

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting – 27th to 29th November 2015
Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park NSW 2175

Meeting Open 5.17pm, Friday 27th November 2015

1. Introduction:

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

2. Present:

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

3. Apologies:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all directors for review.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting:

- Nationals Income and Expenses - Nationals Income & Expenses is accounted for separately in MYOB.
- Magazine investigation – Discussion on options available and input into magazine. Will contact Tara to provide costings on offshore printing.
- International Semen –
Gene Movers contacted for count on number of doses available, they advised that there had been an incident with our semen and we have lost 2 doses. Currently have 7.750 doses left. Discussion held on what is available and 1/4 page advert to be put in Magazine from Jan-March Issue, \$800 service and NO LFG.
Members had queried the option of purchasing the remaining doses, upon discussion the Board agreed that the AAA Ltd will retain the remaining doses.
- AAA Ltd Champion & Superior All Round Horse – Discussion held on options for both Led and Ridden Performance horses.

Motion: To introduce Life time Awards for Led Performance Horses.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Anna Duin

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Motion: There being no further business arising from the Previous Board of Directors Meeting, the Minutes are accepted.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Maria Stokes joined Meeting, at invitation of President.

6. Presidents Report &

7. Treasurers Report:

Joanne presented a combined President/Treasurers report, with assistance of Maria Stokes for finances.

There are areas of concern that the Board need to be aware of, one is the magazine, may need to consider a few things - reducing the number of magazines to 3 per year, reduction in number of pages per magazine, etc.

Amelia advised that having magazine printed offshore should save money, however actual costs to be confirmed.

Marsha suggested a change to the format show results published to reduce the number of pages used.

Patricia requested that the whole Board be given the opportunity to proof content prior to printing. It is requested from Tara that only 1 Director report to her to streamline changes, etc. All agreed that the whole Board proof the magazine, but all input, changes, etc be directed through Amelia and not direct to Tara.

Discussion on number of new foal photos that have been posted on the AAA Member Forum and if they have been registered. Debbie suggested that those members be contacted and sent Registration forms to encourage early registration.

Amelia to update the financial members on the forum, as this is a Financial Member Only service.

Discussion on reasons for income downturn, which is industry wide.

Marsha queried how a Non Show/Social Membership would affect normal Memberships? There would be a decrease in the income for normal memberships if a Non Show/Social Membership were introduced without an increase to the normal memberships as well.

Maria advised the Directors to be prepared for a loss this year, which would be the first in 3 years.

Joanne urged fellow directors to post items/information on the AAA Facebook (public) page relevant to their portfolios. Maria suggested a roster type system, where all directors have a day where it is their turn to post information on the page.

Joanne thanked Maria for her time to attend the Meeting and her assistance with the financials.

Meeting adjourned 7.00pm, Friday 27th November 2015

Meeting re-convened 8.50am, Saturday 28th November 2015

Discussion held on registration rules for Colts, being *"Non Adult registered Stallions 4yrs & over may not be shown. Colt certificates are automatically cancelled at 4years of age."* Outside disciplines, i.e. Showjumping, Campdrafting, etc, show beyond this age but are not ready to

breed and are potentially being turned away from our association. Discussed that if rule was to be changed, a provision needs to be put in place for “accidental” breeding’s.

Motion: To remove the following notation from Rule 3.11 Registration Categories – Colts –

***Note:** All Colts become eligible for adult registration at two years of age, from 1 August in the season in which they turn two. These colts must be adult registered before they can be used for breeding. Non adult registered stallions 4 years and over may not be shown. Colt certificates are automatically cancelled at 4 years of age. See Rule 3.37*

And Replace with:-

Note: All Colts become eligible for upgrade to Adult Registration at two (2) years of age, from 1 August in the season in which they turn two (2). These colts must be Adult Registered before they can be used for breeding. Failure to comply will result in a penalty being applied by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Jan Garland

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

Seconded: Anna Duin

Against: Nil

CARRIED

8.1 Review of Policy & Procedure Draft

Anna presented a draft of Disciplinary Policy & Procedures. Discussed the need for a Code of Conduct for members, not only for Social Media, but also shows, etc so members can be aware of expectations as a member of AAA Ltd.

Marsha suggested a similar system to that of the AQHA for Disciplinary Action.

Anna advised that it can restrict what you can and can’t do instead of allowing for a range of options to deal with Disciplinary Matters.

Anna to draft a Code of Conduct for Members and present to Board.

Motion: To accept and implement the Disciplinary Policy and Procedures as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green

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

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

Against: Nil

CARRIED

8.2 Review of Constitution

Anna advised that constitution is almost complete, due to technical issues it is not available for this meeting. Once finalised will be sent to Solicitor for review and then will be put as a motion to the AGM.

9.1 Magazine/Marketing/Merchandise Report

Amelia presented her portfolios report. Discussion held on Industry Partners, some have not elected to renew and others have opted for support as sponsors.

Marsha queried the options for ordering merchandise and size options. Suggested vests, but in a Mens and Womens cut rather than a unisex. Amelia to investigate options.
Debbie suggested a competition for a sticker design but it was agreed we need to sell more of the stickers currently available from the office.

9.2 Magazine Months Change

Kiara presented a suggested change to the publication months of the Journal to assist in the timing of items that are published in the magazine.

Discussed the 2 options presented.

Motion: To change the publication months of the National Appaloosa Journal to Sept/Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr/May, June/July/Aug.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Patricia Thompson

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

10.2 Letter Received re AABA from Kathleen Fisher

Discussion held on the letter received from K. Fisher. Contents duly noted.

Letter to be sent to Kathleen thanking her for the letter tabled at the Nov Board Meeting, the board consider it unfortunate that she has taken this view. Her concerns re Social Media are noted and the Board are discussing these concerns. Procedures for handling grievances are well documented.

Drafted letter to be sent to all directors for review before being sent out.

Meeting Adjourned 10.00am

Meeting Re convened 10.40am

11. AABA

Debera Ebbett, AABA Chairperson, joined Meeting.

Joanne welcomed Debera and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Discussed the roles & responsibilities of AABA, Debera gave some history on AABA, being that they were originally formed as an advisory group to the Board of Directors and then progressed on to becoming a similar group to that of the Amateur and Youth Associations to support AAA members as a whole.

Debera advised that AABA are currently working on incentives for AABA members , one being bulk transport rates for shipping of semen.

Marsha queried if this would be available to Mare Owners and not just Stallion Owners? Debera advised that Mare Owners would also be able to benefit.

Joanne asked who AABA's current Committee were

Debera advised that the current committee are

Debbie Polley, Margaret O'Brien, Ev Lagoon, Shaun Pinney, Katrina Lewis, Debera Ebbett

Discussion on AABA memberships and being an individual Association, issues within AABA.

Joanne queried role of AABA & the reason of not allowing a sitting Director on the Committee.

Debera advised that when originally set up they didn't want the group perceived as the same Board making decisions or providing advice to the Board under a different name, but would be answerable to a Director. The original concept was set up by Ron Gordon so it was more independent but not a "Sub-Board".

Debbie queried why it wasn't set up as a "no more than 1 Director" clause.

Debera advised that things have changed from the original set up and now needs to be amended but felt that continuity of answerable to 1 Director should be retained.

Marsha felt that the Director that holds the AABA portfolio should be included in discussion from the beginning and not advised of discussions part way through the conversation.

Anna agreed that having direct communication with the responsible director means less confusion when supplying information.

Debera advised that they have had a few issues with previous directors responsible for AABA but would like AABA and AAA to work more closely together.

Patricia queried the definition of a Breeder.

Debera advised that a breeder is defined as having bred a horse or lodged a breeding return with the Association.

Anna suggested that AABA promote their definition of a breeder and incentives when finalised more.

Debera advised that she has been in talks with Equine Centre at Caboolture regarding a Breed Expo, something like the Breed Pavilion at Equitana, dates possibly the End June/Early July, but are still working out costs and statistics to see if it will be viable.

Debbie queried if the dates would clash with the QLD State Show.

Debera advised that the dates for QLD State Show will be 16th to 23rd June 2016.

11.1 Semen Retention

Debbie queried the need for a Semen Retention rules.

Debera advised that she'd had discussions with Angus McKinnon, from Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital and he advised that in the not too distant future, all stallions will have Frozen Semen only, with rates being at 60-70% of current Stallions frozen and not chilled. We currently have no rules for Semen Owners if the Stallion has been sold and is gelded or dies.

Joanne asked if that is a contractual issue between parties.

Debera advised that it is, however the rules don't allow for anyone else to utilise Semen other than the Stallion Owner.

Anna queried why only 1 person gets benefit of Semen Retention, why not multiple owners.

Board accepted the proposal with the amendment of v. in the proposal.

11.2 Ancillary Recorded/APR

Ancillary Recorded/AX Registry

Joanne advised of the Boards thoughts on the proposed AX registry.

Debbie queried why only restricted to Performance Classes, why not Halter as well.

Debera advised that this was mainly due to Halter being the recognition of breed type event.

Joanne reiterated that the purpose of the AX registry is to capture the unknown horses and their owners to into our Association and for them to aspire to own a Studbook horse.

Anna reiterated the advantages to our Regional Clubs with more horses coming in to allowed to show, given that AQHA Rules stipulate horses must be registered with "a relevant breed registry"

Discussion on Knabstrupper, Sportaloosa and other undesirable breeds.

AABA recommendation is to only allow to show up to 'A' class and not at AA, State or National level as these are the top echelon of shows.

Meeting adjourned 1.00pm

Meeting reconvened 1.30pm

Confirm with AQHA re their ruling for "relevant breed registry"

Discussion held on name and fees for AX registry.

APR

Debera presented a proposal for APR classes to be mandatory at all State & National Shows. Compulsory classes proposed – Colt/Stallion, Filly/Mare, Gelding & Champion APR. Requested

that AABA be allowed to contact all Clubs and offer Ribbons to put classes on their programs. Board agreed.

AABA proposes to change the current format of registrations to define Appaloosa (Full Studbook), Part Bred (General Studbook) and Unknown Coloured (Ancillary Recorded) and to change the outside perception of Appaloosas only being a Colour and not a Breed.

Joanne queried what happens to those who have bred to outcrosses and proudly show off their Appaloosas, with the proposed changes would give the perception that they are not really appaloosas at all.

Debera suggested that the outside perception is not a breed but an anything coloured type of registry. ApHC allow not only coloureds but Characteristic horses to breed to solids and outcrosses.

Discussed proposal and concerns with changing the registration format.

Debera advised that the current APR format is Halter only, but possibly a large number of registered performance horses would be eligible.

Anna queried if ApHC have the same or similar structure.

Debera advised that the ApHC have Foundation Pedigree Designation, for Registered Appaloosas who have a certain percentage of Appaloosa breeding.

11.3 HERDA Rules Review

Joanne queried why the difference in rules between AAA horses and recognised outcrosses.

Debera advised that initial investigations were only concerned with our own registry and with the stats suggesting limited numbers involved the rules are intended to eventually produce a HERDA free registration and if it was opened to the outcross horses, this would not be possible.

Discussion held on rules and possibility of amending to allow outcrosses who are HERDA N/Hr.

Debera advised that AABA's recommendation was to leave current rule as is.

Joanne thanked Debera for her time. Debera left meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2.30pm

Meeting reconvened 3.20pm

10.1 Application for Registration – Kylie Kewin

Discussed an Application for Registration of a Gelding owned by Kylie Kewin under the Hardship Clause.

The board accept the registration under Rule 3.12 and a letter to be sent to Kylie thanking her for the application, advising that upon receipt of the hardship fee the registration will be accepted.

10.3 Office Items

1. Rules for Most Colourful at Halter to be included to Rule Book

Kiara presented proposed rules for Most Colourful at Halter, which currently don't exist in the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

Proposed Rule 6.6 Most Colourful at Halter

- a. **Eligibility:** This class is open to Coloured Registered Appaloosas only. Any Appaloosas that are registered as B, BR or BT are ineligible to compete.
- b. **Personal Attire (Western):** Includes long sleeve shirt, sleeves down, western hat, western type boots, and western pants. All must be in good condition.
- c. **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. Lip chains may be used on colts (over 1yr of age) and stallions only.
- d. **Class Conduct:**
 - i. Horses to be judged 60% on Colour, 40% on Conformation, Action, Substance, Quality and Manners.
 - ii. Entries shall enter the ring and be lined up at the Judge's discretion. Entries shall be judged individually standing and also at the walk and trot.

Points for this class will be awarded as ROM only points.

Motion: To accept the proposed Rule 6.6 Most Colourful at Halter as presented and to include in the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

Moved: Anna Duin

Seconded: Joanne Green

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

2. Outcross Recording Rules

Proposal to include rules to the Rule Book for the Outcross Recording, which are currently only stated on the Application Form.

Proposed Rule 3.13.1 Outcross Recording

- a. As from 1st August 2014 any outcross horse who meets the requirements in Rule 3.13 must be recorded with and approved by the AAA Ltd prior to use in an Appaloosa Breeding Program.
- b. If an outcross horse has been used in an Appaloosa Breeding Program prior to 1st August 2014 and produced registered progeny, the appropriate application form must be completed and submitted to the AAA Ltd.
- c. If an outcross horse has not been used in an Appaloosa Breeding Program prior to 1st August 2014 and has no registered progeny with AAA Ltd, the appropriate application form and required documentation showing compliance with these rules must be submitted with appropriate fee.

Motion: To accept the proposed Rule 3.13.1 Outcross Recording as presented and to include in the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

Moved: Patricia Thompson
For: PT, JG, AL, NK, AD, JGD, ML, DP

Seconded: Joanne Green
Against: Nil

CARRIED

3. Team Events Points

Currently there are no rules for Team disciplines such as Team Penning, Team Roping, Ranch Sorting, Polo, Polocrosse, etc to receive points and awards.

Discussed current AQHA and PHAA rules for Team events and proposal for points to be awarded to these events.

Proposed Rule 5.24 Team Event Points

Team events are defined as being two (2) or more Horse/Rider combinations making up a competition team, i.e. Team Roping, Team Penning, Polocrosse, etc.

Points will be allocated as per the points table, Rule 5.19, for each AAA Ltd Registered horse in each team. In competitions where a horse may compete in more than one (1) team, only the highest placing will receive points.

Motion: To accept proposed Rule 5.24 Team Event Points as presented and to include in the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

Moved: Joanne Green
For: JG, PT, AL, NK, AD, JGD, ML, DP

Seconded: Patricia Thompson
Against: Nil

CARRIED

4. Recognised Associations

To introduce a list of Associations which are recognised for points and awards.

Proposed Rule 5.10.1 'A' Class Shows – Recognised Associations

Single 'A' class points will be allocated for recognised events (as per "AAA Ltd End of Year High Point Awards" section of this Rule Book) held at shows run by the following Associations or their Affiliates:

- Australian Barrel Horse Association
- Australian Bushman's Campdraft & Rodeo Association
- Australian Endurance Riders Association
- Australian Hunter Horse Association
- Australian Polo Federation
- Australian Professional Rodeo Association
- Australian Team Roping Association
- Equestrian Australia
- Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI)
- National Barrel Horse Association
- National Campdraft Council of Australia
- National Cutting Horse Association
- National Rodeo Association
- National Reined Cow Horse Association
- Polocrosse Association of Australia
- Pony Club Australia
- Reining Australia

- Show Horse Council of Australia
- Sporting Horse Australia
- Team Penning 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.

Motion: To accept proposed Rule 5.10.1 as presented and to include in the AAA Ltd Rule Book.

Moved: Jan Garland

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

5. Letter re Gelded Stallion from Monica Moravek

Email received from Monica Moravek requesting approval for the use of Frozen Semen from her horse Kapyong Sure To Par-Te and register resulting progeny.

Discussion held on situation.

Letter to be sent to Monica advising that her email request was tabled at our meeting and discussed by the Directors at length. Also the Board raised concerns re the time taken to notify of the horse being gelded.

Drafted letter to be sent to Joanne Green & Anna Duin prior to being sent.

Motion: To send a letter to Monica Moravek regarding the use of available frozen semen from Kapyong Sure To Par-Te.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Anna Duin

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

10.4 Registration Card Review

Marsha discussed proposal to re-instate the Transfer/Ownership record on the reverse side of the registration cards, as has been used previously.

Discussed the reasons why this was initially removed and the importance of updating registration cards when horses transferred, etc.

The Board agreed to keep current registration cards as is.

10.5 Transfer of Ownership Form Review

Marsha raised concerns over those transferring horses either not being able to obtain or not bothering to get the required information to process transfers for registered horses.

Discussed the issues with transfers and obtaining the required information to process.

The Board agreed to remove the need for a Buyers Signature from the Transfer form and all other procedures will remain as is.

Discussed re-introducing the "Complimentary" Membership similar to what we used to have. Board agreed and cost to be confirmed.

10.6 Personal Accident Insurance

Jan received notification from AQHA (sent to all AQHA Members) notification of Personal Accident Insurance and tabled for consideration for AAA members.

Patricia advised that she has spoken to Affinity and advised of the information supplied.

Discussion on the types of insurance and the cost to the Association.

Patricia directed to contact Affinity to obtain a quote for Personal Accident Insurance same/similar to that of the AQHA and a quote for individuals to obtain their own through Affinity.

10.7 Sponsorship Request – NSW State Show

Written request received from Tamara Pearson, ORAC – Host of 2016 NSW State Show, for Sponsorship towards the State Show.

Motion: To approved request for sponsorship of \$250.00 to the 2016 NSW State Show.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: JG, AL, NK, AD, LGD, PT, ML

Abstained: DP

Against: Nil

CARRIED

11.4 Awards/Incentive Scheme

Proposal for Awards/Incentive Scheme to be reviewed by Board and correspond via email.

Meeting Adjourned 5.10pm

Meeting Reconvened 5.20pm

12.2 Show Approval Rules Review

Marsha raised the issue of multiple clubs holding shows on the same weekend, however all clubs met the approval rules.

Discussed Clubs and their need to work together for the benefit of both clubs and competitors.

Marsha advised that clubs have been contacted for information but has had limited response back.

Anna, Marsha & Pat to draft "How To" information for Clubs to be put on the website.

12.2.1 'AA' Approval Prizemoney

Current 'AA' Approval rules stipulate minimum prizemoney of \$500.00 but do not stipulate a minimum number of classes or how the prizemoney should be spread throughout the program.

Board agreed that an amendment to be made to Rule 5.8 that the minimum prizemoney of \$500.00 is to be across at least 5 sections, including Youth and Amateur. To investigate changing the AA Approval Form to include amounts allocated to each section and present Draft to the Board.

12.4 Workplace Health & Safety Responsibilities

Patricia discussed the WHS responsibilities of Clubs, what clubs should be aware of, etc.

Discussed available options of communication between clubs and responsible director and how to improve it.

Information about WHS responsibilities to be added to the "How To" information page to be drafted for the website.

Discussed the requirements for club committees, parent/guardian being present, working with minors, etc. Joanne to investigate legislation requirements.

Discussion on Trainers/Clinicians insurance requirements under new AQHA rules.

Discussed the 'permission for use of photos' requirements.

12.6 Proposal for Sydney Western Riders Appaloosa Club

Joanne declared a conflict of interest regarding this proposal.

Debbie queried their insurance coverage, would they be requiring insurance from AAA. If they have their own will it affect/conflict with insurance that AAA already have.

Discussed the current rules and insurance concerns.

Meeting adjourned 6.30pm

Meeting reconvened 8.45pm

Suggested an Associate Affiliation that AAA would not provide insurance to. Associate Affiliate would require their own insurance which would have to be the same as that of the AAA current policy.

Patricia to contact Affinity for information on having an "associate affiliate" carrying their own insurance.

Board agreed that an "associate affiliate" is a good idea but not able to make a final decision until information sort from Affinity re Insurance.

13. Hall of Fame/Honour Roll

Marsha advised that 1 Nomination had been received for Colonial Sweet Sioux.

Motion: To accept the nomination of Colonial Sweet Sioux for the Honour Roll 2016.

Moved: Marsha Lewis

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Marsha discussed the supply of information for the Hall of Fame/Honour Roll nominees, discussed the criteria for nominees.

Amelia to contact Margaret O'Brien to see if a list of horses/people available.

14.1 Leadline Membership

Narelle presented proposed rule changes Rule 11.3(m) Leadline to provide clearer definition of a Leadline Competitor.

Proposed change to Rule 11.3(m)

Youth who have a Leadline Membership cannot compete in any other ridden or led event, including Showmanship. If a Youth wishes to compete in Youth Showmanship, they must have taken out a Youth Membership.

Board accepted change to rule.

14.2 Walk/Jog & Leadline Ages

Narelle discussed the conflicting differences between the AAA Youth Age groups and that of the AQHA.

AAA Leadline age is 2 – 10yrs, Walk/Jog age is 13yrs & under.

AQHA Leadline age is 3 – 6yrs, Walk/Jog age is 5 – 10yrs.

Narelle to write to the AQHA regarding the age groups and eligibility of AAA youth competing in their classes.

AQHA have implemented minimum ages for Youth Showmanship & Youth Halter is five (5) and all open classes is seven (7)

Discussed the minimum age for AAA and HSAA, being 2yrs, suggested that the minimum age should be increased to 3yrs.

Discussion on the use of stirrups being a suitable length.

Discussed increasing the minimum age of showing for youth to Minimum of Five for Youth Showmanship and Youth In Hand Events, Minimum of seven for all Open Events.

Board accepted the following changes, which are to be added to the Youth Rules:

- Minimum age of Youth showing is 3yrs.
- Minimum age of horse competing in Lead Line and Walk/Jog events is 4yrs of age.
- Youth must have a saddle with a suitable stirrup length.
- No Youth entering Walk/Jog events may enter any other ridden event on the program.
- Minimum Age of Youth competing in Youth Showmanship or Youth In Hand Events is five (5) years.
- Minimum Age of Youth competing in any Open Event is seven (7) years.

14.3 Participation Awards

Narelle presented an option to change the award received by Youth for Participation Awards.

Discussion held on either a system of trophy/award determined by number of points earned or having a minimum number of points to be eligible.

Agreed that a system of trophy/award determined by number of points earned would be most suitable.

Narelle also advised that the Youth will be running a Youth Competitor Draw at Nationals, requested funds from the Youth Account to put together a prize, possibly a bucket of goodies, and will be asking Youth Parents to donate something for the prize.

Also looking in to running competitions for Youth such as Photo Comp, Colouring In Comp, Essay/Poetry Writing Comp, etc. Prizes would be sought.

Meeting adjourned 9.50pm, Saturday 28th November 2015

Meeting reconvened 8.45am, Sunday 29th November 2015

14.5 AAYA World Show Team

Patricia presented an update on the Youth Team.

Trainer is Mike Moser, will be staying with Mel Anderson. Liaising with Tracey Dunshea, who will be visiting Australia in January and is trying to get to the State Show.

Airfares have been booked earlier in the year, however travel dates have change and needed to be re-booked. Travelling Sydney-LAX-DFW-Sydney. Seeking sponsorship in US for expenses.

Some parents will be attending for part of the trip, mainly for the show. Trip will be a total of 5 weeks, 1 wk LA, 2 wks Training, 1 wk National Show, 1 wk Youth World Show. Accommodation still to be organised.

Joanne requested email correspondence, advising that no information had been received. Both Joanne and Debbie are not receiving copies of messages sent via the Facebook page.

Patricia to add Joanne and Debbie to any correspondence regarding the Youth Team.

Jan queried the ApHC International Program, anything available through that. Nothing as we can't reciprocate deal.

Joanne queried what fundraising has been done, Patricia advised that the girls are responsible for their own fundraising. Joanne suggested that information on supporting the team be put on the AAA Public Facebook page.

Narelle queried what would happen if a Team member became ill or injured and was not able to go, any money raised would go the Youth Association.

14.4 End of Year High Point Awards

Narelle raised concerns over the limited number of Youth qualifying for End of Year High Point Awards, suggested a reduction in qualifying limit.

Discussed the qualification limit. Board agreed to leave the current qualification in place.

Debbie discussed the situation of having equal winners of High Points, suggested a tie breaker system. Investigations continue to find a system for tie breakers. Discussed options and each case will be looked at individually.

15.1 Amateur Association

Tamara Pearson, AAAA President, submitted a report to the Board regarding Amateur Limited and requested the following addition to the current rule to be implemented

10.6 Amateur Limited Restrictions

Acceptance to Limited Amateur status is only available to those who do not exceed the lifetime point limit of 25 points in Youth, Open and Other Breed lifetime points in each individual discipline. This will be investigated by the AAA Ltd upon initial Amateur Membership application or at times deemed appropriate by the AAA Ltd or AAAA Executive Committee. The Amateur applicant will only be eligible for Limited Amateur in the particular events in which they have not exceeded the 25 lifetime point limit.

Requested that the list of all new Amateurs be put in the magazine. Advised that list is available on the AAA website. Board Agreed.

AAAA to receive notification of Amateurs leasing horses.

Amateur Membership form to have Donation section added.

15.2 National Show

Debbie presented report for National Show, advising that all is on track for 2016.

15.2.2 3yrs & Over Led Versatility Proposal

Discussion held on the Viability and Qualification for a 3yrs & Over Led Versatility.

Meeting adjourned 9.45am

Meeting reconvened 9.55am

Discussed possible option of a maximum of 10pts in any Ridden Events or Any Feature/Futurity win or placing from 3yo onwards.

Board agreed to concept in principle, final details to be confirmed and re submitted to the board.

15.2.3 Proposal to amend High Point Sire rules

Proposal submitted from Lee Ann Hall to amend the current High Point Futurity Sire rules to include acceptable outcross sires.

Proposal discussed and a letter to be sent to Lee Ann advising that the rule will remain for Appaloosa Stallions only.

16.1 Promotions/Sponsorship

Joanne tabled a letter declaring a conflict of interest for Buckles being sourced through her trainers company.

Jan presented sponsorship report. Advised that a number of previous sponsors are not continuing sponsorships this year. Still have a number of sponsors to confirm in the new year.

Debbie queried the buckle sponsorship, if a class sponsor was sort for one of these classes, their name needs to be on the buckle not just the sponsor of the buckle. Board agreed.

Jan to supply list of Buckle sponsors so buckles can be ordered.

17.1 Dates for Next Board Meeting

Board discussed best suited time for the next board meeting, sometime in June would be suitable. Dates to be confirmed with SIEC and all directors.

Discussion on information to be published in the Jan-Mar Magazine. AGM notice & Directors Nomination Form to be put in again.

Joanne advised the 2 current Directors are eligible under the constitution to receive their Honorary Life Membership.

Motion: To bestow Honorary Life Membership upon the two (2) current Directors and presentation to be made at the AGM, held with the 2016 National Show.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Patricia Thompson

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: AL, DP

CARRIED

17.2 Letters of Complaint

Joanne Green withdrew from discussion of this matter.

Two (2) letters received from AAA Members regarding an incident with PHAA Member at an Appaloosa Approved Show held by Sydney Western Riders Series.

Anna advised of concerns that this incident was directed at a AAA member even though this person is not a AAA Member or the club is not an affiliate.

Letter to be sent to the person involved regarding behaviour at an Appaloosa Approved show and forward a copy to the PHAA for their information.

Letters of reply to be sent to the AAA Members who submitted letters.

Meeting adjourned 11.00am

Meeting reconvened 11.10am

17.3 Registration Upgrade Request

Letter received from Selener and Dale Lindley requesting registration information be upgraded.

Discussed circumstances outlined in letter.

Board determined that upon DNA confirmation, finalisation of registration for Stallion and payment of Hardship fee, registration upgrade will be processed.

Letter of reply to be sent advising of Boards decision.

17.5 Letter from South Burnett Western Performance Club

Discussed Letter from South Burnett WPC re Policy and Procedures for On-Site Quarantine Management.

Letter of reply to be sent thanking them for their letter, and to contact the appropriate authorities in their state for current legislation.

17.6 Letter from Katrina Lewis re Awards System

Due to the detailed information supplied the board will review Katrina's letter further and will table at the next Board Meeting.

17.7 Letter from Katrina Lewis re End of Year High Point Awards

Due to the detailed information supplied the board will review Katrina's letter further and will table at the next Board Meeting.

17.4 Social Media

Discussion held on Policy for Social Media.

Amelia to draft a new 'Pinned Post' reiterating the conduct of members on social media outlets.

Joanne to ensure that all current Directors are Admins on the AAA Facebook pages.

Joanne thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their hard work and efforts as directors.

Meeting closed 11.45am, Sunday 29th November 2015