

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting – 12th to 14th June 2015
Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park NSW 2175

Meeting open 4.10pm, Friday 12th June 2015

1. Introduction:

President, Joanne Green, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Present:

Joanne Green, Amelia Leeman, Jan Garland, Patricia Thompson, Marsha Lewis, Narelle Kurtzer, Debbie Pearson, Kiara Le Cerf.

3. Apologies:

Anna Duin (delayed)

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the previous meeting, held 29/11 to 1/12 2013, accepted. It was advised that the draft minutes of the AGM were available for the directors to review.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting/AGM: Nil

7.1 Ratification of Motions passed by email:

President asked if anyone had any questions on the list of Motions to be ratified.

Motion: To pass en masse the motions to be ratified

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: JG, DP, ML, NK, JGD, AL, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

8. Presidents Report

Joanne presented her President's report as distributed to Directors.

Motion: To accept the report of the President as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: DP, AL, NK, PT, ML, JGD, JG

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Before proceeding to the Treasurer's Report, a lengthy discussion held on the industry as a whole.

13.1.2 Addition to current DNA Typing

Part 1

Proposal tabled for the additional option to Rule 3.7 –

“At the discretion of the Registrar, when all avenues have been exhausted to locate and obtain a Certificate of Service, Parentage can be confirmed by DNA Typing against both parents and must be accompanied by a Dental Examination Report from a registered veterinarian confirming the age of the horse.”

Amelia asked how accurate the Parentage Verification is?

Kiara advised that the test is 99.9% accuracy.

Motion: To accept Part 1 of the proposal as tabled.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Pat Thompson

For: JG, PT, AL, DP, NK, ML, JGD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Part 2

Proposal tabled to remove the current Rule 3.13 (e) & (f) and replace with the following

(e) Any horse described as Roan or having a substantial area of Roan or Ticking which cannot be attributed to any Appaloosa Genetics is not eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Any horse that has a Roan parent, but is not Roan themselves, must be tested for the Roan Gene and return a negative result to be eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Horses returning a positive result are not eligible for use.

(f) Any horse described as Grey is not eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Any horse that has a Grey parent, but is not Grey themselves, must be tested for the Grey Gene and return a negative result to be eligible for use in an appaloosa breeding program. Horses returning a positive result are not eligible for use.

Discussion held on the pros and cons of these rules.

Motion: To accept Part 2 of the proposal as tabled.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: JG, JGD, DP, NK, ML, AL, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

13.3.1 Appaloosa Index Registry Proposal

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Lengthy discussion held on the proposal, pros and cons for this additional registry.

Motion: Accept the proposal as tabled and make available for members to make comment.

Moved: Pat Thompson

Seconded: Joanne Green

For: PT, JG, DP, AL, ML, NK, JGD, AD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 10min

9. Treasurer's Report

Maria Stokes joined the meeting, invited by President, Joanne Green, to explain Treasurers Report and hand over to the new treasurer.

Financial report presented with finance's as at End of April 2015.

Discussion on the current position of the finances.

Debbie requested a separate Nationals account. Discussion held on the need and use of a separate Account.

Maria advised that the board can review finances in November to get a better understanding of what is available for year end and have the option of accruing funds for the following Nationals.

Marsha queried the Government grants already received and the possibility of receiving again.

Joanne explained that we have received grants for the previous 2 Nationals, and the likelihood of a 3rd grant is unlikely.

Joanne thanked Maria for her time to attend, Maria left the meeting.

Motion: To accept Financial Report as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: JG, DP, NK, ML, AL, JGD, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Motion: To set aside a portion of the Nationals Profit for the 2016 National Show.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: JG, JGD, DP, ML, AL, NK, PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 10min

Anna Duin joined meeting 6.20pm

14.1 Magazine Report

Amelia presented the Magazine Report along with a request from our new magazine editor, to merge the AAA Journal with The Horse Downunder Magazine. A Merge would provide a larger distribution base and increase in advertising avenues for our advertisers. The idea of using an off shore printer for Journal production was also tabled with a view of reducing publication costs our own Journal.

Amelia was directed to investigate this further, supplying detailed costs and savings. The two options will again be reviewed when full costing of both can be discussed to enable the best decision for the AAA and Members.

Meeting closed 6.30pm

Meeting opened 9.05am, Saturday 13th June 2015.

24.3 International Semen Mr Cool Hand Luke

Marsha queried the National Special.

Joanne advised that 5 Services sold during the National Special.

Marsha asked if funds had been received in the Office as per the advertised specifications?

Kiara to check on the number of straws still available and advise directors.

Discussion on moving the remaining straws.

Concerns for those that have already paid the initial fee to now consider lowering the fee again.

Marsha suggested to hold until the current progeny are of an age to be shown under saddle as this breeding is performance driven. Those offspring should promote the further straws available.

Debbie suggested to reduce the fee to \$1000.00 and advertise in magazine for 1 foal only.

All agreed to hold off on selling the remaining straws at a reduced rate for the time being.

24.4 Hardship Rego Application – L & L Pyne

Registration application reviewed and discussed.

Motion: To write to L & L Pyne and advise that the horse doesn't meet the requirements for Hardship Registration, however understanding that the mare is in foal, the foal would be eligible for the AX registry.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: JG, DP, ML, NK, PT, JGD, AL, AD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

6. Directors Portfolios

Joanne Green (President/Treasurer) – Company Secretary, AABA, Finance, Liaison Members

Amelia Leeman (Vice-President) – Communications/Media

Debbie Pearson (Executive) – Competitions, Amateur, Member Services, National Show

Marsha Lewis – Hall of Fame, Regional Clubs

Anna Duin – Governance, Constitution/Articles of Association, Strategic Plan, Policy & Procedures

Narelle Kurtzer – Youth, Calendar of Events

Patricia Thompson – Rules, HSAA, Work Health & Safety

Jan Garland – Office, Sponsorship

Anna queried if there is a 'Plan B' for portfolios

Joanne explained that no, but in a round-a-bout way yes, each director liaises with each other as to what's happening.

Amelia reminded everyone that reports for the magazine are required from each director.

Joanne requested that an email from each director once a month on what's happening within their portfolios.

Further discussion held on portfolios.

Motion: To accept the Board of Directors Portfolios as listed above.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: JG, AL, ML, NK, AD, PT, DP, JGD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

10. Constitution

As Anna now has constitution in her portfolio, Joanne handed over the recommended copy of the reviewed constitution as supplied by our solicitor.

21.1 Youth Report

Narelle presented letters from Youth Members, Samantha & Jessica Pascoe, Emerson Kurtzer, requesting the inclusion of Western Horsemanship for the Walk/Jog age group and All Age Bareback Equitation at Nationals.

Discussion held regarding these events. A reminder be put out to members that written requests for events to be included must be sent to the Board prior to a board meeting for consideration.

As formal written requests for Bareback Equitation and Youth 13yrs & Under Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship had been received prior to the meeting, after consideration these events would be included.

Narelle tabled a request for youth to clean stables at NSW State Show & Nationals and the money from this goes towards the youth at the State Show or Nationals.

Anna queried what if kids did it at their own state show but couldn't get to Nationals, are they going to miss out.

Narelle advised that if the kids did it at their own state show then that is where the funds would be used, if it's done at Nationals, then it will go to Nationals.

Pat queried future Youth Teams doing it as they had done at the last Nationals.

Narelle advised that if a member of the Youth Team wanted to do it for the team then they could.

Motion: To accept youth report, written requests for additional youth events and youth fundraising request.

Moved: Narelle Kurtzer

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: NK, DP, JG, JGD, AL, ML, PT

Abstained: AD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Discussion on youth fundraising in other states.

Joanne suggested that Narelle contact other state clubs to discuss similar fundraising activities.

21.2 AAYA World Show Trip Report

Pat presented a report on the preparations for the upcoming AAYA Team trip including funds raised so far by each Team member.

Motion: To accept the AAYA World Show Trip report as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: JG, JGD, NK, PT, ML, AL, AD, DP

Against: Nil

CARRIED

21.3.3 Youth Showing 2 & 3 year old horses

Issue raised re the new AQHA rules, effective 1st August 2015, that 2 & 3yo horses are not allowed in Leadline and Youth Walk/Jog events and proposed that we adopt the same for safety reasons.

Motion: To include the following to Rule 11.3 (l) and (m) "The minimum age of a horse being used for Leadline and Youth Walk/Jog events is 4yo."

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Anna Duin

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

Abstained: AL

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Other new rules were also discussed, being

- Helmets mandatory for Leadline & Walk/Jog Events.
- Minimum Age requirements for showing

It was agreed that the current AAA rules for Helmets and Minimum Age will remain.

Debbie advised that a letter requesting the increase of Sporting at Nationals was received from Natalie Wilkinson, for Youth Keyhole & Barrel and Open & Youth Bending. Debbie advised that Natalie will be seeking sponsors for these classes including the cost of the Trophies.

Joanne read an email letter from Jeff & Lee Ann Hall regarding Western Equitation & Western Horsemanship still being recognised events but are the same class.

Discussion took place a number of years ago for the removal of Western Equitation for Amateur and Youth.

Letter to be sent to HSAA requesting the removal of Western Equitation from the rule book and retaining Western Horsemanship instead.

24.2 Code of Conduct – Members on Social Networking sights.

Pat presented a guideline document regarding Social Media Code of Conduct.

Marsha tabled a rewritten document pertaining more to the AAA and its members. Marsha stated that in hindsight she felt the punishment wording (membership suspension or removal) a little harsh and should be graded more towards the gravity of the offence.

Motion: The Board of Directors agree with the proposal in principle, however it should be referred to the Governance Director, Anna Duin, for refinement.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: JG, AL, AD, PT, DP, NK, JGD, ML

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 12.00pm – 12.44pm

13.4 Keeping of Semen after Gelding

Written requests tabled for changes to Rule 3.14 from Members, Ev Lagoon & Rebecca O'Callaghan, and AABA.

Amelia Leeman & Debbie Pearson declared conflicts of interest with this matter.

Lengthy discussion on the age of the stallion and what age his progeny would be for showing.

Board agreed there should be a limit on the use of collected semen and the minimum number of breeding seasons should be 3.

Further discussion on pros and cons of the requested rule change.

Executive and Office Manager to review tabled rule changes and discussion points and present a refined proposal to the Board.

13.2 2015/2016 High Point Awards Rules Review

Kiara presented recommended changes to the High Point Award List for the 2015/2016 show season.

Recommended to include

- APR Halter Horse to National Award List
- 2yo Led Versatility to State Award List
- Games/Novelties Horse name to be changed to Sporting Horse.

Discussion on removal of Trail Horse and Endurance Horse, due to tabulation of points gained being difficult to prove. Further investigation required before proceeding further.

Traditional English Horse, Sporting Horse & Working Cattle Horse to have minimum 20 points to qualify only.

APR Halter to have no minimum qualifying limit. To be calculated on APR Halter Events only. APR points don't count towards Age Categories.

Show Hunter to be added to the Traditional English & English Horse Awards.

Bending, Flag Race, Straight Barrels to be added to the Sporting Horse award along with Any individual Sporting event sanctioned by Sporting Horse Australia Rule Book.

Breakaway Roping & Steer Undecorating to be added to the Working Cattle Horse Award.

Discussion held on introduction of High Point nomination fee.

Break 10min

Discussion held on increasing membership fees.

Anna suggested that the increase could be marketed as a "What you get" package.

Discussion on how much the increase needs to be to ensure it covers costs.

It is noted that the membership fees have not increased for 5 years and in this time the CPI has increased approx. \$25.50 over that time.

Directive: Joanne to investigate the exact CPI increase over the past 5 years and report back to the Board.

Anna recommended that the Nomination fee for High Points be reviewed before instigating it.

Motion: To accept the proposed recommendations as presented with the removal of the High Point Nomination Fee from the rules.

Moved: Joanne Green

For: JG, JGD, DP, AL, ML, NK, AD, PT

Seconded: Jan Garland

Against:

CARRIED

Motion: To increase the current membership fees effective 1st August 2015 to:

Full Membership	\$190.00	Inc Magazine
Couple Membership	\$255.00	Inc magazine
Constituent Membership	\$190.00	Inc Magazine
Youth Membership	\$125.00	Inc Magazine
Leadline Membership (2 – 10yrs)	\$25.00	Exc Magazine
First Time Owners Membership (First Year Only)	\$95.00	Inc Magazine
Magazine Subscription	\$65.00	Members & Non-Members

Moved: Joanne Green

For: JG, AD, DP, JGD, PT, NK, ML, AL

Seconded: Anna Duin

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Proposed Rule Change form received from Karin Brouggy for the introduction of a Family Membership.

All Proposed Rule Changes, as advised on the form, are to be received by 31st January, therefore due to the lateness of the proposal it will be transferred to next year.

13.1.3 Participant Membership

Debbie tabled a discussion paper for a participant membership for those that are the 'extra hands' at shows.

Discussed the pros and cons of having this type of membership.

The Board agreed that this type of membership is not viable at this time.

Marsha suggested a day membership for these people. Membership nomination could be on the show entry form provided by the horse(s) owner(s) entering the events.

Pat and Kiara to investigate the cost of a day membership, suggest that it could be around \$20.00.

13.3 2015/2016 Rule Book Review

Kiara presented a list of changes to be made to the Rule Book.

Rule 3.15 (c) and Rule 3.17 (6th para) – change the reference to 3.14(v) to 3.15

Rule 7.1 – Non Point Scoring Classes

- Maiden Events – Add exception Campdrafting, Hacking & Show Hunter
- Novice Events – Add to exception Campdrafting & Show Hunter
- Delete the following - Straight Barrels, Bending, Flag Race, Station Cutting and Snafflebit/Hackamore Cutting.

Rule 7.2 – AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards

- Delete notation for 2yos in Games and replace with “2 Year Olds are not eligible to compete in games events.”
- Recognised Events – Add the Following - Straight Barrels, Bending, Flag Race, Station Cutting, Snafflebit/Hackamore Cutting, Ranch Riding/Ranch Pleasure, APR Halter, Show Hunter
- Remove 2nd “Hacking” from list.

Rule 7.3 Awards

- ROMs & ROM for General Performance – Change the 100 overall points to 75 points.
- Add Show Hunter to ROMs (other events)

Issues raised regarding AAA Ltd Champion and Superior All Round Horse Awards and the possibility of Led Performance Horses being eligible for them without ever being ridden.

Board requested that the Champion and Superior qualifications be reviewed and a recommendation be made.

Motion: To accept the recommended changes as presented, with the exception of the AAA Ltd Champion & Superior All Round Horse Awards to be reviewed.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: JG, DP, ML, AL, AD, PT, JGD, NK

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Break 25min

16. National Show

Debbie presented her report on the 2015 National Show and tabled the proposed program for the 2016 Nationals.

Debbie declared a conflict of interest in regards to Futurity events.

Discussion held on the proposed Futurity & Classic Events for 2016, Board agreed that the Futurity Events will now be known as Classics and accepted the proposal to be implemented in the 2016 program along with the other events already decided upon earlier in the meeting.

Judge is being sought for 2016.

Youth Stick Horse Display will be held prior to the Champagne Pleasure along with the Calcutta.

Suggested that Performance Halter be included in the Nationals Program. Discussed the AQHA Rules and what amendments required for AAA. It was agreed that the qualifications for Performance Halter be as follows:

- Must have Recognition Award (25pts) in any Ridden Event.
- Horses 2yrs & Over are eligible to compete.

Jan advised that she had sought a quote for Double Dans to be entertainment on 1 night. After much discussion it was decided that the cost and logistics of the event was not viable at this stage.

Jan also presented a proposal to run a car raffle as a fund raiser for the AAA.

Discussion held on cost and number of tickets per book, where they are to be sent to, advertising of raffle.

Jan to contact Toyota and obtain quotes for printing of tickets.

NOTE: Upon investigation of other state requirements for such a Raffle, it was determined that the Raffle cannot continue at this time.

Motion: To accept the Nationals Report and proposed program as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: DP, JGD, JG, AL, ML, NK, PT, AD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Letter received from Sharon Ingram requesting a refund from 2015 Nationals.

Request was discussed and as it did not meet the refund requirements as set out in the National Show Rules, the request is denied.

Letter of reply to be sent to Sharon.

12. Ranch Riding Proposal

Pat presented a proposal to introduce Ranch Riding to the list of recognised events. Inclusion as an All Age Event at the Nationals and possibly State Shows.

Board agreed to include in Nationals program and to monitor its progression before making it a mandatory event for State Shows. Board also agreed to adopt the AQHA Rules for the event.

As the presented rules only allow competing in either Western Pleasure or Ranch Riding but not both, it is also recommended that it be added to the Overall High Point Performance Horse Award.

Motion: To accept the proposal for Ranch Riding as presented with adoption of the AQHA Rules.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Jan Garland

For: DP, JGD, ML, PT, AL, AD, JG, NK

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Pat also requested permission for the AAYA Youth Team to again run a barbeque at the Nationals for Fundraising. Board agreed.

20. Amateur Association

Debbie presented the AAAA report, noting that it was brought to their attention that the AQHA intend to introduce Novice for both Youth and Amateur. As their Board were meeting this weekend also, a letter had been sent to be tabled and waiting on a reply. Discussion on how this may impact AAA Competitors at their show.

Request that the \$400 normally spent on Product for Amateurs be used this year on additional prizemoney at Nationals. Board Agreed.

Proposed changes to the Amateur rules for Leasing and applications for Membership. Amendment to read for both *“Applications to be received in the AAA Ltd Office a clear 14 days prior to the intended show date.”* Board Agreed

Advice from Tamara Pearson, AAAA President, regarding the investigation of Amateurs breaching rules. Report after completion of investigation will be forwarded to board for approval of action.

Break 6.00pm to 8.10pm

14. Marketing Report

Amelia presented the Marketing Report, advising that the new shirts, stickers and stubby coolers purchased had sold well but not as many as hoped for.

Amelia advised that the stubby coolers were purchased by her as a donation to the AAA. The board thanked Amelia for her generosity.

Kiara advised that some shirts had not been paid for and are still at the office. The board requested that invoices for the shirts and postage be sent to those who we have orders for.

Discussion on new stickers, colour, etc.

15. International

Joanne advised that she had spoken to ApHC CEO, Steve Taylor, sometime ago and will re-establish contact again. Discussed the ApHC's international registry.

19. Studbook/AABA

Discussion Paper/Proposal presented for Awards for Sires & Dams to receive some form of recognition for their progeny.

Discussion held on the lack of recognition for Sires & Dams and the option presented to introduce an award system to recognise those both Mares and Stallions ~~for~~ from the progeny that they produce.

Proposal is to award Mares and Stallions in 3 sections – Halter, Performance and All Round. Awards given using same system that is used for the current awards system and each award will be issued in certificate form.

Discussion on the number of Mares and Stallions that would be eligible. It was agreed that we start with any Mare or Stallion born in 2000 to 2014, and as this is done, steps will be to work backwards 1 year at a time. If any member wishes to have their Mares or Stallions researched and if eligible have their awards issued, there will be a fee and the time frame will depend on the day to day office work. To begin from August 2016.

Motion: To accept the proposal, beginning with Mares & Stallions born in 2000.

Moved: Amelia Leeman

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: AL, DP, ML, NK, JGD, PT, JG, AD

Against: Nil

CARRIED

15.2 Report NZ Liaison Relationship

Anna presented a report/proposal for a “Trans-Tasman” style exchange between AAA and ApHANZ. Discussion held on the previous AAYA exchanges, horse availability here in Australia, billeting, etc.

Anna to contact the ApHANZ and investigate further.

18.1 Regional Club Report

Anna presented her report for Regional Clubs. Discussion held on what can be done to help the regional clubs broaden their range of disciplines. Suggestion to expand the rules and what clubs can do in other disciplines and still be covered by AAA.

Marsha to contact Regional Clubs.

18.3 Letter from Young Appaloosa Club

Letter received from Young Appaloosa club regarding affiliation with AAA.

Discussion held on the viability of another club in close vicinity to existing clubs.

Letter of reply to be sent to the Young Appaloosa Club, entailing requirements for being an affiliate.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Meeting opened 8.40am, Sunday 14th June 2015

Further discussion held on the AQHA introduction of Novice Section for Youth & Amateur, points raised on a QH club Facebook page. As waiting for a reply from AQHA, no action can be taken at this time.

17.1 Website/Online Studbook

Joanne discussed the Online Studbook and the issues that we still have and what we require to be done.

Kiara advised that an email had been received from Marcus, requesting a “wish list” for the studbook, a reply will be sent.

11.1 Disciplinary Committee

Anna presented a proposed revamp of the current disciplinary rules.

Board agreed with the proposal in principle, but needs to be refined further.

Break 10.10 – 10.20

22. Hall of Fame/Honour Roll

Marsha presented a proposal for Studs to have a separate section on the Honour Roll.

Discussion held and the board agreed with the proposal in principle but needs refining and resubmitting to the Board.

Marsha also reminded everyone that the closing date for Hall of Fame and Honour Roll nominations is 1st August, and notation will be put in the next magazine.

24.2 Industry Partners

Discussion held on the current partners that we have and what others can be looked at to get on board.

Joanne declared a conflict of interest with this matter.

Suggested that things like flyers to members and monthly featured products from Partners, can be ways of promoting our Partners to the Members to encourage them to utilise them.

Discussion on getting more traders at shows.

Anna to get a copy of the Partner Agreement.

24.6 Review of Strategic Plan

As part of the yearly review, all directors will be sent a copy of the Strategic Plan to review and advise Joanne of any suggested changes.

Anna to review the wording and aims in the Plan.

24.1 Date for Next Board Meeting

Debbie to contact SIEC to see what dates are available.

Joanne thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 11.30am