the information has been received. Pat advised that shows are to have a designated First Aid Officer and this is to be included on the Show Approval Form. *Office to Amend Show Approval form.*

Anna advised that WPH&S rules need to be added to Show rules, acknowledging that horses can be dangerous and that all reasonable responsibility must be taken by all parties involved. Also that All Show Staff hold responsibility to keep all competitors safe.

13. Hall of Fame – Pat presented Hall of Fame report, listing recommendations and nominations for the 2017 Inductions.

Motion: To accept the eligible nominations and recommendations as presented in the Hall of Fame Report.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Summer McDermott

In Favour: JG, SM, ML, JGD, AD, NK, DP, PT, SL

Against: Nil

CARRIED

14. Youth

14.1 Youth Team – Pat presented her report on the 2016 Youth Team and proposal for a team in 2018. Discussed pros and cons from previous teams and Board requested that Pat put together a more detailed proposal and forward to each of the directors for consideration.

14.2 Youth Rules - Narelle presented recommended changes to the Youth Rules, to be more in line with AQHA rules to simplify showing for our Youth.

Discussion on Youth Age Groups and difficulties for AAA Youth competitors at AQHA approved shows.

Motion: To amend current Youth Age divisions in the AAA Ltd Rule Book to be Leadline 3-6yrs, Youth Walk/Jog-Trot 5 – 10yrs, Minimum age for Youth competing in Youth In Hand events is 5yrs and Minimum age for Youth competing in Any Youth Ridden or Any Open Event is 7yrs.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Summer McDermott

In Favour: JG, SM, ML, JGD, AD, NK, DP, PT, SL

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Motion: To accept the recommended rule changes as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Anna Duin

In Favour: JG, AD, ML, JGD, SM, NK, DP, PT, SL

Against: Nil

CARRIED

15. HSAA – Pat presented the current Newsletter from HSAA advising of amendments for 2016/2017 season. Concerns raised over their Select Amateur rules. *Pat to contact HSAA regarding Select Amateur Rule.*

16. Amateur

16.1 Proposal Membership Money – Debbie presented a proposal on behalf of the Amateur President, Tamara Pearson, requesting a portion of the Amateur Membership fee be given back to the AAAA. Board discussed other sub committees receiving Membership money and not others.

Motion: That AABA cease receiving membership money effective 1st August 2016.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Marsha Lewis

In Favour: JG, ML, AD, JGD, SM, NK, DP, PT, SL **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

17. General Business

17.1 Member Involvement - Marsha discussed how to get members more involved in assisting the association through promotion, etc.

17.2 Office – Discussions held regarding the AAA Ltd Office premises.

17.3 Email from Sharon Lord – Email discussed, points query answered prior to meeting and reply to be sent advising of changes to youth age groups.

17.4 Recreational Activity – Discussed a program for Appaloosa enthusiasts to replace the current Spotted Ride Program, based on hours and rewarded for each level they achieve.

Sam proposed that it be open to all breeds to open a revenue stream from other horse people that love Appaloosas and their rewards be promotional merchandise from the AAA to assist in advertising the AAA. Majority vote to stay closed to Spotted Horses only.

Motion: That the Board remove the Spotted Ride Program and replace with Appaloosa Enthusiasts Program for Members and Non Members effective 1/1/2017. Nomination fee of \$50.00 paid annually, Hours scored as per Rule 5.21 (using first 2 columns only) and awards given at the levels as the Saddle Log Program.

Moved: Selener Lindley

Seconded: Joanne Green

In Favour: SL, JG, ML, AD, JGD, SM, NK, DP, PT **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

17.5 Magazine – Discussion on magazine and current financial position of it. Discussed options. Further investigation required on the viability of Magazine.

17.6 Semen Retention – Discussed an amended proposal submitted by Debera Ebbett on behalf of AABA. Discussed associated fees. Standard lodgement fees apply for Service Certificates and in addition each permit holder must lodge a report on the number of straws available at the end of each breeding season.

Motion: To accept the amended proposal as presented, with the inclusion of 'in its entirety' to point iv, and to set the fees as \$150.00 per permit to include a Service Book.

Moved: Selener Lindley

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

In Favour: SL, DP, ML, AD, JGD, SM, NK, JG, PT **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

17.7 General Discussion

High Point Nomination Fees – Discussion held regarding the re-introduction of nomination fees due to the cost of purchasing awards.

Motion: To re-introduce a High Point Nomination fee of \$20 per Horse/Amateur/Youth per season, effective 1/8/2017.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Marsha Lewis

In Favour: DP, ML, AD, JGD, SM, NK, JG, PT, SL **Against:** Nil

CARRIED

Discussed other forms of income generation to assist the association.

- Online Shows – Summer to implement ASAP.
- Online Stallion Auction – AABA to investigate and implement.

Joanne Green left meeting 9.45am – due to ill health. Joanne thanked everyone for coming and apologised for leaving early. Debbie Pearson, Vice-President, chaired remainder of meeting.

Discussed current logo and possibly changing to a new logo.

Motion: To update current logo as drafted as of 4/12/16.

Moved: Selener Lindley

Seconded: Patricia Thompson

In Favour: SL, PT, DP, ML, AD, JGD, SM, NK

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Jan to contact Impulse Print to discuss drafting new logo.

Marsha queried Office closure dates for Christmas and NSW State Show. Office will close Friday 6/12/16 and re-open 3/1/17 for Christmas and will close 16/1/17 and re-open 24/1/17 for NSW State Show.

There being no further business, Debbie thanked everyone for attending and declared meeting closed at 11am.