

# **AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23rd of July 2016**

**Quest, Breakfast Creek, Albion, Queensland.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present**

L Camarda	President
J Campbell	Vice President and Vic Delegate
D McQueen	Treasurer
F. Robson	Interim Secretary
J. Coffey	Delegate WASBA
V. Clark	Delegate S.A BOTRA
D. Reay	Delegate HBNSW
D Hayes	Secretary, Tasmania BOTRA
J Mooney	Chairman NZSBA
B. Reid	Exec. Manager NZSBA
D.Martschinke	Head of Operations Racing QLQ
B.Rail	Harness Operations Manager Racing QLD

#### **1. WELCOME.**

The Chairman, Les Camarda opened the 2016 ASBA AGM at 9.30 am and welcomed all to the Meeting. He welcomed John Mooney, Chairman of NZSBA and Brad Reid, Executive Manager, NZSBA for attending. He extended his appreciation to Declan Martschinke Head of Operations, Racing Queensland and Brett Rail, Harness Operations Manager, Racing Queensland for attending and delivering the Opening address to Delegates and Executive attending the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

#### **2. Apologies.**

Mr G Want Chairman HRA  
Mr A. Kelly CEO HRA  
Mrs M Reynolds Racing QLD

#### **3. WELCOME BY HOST STATE (Queensland) – Declan Martschinke, Head of Operations, Racing QLD**

Declan Martschinke outlined the structure of the newly formed Racing Queensland Board, being headed by Dr. Elliot Forbes. The new board is composed of 7 member's one representative from each of the three racing codes Harness, Thoroughbred and Greyhound with the balance consisting of four independent members.

Mr Martschinke outlined the challenges facing the newly formed Racing Queensland Board summarising the current operating environment- 5 year Strategic Plan for infrastructure development, Wagering, Handicapping, Programing with a brief overview describing their financial situation.

Mr Martschinke noted the industry's challenges - to hold market and wagering share, attract younger audience / Participants, stimulate the Breeding Sector, Programming challenges with SKY suggesting Live streaming may be the way forward.

Mr Martschinke and Mr Rail concluded thanking all Office Bearers and Delegates for the opportunity to address the 2016 ASBA AGM and Conference. Les Camarda thanked Mr Martschinke and Mr Brett Rail for their attendance and their contribution to the Conference's proceedings. **Carried**

**4. VOTING RIGHTS – Delegates.**

Victoria	John Campbell
New South Wales	Darren Reay
South Australia	Viv Clark
Western Australia	John Coffey
Tasmania	David Hayes

Attendance of Delegates was recognized and Delegates confirmed. **Carried**

**5. CONFIRMATION OF 2015 ASBA AGM MINUTES, Melbourne, 18th April 2015.**

Minutes pre-circulated by the Secretary.

Moved: David Hayes. Seconded: J. Campbell. **Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

Listed as items of general business, where current and still relevant. **Noted**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

All key Agenda Items and other correspondence documentation was received having been distributed by email pre-meeting and available for viewing at this meeting.

Moved correspondence be received: Flora Robson Seconded: Les Camarda **Carried**

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

The President delivered his 2016 Annual Report, which was then received and tabled.

Proposed for receipt: L Camarda Seconded: Des McQueen **Carried**

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Copies of the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Circulated to all Delegates and ASBA Executive attending this meeting.

An Honorarium of \$500 for expenditure and work effort incurred by the Secretary was proposed

Moved: McQueen Seconded by L. Camarda. **Carried**

**Business arising from Treasurer's Report:**

Maxxam sponsorship of ASBA has been terminated.

Executive and Delegates discussed the need to seek additional sponsorship to keep ASBA a financially viable organisation, John Coffey suggested we approach Studs, APG – the Secretary to write to these & other entities re this matter.

Flora Robson, Secretary ASBA to liaise with Brad Reid NZSBA re revenue raising strategies.

Moved: Des Mc Queen    Seconded: John Coffey    **carried.**

Motion – ASBA pay Les Camarda’s airfare to Melbourne whilst representing ASBA in meeting with HRA.

Moved: Des McQueen    Seconded: John Campbell

## **10. REPORTS.**

Refer to Appendixes.

### **ENTITY Report**

**New South Wales – Darren Reay (HB NSW), Appendix.**

**South Australia – Dr Viv Clark (SA BOTRA), Appendix.**

**Western Australia - Jeanine Diederich (WASBA), Appendix.**

**Victoria - John Campbell (HBV), Appendix.**

**Tasmania – David Hayes (Tasmania BOTRA), Verbal no written report submitted**

**Queensland – No report submitted.**

**New Zealand – John Mooney & Brad Reid Appendix**

## **11. Update from Andrew Kelly, Chief Executive, Harness Racing Australia.**

- **Limiting Stallion Service Numbers –**

HRA advise there are no plans to limit Stallion Service numbers –HRA policy remains unchanged.

- **Import Fee and Distribution:**

HRA continues to participate in the **“Full Fee” Review,**

Clearance Fee Figures remain relatively consistent, with 569 horses imported last year (FY 13/14 was 571 and FY 14/15 was 576). The latest distribution made to States was for the Jan- Jun 2016 period, for \$403,195. This was an increase of over \$80,000 for the same period last year (\$320,797) and brought the total distribution to States for the 2015/16 financial year to \$ 745,513.

Over \$2million has been distributed in this way since the introduction of the Clearance Fee on the 1st of April 2013.

- **Start of Breeding Season Date for Standardbred.**

There is no change to the definition of the Breeding Season.

HRA ruling 1st September annually.

- **Embryo Transfer Policy**

The HRA Policy remains- 1 Season – 1 Mare – 1 Foal

Breeder compliance with ET regulations has deteriorated to the point where the continuation of this practise is under review.

If this practise cannot be properly regulated then the existence of this practise is questionable, particularly in the spotlight of community expectations of our industry's equine welfare practices.

## **Horse Identification**

### **Micro chipping**

Micro Chipping is inevitable. It is high on the National agenda and has progressed to the stage where an implementation strategy has been presented to members.

### **HRA update re Import and Quarantine Regulations / processes.**

HRA continues to participate and work cooperatively with Departmental staff on relevant live animal and border protection programs – both Export and Import.

These relationships have been extremely effective in bringing about change with regard to

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PAQ times

PAQ costs

PAC testing requirements

Export Fees for Stallion semen

Emergency approval and access to EHV vaccine for coming breeding season.

Improvements to the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA)

In related areas, the review of the old Quarantine Act 1908 is almost complete (after 3 years and discussion with HRA providing submissions to this Review at each stage along the way, as well as to the extremely important and sensitive review of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB)

## **HRA Update re Bonuses and Stakes Money**

This can be implemented when HRA has confidence in the reporting process of state controlling bodies

The Terms to be used will be –

Career earnings

Prize money Earnings.

## **12. General Business. (As per Agenda).**

### **Stallion Service Limits.**

General support to this issue from all States and Delegates present.

Les Camarda expressed concern re commercial viability.

HRA Correspondence stated HRA had no plans to introduce limits at this time.

Discussion followed and it was decided ASBA approach HRA to invite the major Studs – Woodlands, Nevele R, Alabar and Empire to meet to formulate a mutual capping agreement to address this issue.

This matter will remain an ongoing issue as we need the major Studs to come to a mutual agreement, at present ASBA nor HRA can enforce limitation.

### **Embryo Transfer**

General Discussion entered into all in agreement - 1 Season 1 mare 1 foal as per HRA ruling.

John Mooney NZSBA will forward New Zealand Rules governing this matter, upon receipt of this information the ASBA Secretary will circulate to All State Breeding bodies for comment.

At present we will be governed by HRA ruling.

### **Registration of Stallion Service Statistics**

Submission from WASBA to obtain better statistics to assist the breeding industry to evaluate service numbers, mares bred and expected foal numbers to assist with funding & forward planning initiatives, this information is needed to be published before May at present some studs are tardy with their submissions – system needs upgrade Please refer to WASBA submission for more detailed info.

The Secretary spoke with HRA re this matter, HRA advised they are working on this by way of amalgamated upgrade computer data base to provide this sought after information but some studs are slow to submit this information.

Discussion followed it was suggested each State Breeder Body enforce this info be submitted by April annually.

John Mooney NZSBA suggested HRA view the New Zealand registration re Stallion Service, number of mares bred and foal registration system – NZ program INFO HORSE State Delegates to present this to their Breeding Body for actioning.

### **National Broodmare Credit Scheme (NBCS)**

**For Comprehensive details on the NBCS please go to the ASBA web site**

**[www.harnessbreeders.com.au](http://www.harnessbreeders.com.au)**

The NBCS summary – The rationale behind the NBCS is to motivate Owners to put fillies and mares into training and the best way to do this is to reward them financially for getting the filly or mare to the races, reward them each time the filly or mare starts and when she wins. To ensure the rewards of the NBCS are widely spread as possible it is proposed to only distinguish between R Class and other classes ( C and M front races ) in allocating credits and to place a limit on the number of credits any filly or mare can accrue both in year and lifetime. At the end of her racing career the Filly or Mare will have accrued credit dollars that will increase her value she becomes a sales proposition for the owner giving the owner more buying power to invest in Stallion services or greater value should they wish to sell her. **For the complete explanation and examples of how this system works please visit the ASBA Web site.**

This initiative was put forward in the 2011 Breeding Initiative paper but has not yet been actioned.

Discussion followed resulting in a unanimous decision to pursue this breeding initiative – investigate how this scheme would be funded. The secretary to follow up with HRA & report to Executive & State Breeding Bodies.

### **Establish Attrition Register**

Submission from HBNSW.

HRA have an existing form for this purpose **Form R25A Notification of Deregistration / Death**

This form is designed to track deregistration from racing, breeding or death. This is designed to provide information as to whether the horse is in another role e.g. Equestrian / pleasure pursuits, State Controlling Body retirement program i.e. Victoria's HERO program, kept by owner, sent to livestock sale etc.

Important from the Equine welfare aspect.

The Secretary to write to all State Breeding Bodies advising of the existence of this form.

### **Micro Chipping Update**

This matter was discussed.

Victoria and New Zealand are opposed to this means of Identification, both expressed the view that the traditional freeze branding is a cost effective satisfactory means of ID, both expressed concern re the cost to the breeder/ owner this form of ID would entail as this procedure may only be carried out by a Veterinarian.

The information from HRA stated this is inevitable.

The meeting requested the Secretary write to HRA re how this form of ID would be funded.

### **Update Import Fees and Distribution**

Please refer to the official response from HRA under HRA Report.

### **Increase number of ASBA meetings**

Motion – ASBA to increase the number of meetings to 3 per year not including the AGM.

Moved: Des McQueen

Seconded: Darren Reay

## **Rules surrounding Ongoing Ownership and Permission to breed**

### **Submission HBV**

HBV cited a case where a Standardbred mare was sold through a public auction without papers, the purchaser wanted to breed from this mare – Question posed should the State body reissue papers to allow new owner to breed from this mare.

The meeting concluded the State Controlling Body should reissue papers provided the Mare can be positively identified.

**This situation reinforces the importance & compliance of Owners Trainers Breeders to complete HRA Form R25A**

### **Ongoing / Additional Funding for ASBA**

This matter was discussed, John Coffey suggested approaching major Studs, APG for sponsorship The Secretary to liaise with Brad Reid NZSBA re additional revenue raising schemes.

Moved: John Coffey

Seconded: Flora Robson Carried

### **Black Type Anomalies.**

This issue was again discussed. It was pointed out that “black type” is not the subject of definitive Australasian standards, for example, in Sales Catalogues. The Australian and New Zealand experience at attempted regulation attracted resistance from Sales Companies, vendors and pedigree preparers declined to standardize their information product in various publications. At some stage, the Sales Companies themselves may initiate change. In light of the current obstacles to change, it was considered that no action could be enforced – it was the responsibility of the Sales Company.

### **Efficacy and Transparency of APG**

#### **Submitted by HBV**

The meeting discussed this matter, it was agreed this matter was not in our jurisdiction.

The meeting suggested interested parties should refer to APG web site re Stake Bonus, Stake Money – Distribution of same.

### **Artificial Insemination Technician Register**

The meeting was advised by HBNSW Delegate HRNSW was currently establishing such a Register in NSW.

The Secretary to write to HRA enquiring if there is a National approach to this matter.

### **Revamped ASBA Web Site**

In February 2016 the Executive of ASBA approved the establishment of a new independent web site for ASBA.

The interim Secretary wrote to web site host, RISE, requesting cancellation of the domain name and thanking RISE for their previous assistance.

The interim Secretary wrote to HRA & State Controlling Bodies advising of the new web address for ASBA

**[www.harnessbreeders.com.au](http://www.harnessbreeders.com.au)**

Report giving the User Activities, Visits, Re visits etc. to the new web sites performance is included with Delegate reports.

The new look updated ASBA web site provides up to date news and information re all matters breeding and racing on the National and International stage. - All state breeding bodies are welcome and encouraged to list any relevant information re activities, notifications, social functions etc. with us.

### Venue and Date for 2017 ASBA AGM.- TBA

John Mooney, Chairman of NZ Standardbred Breeders Association and Bred Reid, Executive Manager NZSBA proposed the 2017 ASBA AGM be held in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr Mooney and Mr Reid's proposal to host the 2017 ASBA AGM was discussed and an agreement reached to circulate this info to All States for consideration and decision. The Secretary will advise as to the outcome.

Agreed.

### **13. Election of Office Bearers.**

The only Office requiring election was that of Secretary all other positions remain current.

Flora Robson was nominated    Moved: Des McQueen  
  Seconded: Darren Reay    Carried.

### **14. The 2016 ASBA Annual General Meeting was closed at 5pm by Les Camarda, President.**

Les Camarda thanked all Delegates and ASBA Member participants, as well as Declan Martschinke Head of Operations, Racing Queensland, Brett Rail Harness Operation Manager, Racing Queensland, John Mooney Chairman NZ Standardbred Breeders Association and Brad Reid, Executive Manager NZ Standardbred Breeders Association, for contributing to a full and productive meeting.

The 2016 ASBA Annual General Meeting concluded at 5pm 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2016