

AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26th August 2017

Tabcorp Park Melton

MINUTES

Present

J Campbell D	Interim President and Vic Delegate
McQueen J.	Treasurer
j.Coffey	Delegate WASBA
D Hayes	Tasmania BOTRA
J Mooney	Chairman NZSBA
G. Newton	Delegate SA BOTRA
T.Britt	Harness Breeders Victoria
A.Kelly	CEO HRA (special guest joined 2.50pm till 4.35pm)

1. WELCOME.

Interim Chairman, John Campbell opened the 2017 ASBA AGM at 12.40pm welcomed all to the Meeting. He welcomed John Mooney, Chairman of NZSBA and extended his appreciation to delegates and guests attending the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

2. Apologies.

D. Kell NSW Harness Breeders

3. VOTING RIGHTS – Delegates.

Victoria	John Campbell
South Australia	Gary Newton
Western Australia	John Coffey
Tasmania	David Hayes

Attendance of Delegates was recognized and Delegates confirmed.
Carried

4. CONFIRMATION OF 2016 ASBA AGM MINUTES, Brisbane 23rd July 2016.

Minutes pre-circulated by the Interim Secretary.
Moved: John Coffey. Seconded: David Hayes Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

All state reports, agenda and minutes of 2016 AGM have been distributed by email pre-meeting and available for viewing at this meeting.

Moved correspondence be received: Gary Newton Seconded: John Coffey Carried

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President was not tabled, however interim President John Campbell made a presentation to Des McQueen retiring Treasurer for his service to ASBA over the years.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copies of the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the Period 1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017 Circulated to all Delegates and ASBA Executive attending this meeting.

Moved: D.McQueen Seconded by G. Newton. Carried

Business arising from Treasurer's Report:

Maxxam sponsorship of ASBA has been terminated.

Treasurer pointed out that for the time in his memory ASBA had zero income in the last financial year.

9. REPORTS.

Refer to Appendixes.

ENTITY Report

New South Wales – D. Kell (HB NSW), Appendix.

South Australia – G Newton (SA BOTRA), Appendix.

Western Australia - Jeanine Diederich (WASBA), Appendix.

Victoria - John Campbell (HBV), Appendix.

Tasmania – David Hayes (Tasmania BOTRA), not available

Queensland – No report submitted.

New Zealand – John Mooney Appendix

10. JOHN MOONEY gave a report on the state of Harness Racing & Breeding in New Zealand.

Key points;

Increase in stake money announced

2500 races 27,000 starters

Horses race 9.8 pacers trotter 10.8 compared to Australia average of 15 starts per season.

Slight growth in foal number due mainly to the sergeants of Trotting foals being born.

NZ Standardbred Breeders have 630 members

Works closely with NZRB on taxation matters

Produces Sires Guide, Breeding Matters magazine, Breeders Weekly, and TV show The Standardbred (Cost \$63,000)

11. JOHN MOONEY facilitated the direction of ASBA going forward his highlighted points are appendixes

During this session John Coffey highlighted foal numbers down by 30%

David Hayes pointed out ASBA needs a Mission statement & approval from each state breeding bodies as well as controlling bodies.

John Mooney read the ASBA constitution and while it reads well may need some basic tweeking.

John Mooney & Gary Newton to work on devising a short business plan to then be approved by ASBA members circulated to the states and controlling bodies before being present to HRA AGM in December.

12. Andrew Kelly, Chief Executive, Harness Racing Australia joined at 2.50pm

- Fillies and mares races up to 8.5% of race programming

- Pointed out there is push to change the season to a calendar year in the future rather than September to August.

□ 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.

Horse Identification

Micro chipping

Micro Chipping commences on September 1 2017 .

Andrew Kelly then gave ASBA delegates and executive extra information that may assist them moving forward.

Offering the Teleconference facility for ASBA meetings

ASBA could work with HRA on such things as 457 Visas for Vets

Undertaking study & reports on live exports of horses.

Helping set up rules & regulations on breeding matters and studbook records

John Campbell and John Mooney both thanked Andrew Kelly for his time and advice he had given to ASBA.

12. Election of office bearers

Treasurer position- Howard King WASBA nomination received in writing and **elected**

Howard King (Treasurer)

28 Midland Road, Maida Vale WA 6057

Secretary position- Gary Newton SA BOTRA nomination received in writing and **elected**.

Gary Newton (Secretary)

19 Symonds Crescent

Modbury North SA 5092

Vice president David Hayes TAS BOTRA nominated from the floor accepted and **elected**.

David Hayes (Vice President)

35 Wegena Road, Kimberley TAS 7304

President; John Coffey nominated from the floor **declined**.

John Campbell, to remain at **Interim President**.

It was moved that the new treasurer Mr Howard King investigate with ASBA Bank the requirements to set up an on line account

Moved G.Newton seconded D.Hayes

At this point (5.19pm EST) the AGM was suspended to recommence on or before October 27 2017.

The AGM was reconvened via Teleconference on Tuesday 7th November 2017

With John Coffey nominated as chairman by John Campbell Victoria Delegate, John Coffey accepted the position which was seconded by David Hayes.

The AGM was formally closed at 8pm Central Australian Summer Time.

ASBA FORUM MEETING NOTES

Saturday August 26, Melton HRV

John Mooney

Agreed principles ASBA:

1. an essential part of the Australia harness racing institutional framework
2. national representative body to work closely with HRA and with state breeding organisations (does not duplicate state breeding body activities)
3. HRA works with ASBA as an information source, consultative body, provider of breeding information and exports, and an additional voice
4. needs credible leadership directly linked to the state bodies
5. 2017 and early 2018 rebuild relationships with HRA (Council and managements) and state breeding bodies (and through them state councils)
6. professionally, managed and administered body with aim in 2018 to employ a staff member.
7. undertake a core set of activities and programs based around a three-year business plan.

Timetable

- Complete a draft business plan (see below suggested activities) and submit to state bodies and HRA CEO for comment by 31 October 2017
- Once comments received submit to HRA CEO with covering letter for inclusion in HRA AGM in December
- Through state bodies 'lobby' for support of HRA recognition of ASBA, endorsement of the business plan and 'negotiation for funding for staffing and modest office/technical/admin support
- Review ASBA Rules to ensure representative appointment process is correct
- Reconvene adjourned AGM via teleconference to elect a new Chairman by 30 November

Role of ASBA

Review the Breeding Report and build a business plan out of the core activities.

Aims and Objectives in current rules appropriate and relevant

Core principles as above

Activities could include:

- Coordination of state breeding bodies
- Contribute to implementing a national breeding strategy
- Lobby with HRA for the betterment of harness racing at Federal and state levels

- Works with HRA to establish central breeding register
- Promotes increased opportunities for fillies and mares racing
- Recognises outstanding achievement by breeders, horses and stud
- Promotes improved and increased breeding training and education of participants to improve quality and economics of the sport
- Promotes incentives and rewards schemes to encourage breeding
- Provides advice on taxation matters
- Provides expertise on animal welfare and bio security and undertake public relations to breeders in Australia on these matters support work of HRA and state bodies
- Actively promotes and advocates for standardbred breeding
- Represents breeder's interests to sales companies.
- Manages and produces quality:
 - Electronic email and social media communications to breeders
 - website

Business Plan and Funding

- After HRA Board accepts CEO report at Perth 2017 AGM
- Finalise business plan
- Further Melton discussion with HRA CEO on funding of ASBA with target of 2nd quarter 2018 to have co-located office with HRA and staff person in place.

ASBA Rules: suggested updates

- review objects leaving all that is there in place but addition recognition of breeders, advocacy, media and communications
- include modern provisions to specifically authorise teleconferences of the committee, emailed resolutions, notices of meeting by email and other similar provisions
- Rule 4 - Membership - new sub-rule specifying that the representative of the state body is the chair of that body or nominee named in writing
- Rule 5 - add to the register name of current representative of each state body
- Other provisions should be reviewed for appropriateness - some of them are very detailed procedurally.