

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting – 29th November to 1st December 2013
Bankstown BreakFree, Chapel Rd Bankstown NSW 2200

Meeting opened 8.25am, Saturday 30th Nov 2013.

1. Introduction: Joanne open meeting and welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Present: Joanne Green, Kevin Peatey, John Maher, Sally Cole, Amelia Leeman, Debbie Pearson, Maria Stokes, Kiara Le Cerf (minutes).

3. Apologies: Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

John noted that these minutes had been put forward several times since the April Board meeting. Nothing has been changed in these minutes and yet they are passed with no opposition or requests for changes as before.

Motion: To accept Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting as circulated.

Moved: Maria Stokes

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: MS, DP, SC, JM, AL, JG

Against: Nil

Abstained KP

Carried

Discussion held regarding 15.3 Outcross Registries Approval.

Kevin requested that the minutes of this meeting be recorded digitally.

Discussion held on minutes being recorded digitally.

Motion: To record minutes of Board of Directors Meetings digitally.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: John Maher

For: JM, KP

Against: DP, MS, SC, AL

Defeated

Noted that recording of meetings will have some ramifications.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Item 10.1 Office Payroll

John asked had this procedure been put in place.

Joanne advised that due to name change with apprenticepower, this action has been put on hold.

John requested it be noted that this procedure was to come into effect on July 1st, and that no notification had been received regarding name change of apprenticepower.

Item 11.2 Magazine

John advised that the contract had been sent to Tania Hobbs for signature-and to date had not been returned.-.

Sally advised that she had spoken to Tania regarding this.

Item 12.1 International

John asked if letter had been drafted to the ApHC as per previous minutes approved by the board.

Joanne advised letter had not been drafted.

John requested that it be noted that the letter to the ApHC, drafted by Joanne had not been received for signature.

Item 21 Promotions and Marketing

Communication and Promotional Plan

John asked if thankyou letter had been sent to Tamara Pearson regarding Promotional material. Noted that this had been done.

Brochures & Pamphlets

John asked if Brochures & Pamphlets had been sought.

Sally replied prices had been sourced from Tania and due to the cost, further investigation is being done to source better prices.

Sportaloosa

John asked if letter had been drafted to the McAuliffe's as per previous minutes approved by the board.

Joanne replied that the letter had not been drafted.

John requested that it be noted that the letter to be drafted by Joanne had not been received for signature.

Item 23.1 Memberships

John asked if Memberships for Jan Garland and Saxon Wells had been completed and sent to both. Noted that this had been done

Item 23.2 Amendment to Articles

John asked if this item had been done for this meeting by our present Company Secretary.

Joanne replied as previous Company Secretary had resigned, this has not been completed and no director had been appointed to take this action on, no further action has been taken, John was asked to take this on, John refused.

Item 23.6 Australian Spotted Horse Association

John asked if report outlining the introduction of ASHA had been drafted as per previous minutes by Joanne for this Board Meeting.

Joanne replied that this had not been done.

John requested that it be noted that the report to be drafted by Joanne for this meeting had not been completed.

2. Action Sheet

Joanne read through all 36 items on the Action sheet and updated

1 Previous member (name withheld)

Joanne advised that she had discussed this with Sherriff's department and it is quite difficult process to pursue and recommendation is to write debt off.

Kevin suggested that a debt collector be sought. Discussion held on viability of using a Debt collector.

Maria suggested contacting the accountant and going through them.

Sally suggested to list person's name in the Journal.

Kiara to discuss with Joanne re debt collector and to contact accountant.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Standing orders were suspended so that the Board could go in camera.

Reinstatement of standing orders

2 International Registration

Joanne advised that this is still a work in progress and further discussion to be held with Kevin.

14 Futurity Information

John advised that this is still on going as AABA were to redraft the information for the Journal.

15 Online Studbook/MYOB integration

John advised that he had spoken to Marcus Sweeney and this could be done.

24 Regional Club Survey

Maria advised that this had been undertaken and only received a few responses. John asked what information sort in survey as hadn't received a copy. Maria advised that the survey contained questions regarding number of members, number of shows held, etc.

Joanne suggested that a survey be done during Nationals in some way.

Kevin suggested that Board Meetings be held in different states, so Club meetings could be held as well.

30 Equitana

Discussion held on the pros and cons of attending. Sharon Coldwell to be sent a letter of thanks for the hard work that she volunteered for Equitana.

Kiara and Joanne to write letter to Sharon Coldwell.

31 Sportaloosas

Discussion held with them at Equitana as they were stables nearby. The Board felt that at this time no further discussion needed.

32 Amendment to Articles

Due to resignation of the previous Company Secretary it was determined that new paragraph 41a with regard to the quorum revision (to 5% of membership) had not been completed and Joanne advised that as this was a change to the Constitution, the matter would need to go to the Annual General Meeting. Joanne to prepare resolution for the board so that they could resolve to prepare a notice of motion for the next AGM..

33 Office Phone System

Joanne advised that she had spoken to Telstra and contract is not due for renewal until June 2014. Agreed that 3 quotes be sourced before the contract is due.

Amelia to liaise with Kiara regarding phones.

6. (7.1) Ratifications of Motions

Kevin queried motions from phone linkup held in August.

Joanne advised that she was not the President at the time and had not taken minutes of the meeting nor had she been asked to. Joanne indicated that she would investigate whether she had kept any notes of the meeting.

Kevin requested that motions for ratification be numbered and dated to give clear indication of order of motions.

It is noted that motions were numbered as listed.

1. **Motion:** The AAA offer a stallion service to Cool Hand Luke for the AABA stallion raffle.
Moved: Amelia Leeman **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson
In Favour: AL, DP, JG, JM, MS, SC **Against:** 0

CARRIED

2. **Motion:** Most Colourful at Halter to be scored for ROMs Only from August 1st 2012, points will be awarded from Most Colourful classes that are Appaloosa only.

Moved: Debbie Pearson **Seconded:** Joanne Green
In Favour: DP, JG, MS, SC, AL, JM **Against:** 0 **No Reply:** Kevin Peatey

CARRIED

To be added to Rule Book

3. **Motion:** The AAA Ltd sponsor the AQHA halter classes at Equitana for the amount of \$500 dollars and that the winners and place getters of the National halter classes be invited to participate in these classes according to the numbers advised to us by the AQHA.

Moved: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Maria Stokes
In Favour: JG, MS, JM, DP, KP, SC, AL **Against:** 0

CARRIED

4. **Motion:** To accept the Outcross Registries Approval proposal put forward by AABA with the suggested amendments from Debbie.

Moved: John Maher **Seconded:** Debbie Pearson
In Favour: JM, DP, AL, KP, MS **Against:**

CARRIED

5. **Motion:** That the AAA implements the new Saddle Log Programs, as proposed by Kiara Le Cerf, with the amendment to the cost for Non-members increased to \$35.00 per year.

Moved: Maria Stokes **Seconded:** Joanne Green
In Favour: MS, JG, AL, DP, SC, KP, JM **Against:** 0

CARRIED

6. That given the official information received by the AAA Ltd with regard to the registration of horse Mad Desire meets the appropriate requirements approval be granted to register said horse.

Proposed: Joanne Green **Seconded:** Maria Stokes
For: JG, MS, DP, AL, SC **Against:** JM, KP

7. Motion put forward by KP, second by AL

I move that the AAA contact the owners of Mad Desire and advise them that new information has been brought to our attention regarding the mare Kelo Figment and that we request that they supply the AAA with a DNA colour test for Kelo Figment that will be parent verified with the APHC data base.

Moved: Kevin Peatey
For: KP, AL, JM

Seconded: Amelia Leeman
AGAINST; DP, JG, MS, SC

DEFEATED

8. It is RESOLVED THAT: As a result of a change of the AAA Ltd Rule 3.16 to include International Non-Resident Appaloosa Sires, and at the Australian Agents ([Nicole Wilson](#)) request that the horse Mad Desire (Reg No: 62369) be classified under this rule, the Board determines that Mad Desire Reg No: 62369 be removed from the AAA studbook and now noted as an International Non-Resident Appaloosa Sire under Rule 3.16 effective on and from 1 August, 2013.

Moved: Kevin Peatey
For: KP, JM, JG SC, DP, AL

Seconded: John Maher
Against:

Abstained: MS

CARRIED

9. **That the Board of the AAA Ltd accept the resignation of John Maher in the role of President noting that John has indicated that he wishes to continue as Treasurer of the Association**

Moved: Joanne Green
For: SC, DP, JG, MS

Seconded: Maria Stokes
Against: AL, KP

CARRIED

10. **That it be noted that the Board appreciates the hard work that John Maher has done during his time as President of the AAA Ltd**

Moved: Joanne Green
For: SC, DP, KP, AL, JG, MS

Seconded: Maria Stokes
Against: 0

CARRIED

11. **That the Board noted the resignation of the Company Secretary Mr Ron Gordon and wished to express their appreciation of the work that Mr Gordon has done during the time he spent as Company Secretary. Further that the Vice President write a letter on behalf of the Board to Mr Gordon expressing their appreciation to him.**

Moved: Joanne Green
For: MS, DP, AL, JM, JG, SC

Seconded: Sally Cole
Against: 0

CARRIED

12. **I feel that we need to move quickly to appoint a president and to that end I move that Joanne Green be appointed to the position of President.**

Moved: Maria Stokes
For: SC, DP, MS, JG

Seconded: Debbie Pearson
Against: JM, KP

CARRIED

13. **That Kevin Peatey be nominated as Vice President of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd**

Moved: Amelia Leeman
For: AL, JM, DP, SC, JG

Seconded: John Maher
Against: 0

CARRIED

14. **That the previous letter that had been developed outlining the reasons why the National Show was being held in May, 2014 published.**

Moved: Amelia Leeman
For: AL, KP, JM, JG

Seconded: Kevin Peatey
Against: JG, MS **Abstained:** SC

President made 2 and casting vote against.

DEFEATED

15. **That the rule change In Favour outcross be deferred to 1st August, 2014**

Moved: Maria Stokes
In Favour: MS, JG, SC, DP

Seconded: Sally Cole
Against: KP, AL, JM

CARRIED

16. **I move the Motion; Delete “BEFORE being used for breeding” in the first paragraph and leave everything else in place, fee’s included \$25 for mares and \$50 for stallions, includes a service book.**

Moved: John Maher
In Favour: AL, KP, JM

Seconded: Kevin Peatey

Motion not valid – Superseded by Motion 15.

17. **That the Program for the 2014 National Championships as presented by the Director – National Show be approved.**

Moved: Joanne Green
In Favour: JG, MS, SC
No Response: JM, KP

Seconded: Maria Stokes
Against: 0

Motion lapsed – to be put back on the table

18. **Phone voting not acceptable. All voting on email motions to be replied to by email.**

Moved: John Maher
In Favour: JM, KP

Seconded: Kevin Peatey
Against: JG, MS, SC, DP, AL

DEFEATED

19. **Motion 1. That all items ordered on behalf of the AAA Ltd require the Board’s approval before ordering.**

Moved: John Maher
In Favour: JM, AL, KP

Seconded: Kevin Peatey
Against: MS, JG, DP, SC

DEFEATED

20. **That the Office Director be appointed as Company Secretary**

Moved: Debbie Pearson
In Favour: DP, MS, SC, AL

Seconded: Maria Stokes
Against: JM **No Response:** KP

CARRIED

21. **Motion 2. That all funds of the AAA Ltd require the Board's approval before being spent on the AAA Ltd's behalf**

Moved: John Maher

Seconded: Kevin Peatey

In Favour: JM, KP

Against: MS, SC, DP, AL, JG

DEFEATED

22. **That the program that was implemented in August 2012 to increase the points system as follows points for "C" class becomes "B" class, "B" class becomes "A" class and "A" class becomes "AA" class for Regional Appaloosa Clubs and Agricultural Shows be only effective for the 2012/2013 show year and cease effective from 31st July, 2013.**

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Maria Stokes

In Favour: JG, MS, SC

Against: JM, AL, DP, KP

DEFEATED

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Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Maria Stokes

In Favour: JG, MS, SC, AL

Against: 0 No Response: KP, JM

24. **Adopt a New member program as presented by the president be approved**

Proposer: Joanne Green

Seconder: Maria Stokes

In Favour: SC, DP, AL, JG

Against: 0 No Response: JM, KP

CARRIED

25. **Having received the letter of consent to act as Company Secretary, that the Board of Directors of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd RESOLVE to appoint Joanne Green as Company Secretary of the Australian Appaloosa Association effective on and from 8 October, 2013**

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Sally Cole

In Favour: JG, SC, AL, DP

Against: 0 No Response: JM, KP

CARRIED

26. **That the following rule be revised and the following be deleted from the rule book: Note: Geldings of unknown breed that meet the registration requirements, must be tested for Herda and be replaced with "Note: Geldings of unknown breeding that meet the registration requirements are not required to be tested for Herda."**

2.5 From 1st August 2013 all past and future progeny, except geldings, bred from any AAA Ltd Registered Stallion or Mare that is N/Hr for HERDA must be tested for HERDA and the status recorded by the AAA Ltd.

Note: Geldings of unknown breeding that meet the registration requirements, must be tested for Herda.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour: JG, AL, MS, DP

Against: JM No Response: KP

CARRIED

27. "In general terms, all voting on Board resolutions via email is to be done via email (in writing), however, phone voting may be acceptable in situations where directors are unable to respond via email. In these instances, any telephone vote must be confirmed via email (in writing) as soon as practicable after the vote by telephone is made."

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

In Favour:

Against:

Motion still on the table

Motion 16: Further discussion held.

John requested that No Replies be noted with motions.

Motion 2: Amended that No Reply from Kevin.

Motion 12: Amended that John listed as voting twice.

Motion 16: Motion did not lapse and to be amended to Motion not valid, superseded by Motion 15.

Motion 24: Amended that John's vote listed as being by phone, was not a vote and to be listed as No Response.

Motion 27: Motion did not lapse and is still on table for voting, vote held:

Motion 27: "In general terms, all voting on Board resolutions via email is to be done via email (in writing), however, phone voting may be acceptable in situations where Directors are unable to respond via email. In these instances, any telephone vote must be confirmed via email (in writing) as soon as practicable after vote by telephone is made."

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: MS, AL, JG, DP, SC

Against: KP, JM

Carried

7. President's Report

Discussion held on member access for updating of Studbook. Suggestion that perhaps it should be a sub-committee that has access.

Further discussion in Sub-Committee section.

Joanne raised concerns with regards to Directors workload and distribution of work between all directors, discussion held.

10min break

Motion: To accept Presidents report as presented.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Maria Stokes

For: DP, MS, AL, SC, JM, KP, JG

Against: Nil

Carried

10.1.1 Hendra Meeting

Kiara presented report on meeting attended at AELEC on 8th October.

Joanne advised that she had spoken to Kim Wearne from DPI, whose advice is to have good biosecurity plans in place for shows.

Debbie advised of NSW State Show Procedures, with similar procedures in place for National Show.

Sally advised that Equestrian Australia have deferred implementation of compulsory vaccination until July 2014.

Members shall be notified through the App-E-News and Facebook page of the procedures for NSW State Show and Nationals.

Recommendations as presented to be accepted and implemented.

Discussion held on Volunteer Employees and coverage they have and what we as “employer” do.

8. Treasurers Report

John presented the Treasurers Report.

Joanne requested that John explain the financials on the spreadsheet provided.

John explained that the monthly figures are actuals because of the accrual reversal at the beginning and end of each financial year.

Maria asked Kiara to look at MYOB and see if figures can be split into current year income and next year income.

Kiara to discuss with Maria and Accountant.

Joanne requested that a reminder be put in the App-E-News for membership renewals prior to NSW State Show.

Discussion held on avenues that can be researched for an increase in Promotional and Revenue areas.

Maria requested information on the 2014 Budget.

John explained that the 2014 Budget is listed on the spreadsheet and what affects income and expenses for the year.

Joanne requested for the Budget to be done Month by Month.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Moved: John Maher

Seconded: Sally Cole

For: JM, SC, JG, KP, MS, DP, AL

Against: Nil

Carried

10.1.2 Outcross Registration Form & 10.1.3 International Non Resident Sire Form

Both forms have previously been sent to AABA for review and AABA have requested that places for Grey & Roan Gene results be added, as per HYPP/HERDA/OLWS. AABA also requested that the Name field be changed on the Intl Non Resident Sire form to allow for more spaces.

Kiara to make requested changes to forms.

10.1.4 Proposed Amendment to Rule 5.8

Discussion held on pros & cons for both levels of AQHA & HSAA Judges being eligible to judge State Shows.

Motion: To amend current Rule 5.8 Judge Requirements to "Must have International Judge or and Approved HSAA or AQHA Judge and must run under AAA Ltd and HSAA Rules.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: MS, JM, JG, DP, SC, AL

Against: KP

Carried

10.1.5 Proposed Ag Show A & B Approval Requirements – Discussion

Discussion held on concept of having different approval requirements for Ag Shows.

As presented for discussion at this meeting, further investigation from all directors to be done and come back to next meeting with any concerns, ideas, etc.

10.2.1 2013/2014 End of Year High Point Rules & 17.3 Letter from AAAA President re Ltd Amateur Qualifiers

Debbie presented letter from Amateur Assn President, Tamara Pearson, requesting that qualifiers be dropped for the Limited Amateur High Point Award and reasons for request.

John asked who covers cost of High Point Trophy and suggested that Limited Amateur classes be open to Regional Club's also.

Debbie explained the difficulties in policing & scoring Limited Amateurs eligibility at shows other than State and National Shows.

Joanne asked did anyone have any changes to the High Point rules. No changes put forward.

Motion: To accept the 2013/2014 End of Year High Point Award Rules with amendments to the Limited Amateur Award being included.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

For: JG, DP, AL, JM, KP, SC, MS

Against: Nil

Carried

Outcross Rules

Kiara explained that the proposed rule presented was not intended to conflict with the Proposal that AABA had put forward previously, but to simplify the wording so members are able to understand more clearly.

Amelia requested that it be sent to AABA for review.

Amelia to forward proposed rule to AABA and discuss direct with Kiara.

10.3 Non Stud book Registry

As John had previously advised a new name is to be sought due to conflict with Aust. Stock Horse Soc.

Debbie suggested that some sort of package be put together for what we can offer people who register horses in this registry.

Maria offered to put something together and bring back to the board for further discussion.

Joanne discussed rumours of other breeds derivative registries. Discussion held on consequences to us from these registries.

Further discussion on package for Non-Stud Book registry – requirements, what they get for minimal outlay.

Name should include Appaloosa and/or Spotted Horses.

Sally suggested that they could be offered a Jamboree style show at the Nationals and offered to run.

Kevin advised that there was talk that a derivative registry would be allowed to breed up after 8 generations.

Joanne requested permission from the Board to write a letter to the AQHA regarding their proposed derivative registry and its impact on AAA.

Board agreed to letter, with a draft to be sent to all Directors before finalising and sending to AQHA.

Joanne to draft letter to AQHA and send to BOD for approval prior to finalising and sending.

11. Magazine/Marketing

Sally presented Magazine & Marketing report.

Magazine

Working with Tania to produce the Journal more promptly and with more general interest stories, which seems to be progressing well. Tania is now producing the AQHA Journal and PHAA Journal in addition to the AAA Journal, which could lead to more stories and contacts for our Journal.

Amelia requested that a copy of the latest Journal be sent to Elise Whittaker. It was also requested that Ashleigh Moore receive a copy also.

Kiara to get contact details and send magazines.

Equitana

Received extremely positive response from those that attended Equitana this year. Great exposure to the general public, with the AAA being the biggest display in the Kelato Breeders Village. Halter classes were very well represented by our Appaloosas, the AAA was asked to supply the ribbon presenter and announcer for the classes, which were Debbie and Joanne respectively.

Fantastic job done by everyone involved, especially Sharon Coldwell.

Karen Lever is competing in Victoria at the moment and request that we contact Karen and ask her to share photos via Facebook.

Sally to contact Karen Lever and ask her to share photos of her competing.

Facebook

Page is being kept very positive and option of boosting page for a minimal fee. Discussion on possibilities of growth using social media.

Sally to investigate options of boosting page and costs.

20.6 Report for Industry Partnership Program

Sally presented a proposal for developing Industry Partnerships and options available to help grow both our Industry Partners and the Association.

Board accepts the proposal and recommendations as presented.

Sally to develop Industry Partnership program and implement.

12. International/Merchandise

Kevin presented International & Merchandise report.

Kevin advised that he has spoken with Steve Dal Porto regarding the Grey & Roan Gene requirements.

Also spoke to ApHC regarding International Funding and current economic situation in the US, it isn't positive at this time, but can be revisited in the future.

Kevin requested that he be Cc'd in on all correspondence with the ApHC as International Director.

Caps have been ordered and have arrived, had big hassles with the cap order and they took longer to arrive than anticipated.

Investigating new merchandise. Amelia suggested to have sponsored shirts, something that ties in with the Industry Partnerships.

Kevin advised that he had sourced a new style of caps and will resend photos to Directors.

Kevin to forward photos of new style caps.

Joanne advised that she has spoken to ApHC CEO, Steve Taylor, regarding emails received from Jerry Carter. Discussion held on situation with Mr Carter and agreed to contact Mr Carter and request information for Hall of Fame.

13. National Show

Debbie presented the National Show Report.

13.1.1 2014 Nationals

Several judges contacted and only 1 reply received. Board agreed to proceed with Judge that has replied.

Tender received from Xpoze Photography. To contact and ask for a disk of photos to be supplied as part of deal.

Kiara to contact Xpoze re disk of photos.

Kiara to contact AELEC re cost of booth for photographer.

Tania to be contacted and ask for tender to the 2014 Nationals, as previous photographer.

Kiara to contact Tania and request tender for Nationals.

Ribbons, Garlands, etc to be ordered in New Year.

Letter sent to Directors and Office, by email, on Thursday 28th November 10.09pm, from Natalie Wilkinson re program.

Joanne brought copies of the letter for all directors.

Discussion held on requests. The Directors proposed to add extra classes, with the condition that the classes must meet expenses and minimum class numbers, if not classes will revert back to original classes.

Debbie to contact Natalie and advise of decision.

Debbie to write to Natalie and advise that classes will be split into 3yrs & under and 4yrs & over, if not enough entries, class will be reverted to original.

Debbie & Kiara to amend National Show Entry Pack.

Joanne read letter received from AABA regarding the use of bits on 2 Year Olds for Hunter In Hand.

Discussion held on pros & cons for the use of bits in Hunter In Hand.

John suggested allowing the same rule for the 2yo Led Versatility as for the Yearling Versatility.

Motion: To allow 2yo's competing in the 2yo Led Versatility the optional use of a Bridle at State and National Shows only, in Suitability for Dressage, Hunter In Hand and Led Hack.

Moved: John Maher Seconded: Amelia Leeman

For: AL, JM, KP Against: SC, JG Abstained: DP, MS Carried

It is noted that items for discussion at Board Meetings are to be received within allocated time frames. Note to be put in App-E-News and Journal.

Debbie presented option for 2014 National Show trophies. Agreed to proceed with option presented.

13.1.2 Futurity Proposal

Discussion held on current format and proposed format.

Amelia advised of AABA's future projects. Discussion held on these projects.

Agreed that Futurity Proposal be deferred to next Board Meeting.

Lunch 1.20pm – 2.50pm

14. Website/Online Studbook

Online Studbook

Joanne advised that as there is no longer a Director for this portfolio, the board as a whole would cover their portfolio sections.

Maria suggested that Ev Lagoon be made the studbook sub-committee and offered to liaise with Ev.

Maria to contact Ev Lagoon re Studbook Sub-Committee.

Website

Joanne queried the deal that we have with regards to Website and Online Studbook.

John advised that there is no deal with them.

Maria asked who owned the studbook.

John advised that Creative Curiosity owned the Studbook.

Numerous attempts made to contact them, but have not been able to get a response.

Joanne asked for Chesne to be contacted to request a “How To” for uploading Banners to the website.

Joanne asked for Amelia and Kevin to meet with Creative Curiosity and Marcus Sweeney regarding website/studbook regarding, cost, ownership, online registrations/memberships, amateur points, for sale and stallion page, etc.

Kevin & Amelia to contact Creative Curiosity & Marcus Sweeney and arrange a meeting to discuss issues.

15. Regional Clubs

App-E-News

Maria advised that we have just released the 4th Edition of the Newsletter and is so far receiving favourable responses.

Regional Clubs

Maria presented the Regional Clubs Report, noting that a few clubs have closed this year and we do have a couple of outside clubs enquiring to Affiliate with AAA.

CWPH&AC

Discussion held re their current situation.

Joanne advised that a letter has been sent to the club’s President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer re-iterating AAA Regional Club Rules. Response has been received advising that they have a club meeting on Wednesday 4th December. Agreed that wait until after the clubs meeting before proceeding further.

Maria suggested that as the current standing is that some want to change and some don't and that a solution somewhere in the middle would be ideal.

Maria advised that she is working on the Club's Manual. Kiara advised that EA have one on their website.

Maria advised that she is looking into a better deal for insurance and will advise Board.
Maria to investigate new Insurance deal and advise Board.

Amelia requested a copy of the Insurance Policy. Joanne advised that she has a copy and will send.

Joanne to forward copy of Insurance Policy to Amelia.

15.1 Letter from ARAC requesting Name Change.

Discussion held on tabled letter. Joanne suggested that ARAC be sent a letter requesting further information on what the club will be providing for the whole state and further information on grants available to them.

Joanne to write to ARAC requesting further information.

Letter received from Naomi Moore re insurance to hold clinic.

Discussion held and Kevin advised that he had spoken to the ARAC President, who said they are willing to help.

Kiara to reply to Naomi and advise.

Kiara to write to N Moore advising to contact the club to sort out between them.

19. Hall of Fame

Maria advised that she has received 2 nominees for the Hall of Fame Sub-Committee, being Tamara Pearson and Margaret O'Brien.

Nomination form has been reformatted, which now requests more information. This form is now available to the members.

16. Studbook/AABA

Studbook

Discussion held on current situation of Imported Semen versus Standing Stallions.

Amelia re-presented, from previous meeting, the AABA proposal for Semen Retention and Frozen Semen Rules.

Joanne raised concerns with the use of the wording “commercial use”, and requested that it not be used.

Board agreed to the concept of Stallions being gelded for Medical or Life Threatening reasons only.

Kiara requested that the rules be simplified, but not to change the rules, and send them to the board for review.

Kiara to re-word rules and send to board for review.

AABA

Amelia presented the AABA P & L for 2013 to end of September. And noted that income from memberships has increased slightly.

Amelia advised that there is 1 bank statement missing, due to issues with Margaret’s computer and asked that it be sent and an updated list of AABA members.

Kiara to send Margaret missing bank statement and updated AABA members list.

Joanne queried Sponsorship of \$350.00 from AABA towards Futurities.

Amelia asked what Futurity Numbers we have so far.

Kiara to supply Futurity Numbers to Amelia.

Debbie to contact Margaret regarding Futurities.

Amelia suggested the list of expenses for Futurities be set out.

Debbie queried judges for Futurities and cost involved. Gillian Vaux’s name was suggested, to be used for Futurities, Amateur Halter and Features.

17. Amateur Association

Debbie presented Amateur report.

Amateurs currently have a fundraising raffle running.

Advised that information received than an Amateur has issues with Trophy from 2013 Nationals and situation being attended to by Amateur Assoc.

Debbie requested that \$400.00 be used from the Amateur Acct for product at 2014 Nationals. Board Agreed.

18. Youth Association

Debbie presented Youth Report.

Youth currently have colouring in competition for all Youth 11yrs & under, which will be judged at Nationals and prizes given for different sections.

Youth team to US was very successful, few minor issues along the way, but overall successful.

Thankyou letters have been sent to Brittany and Colten Andrews and Linda Long for their time and expertise with the Youth Team.

There is supposed to be a reciprocal program in place with the ApHC but nothing is in place as yet.

Youth Walk/Jog Equitation is included on the program for 2014 Nationals.

Debbie requested that \$400.00 be used from the Youth Acct for product at 2014 Nationals. Board Agreed.

20. General Business

20.1 Dates for Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting of the Board at this time will be at the Nationals to elect the Committee.

Joanne suggested that an EGM be held at the NSW State Show to increase the Board from 7 to 9.

Discussion held on the viability of more board members.

Suggestion of EGM is also to change the process of Annual Reports and how they are distributed.

Joanne advised that she had sought advice from ASIC and we do have 2 options – 1. Write to all members and ask if they want a printed copy of the annual report OR 2. Bring it up at a General Meeting (either AGM or EGM) and ask the members if they want a printed copy. Regardless of the option Annual Report can be made available on the Website.

Directors requested that further discussion be held before a decision is made.

10min Break.

20.2 Code of Conduct – Members on Social Networking sites/20.11 AAA Policy

Directors reviewed AAA Ltd's Policy.

Motion: To approve the AAA Ltd Policy as presented.

Moved: Joanne Green
For: JG, MS, JM, KP, DP, SC, AL

Seconded: Maria Stokes
Against: Nil

Carried

Discussion on requirements for Youth on Membership form.

Kiara to include notation for parent/guardian to sign for use of competition photos of Youth members.

20.3 International Semen – Mr Cool Hand Luke

Joanne presented a proposal for use of current semen on hand.

Proposal is to sell a maximum of 5 doses @ \$1200.00 per dose, with option to register 2 resulting foals.

Kevin advised that this was the original plan for the semen, but this was then changed to only 1 foal per dose.

Debbie asked if Live Foal Guarantee would be given, Joanne advised that the same conditions that are currently in place will remain.

Maria advised that this will be advertised in the App-E-News if accepted.

John suggested that it may be a bit too early as oldest progeny are only 2yo's this season.

Discussion held on proposal and possible start date, being December 3rd.

Kevin offered to contact Tania and arrange a flyer, which is to be sent to the Board for approval.

10min break

20.4 Adopt a New Member Program/Equitana Registrations & Memberships

During Equitana a special was offered to those that attended on Registrations and Memberships. Discussion held on success of the Equitana Special.

Email received from Margaret O'Brien regarding the Equitana Special. Margaret's comments are duly noted.

The Adopt-A-New Member program has created a lot of interest as has the 10yrs + Membership offer. Discussion held on further advertisement of these programs.

Maria to advertise these programs on the History Facebook page.

20.5 Proposed Rule Changing process

Maria presented a proposal for putting timeframes in place for members to request rule changes. Directors discussed the process put forward.

Directors accept the proposal as presented with refinements to be made by Maria and sent back to the Directors for review.

20.7 Statement for position on Animal Welfare

Joanne discussed the AAA Ltd's position on Animal Welfare.

Amendment to be made to 3 i to read "Placing an object in a horse's mouth, other than acceptable tack, so as to cause undue discomfort or distress."

Directors discussed including this statement in the Show approval pack.

Kiara to include Statement of Position on Animal Welfare in the Show Approval Pack and update on website.

20.8 Work Health & Safety (WH&S) Policy

Joanne advised that this policy has been sent to all Directors previously for discussion.

Debbie requested that Clubs be advised that they must have First Aid Kits at Shows and a delegated First Aid Officer.

Kevin raised concerns over Strappers/Handlers not being members and therefore not covered under insurance. Suggest that they pay a day membership fee for Shows.

Maria to put reminder in App-E-News for Helmets and Boots for Youth.

20.9 Directors Liability

Joanne supplied a copy of "A guide to directors' duties and responsibilities" and suggested that this should be made available to anyone wishing to nominate for the Board as well as being part of the New Directors Pack.

Incorporate on the nomination form a box or similar to tick indicating that it has been read.

Kiara and Joanne to review Board Nomination Form before next Directors Election.

20.10 Review of Strategic Plan

Directors reviewed current Strategic Plan and needs to be revised slightly.

Joanne to revise plan and send to the Directors for approval.

20.12 Member Participant Sub-Committees

Maria presented proposal for Sub-Committees and explained the AQHA's process for Rule Changes.

It was requested that outside input be included on the Disciplinary Committee. Kevin suggested that someone with a legal background would be ideal.

Sally suggested that Sub-Committees be a maximum of 3 people so these Sub-Committee's don't become too large.

Joanne suggested that a Director must be in charge of a Sub-Committee.

Kevin agreed that more sub committees are needed to help spread the workload.

John advised that when he was AQHA Hall of Fame Director the Sub-Committee that was in place worked well.

Directors agreed that the proposal for Sub-Committees is a step in the right direction.

General Business

HSA Discussion - Kevin, as HSA Committee member, to discuss with HSA their situation and what they would like from AAA.

New Registration Cards – Joanne presented example registration cards, which will allow for emailed photos to be accepted. Work is required to make the process for producing this simpler and less time consuming.

Early Membership Renewal Incentive – Discussion on some form of incentive for those members who pay early/on time. CPI to be investigated and forward to Directors.

Joanne to review fees and CPI and send to Board.

Outcross Memberships – Kevin raised concerns over Outcross Stallion Owners not required to pay some form of memberships to the Association. Maria suggested that they pay a levy instead of a membership. Further discussion required.

Memberships – Joanne suggested that we do a life members drive at Nationals for ½ the current fee. Maria suggested a cheaper rate for a 5 year membership. Further discussion required.

Application for a grant monies from the NSW Government, Joanne noted that there was a grant that could be obtained from the NSW Dept Communities, Sport and Recreation for a National event. Joanne advised that she would make an application for this grant.

Joanne called for further business. Joanne thanked everyone for their input to the Meeting and declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm, Saturday 30th Nov 2013.