



# MINUTES

Of the

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of

The AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (ASBA)

held via ZOOM  
Sunday 26 June 2022

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### PRESENT:

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David Hayes (Tasmanian Delegate) President and Chair  
Gary Newton (SA Delegate) ASBA Secretary  
John Campbell (Victorian Delegate)  
Jeanine Diederich (WA Delegate)  
Flora Robson (NSW Delegate)  
Dr Tony Britt (Bio Security Consultant)  
John Coffey (Breeding Expert)  
Kirk Pinner  
Darren Reay (NSW)

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### APOLOGIES:

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Daren Garrard (Queensland Delegate)

**PROXY HOLDERS: NIL**

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### WELCOME

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The Chair welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 5.13pm Eastern Standard Time.

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## VOTING RIGHTS

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David Hayes (Tasmanian Delegate)

John Campbell (Victorian Delegate)

Gary Newton (SA Delegate)

Flora Robson (NSW Delegate )

Jeanine Diederich (WA Delegate).

Attendance of Delegates representing each State breeding body was recognised and Voting Rights confirmed (**Carried**)

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## 1. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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Delegates were forwarded a copy of the relevant changes to the ASBA Constitution, made necessary to modernise the content and ensure the Association could continue to operate effectively to achieve its aims of improving and promoting the breeding industry in Australia. The request for a Special General Meeting was forwarded in accordance with the existing Constitution.

It was **Moved** J Diederich and **Seconded** F Robson that all the proposed rule changes are accepted and incorporated into the ASBA Constitution (**Carried unanimously**)

The complete endorsed and updated Constitution is attached to the Minutes.

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## 2. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

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Nominations were called for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer following casual vacancies created subsequent to the AGM held in February 2022.

**Moved** D Hayes and **Seconded** G Newton that Kirk Pinner be appointed as Treasurer of ASBA (**Carried**).

**Moved** D Hayes and **Seconded** J Campbell that J Diederich be appointed Vice President of ASBA (**Carried**).

In accordance with Rule 19(3) of the Constitution, the appointments of D Hayes (President), J Diederich (Vice President) and G Newton (Secretary) are until the AGM two years hence. All delegates endorsed the appointment of K Pinner (Treasurer) for the same period.

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## 3. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO ASBA

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Delegates discussed the need to appoint experts to assist ASBA in making informed decisions on all matters.

**Moved** D Hayes and **Seconded** J Diederich that Dr Tony Britt be appointed ASBA Bio Security Consultant & Welfare officer, and John Coffey be appointed ASBA Breeding Consultant (**Carried**).

All delegates endorsed the appointment of Dr T Britt and J Coffey for the same term as the officers of the Committee of Management.

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#### **4. HRA SLOT RACE**

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Delegates discussed HRA's decision to impose the tax on breeding, which would partly fund the new HRA Slot race The Eureka. The detailed costings and funding for the race are not clear, with the first race to be run in 2023 and applications for Slots now open.

It was noted that studs need to set fees imminently to enable inclusion in the Annual Stallion Guide. The imposition of the tax was affecting the price structure for shuttle and frozen semen stallions.

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#### **5. MICROCHIP READERS & BRANDING**

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J Campbell reported that Victoria was still undertaking freezebranding and microchipping and hoped to continue, although some pressure was being applied by HRA.

WA, SA and Tasmanian Delegates reported that there was yet to be any adverse impact seen, as horses that were not freeze branded were not of Yearling Sale or racing age.

Dr T Britt reported that some inserted microchips on some yearlings could not be located.

The status of the proposed microchip app was unknown. Delegates to monitor any progress. Easy access to the HRA database via an app should be achievable.

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#### **6. HORSE TRACEABILITY**

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Dr T Britt reported on some of the concerns being raised and the preferred model, which would require properties on which horses were kept to have an Identification Code, as well as horse movements being recorded. The Working Group would be considering feedback very soon.

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#### **7. JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS (JE) VIRUS**

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ASBA has submitted a paper at HRA's request re: JEV. Refer attachment to the Minutes.

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#### **8. OVARIAN TUMOURS**

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ASBA has requested feedback from HRA on a proposal, prepared by Dr T Britt, to amend rules regarding presence of testosterone in mares that have previously unidentified Ovarian Tumours.

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#### **9. ALTRENOGEST**

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ASBA has requested change to the rules regarding use of Altrenogest in race mares.

J Campbell noted that Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) is unreceptive to any rule change. A request was previously forwarded to HRV in 2021 by highly respected Vet Dr Kath McIntosh.

**10. GROUP RACING**

Delegates discussed the changes made by HRA to Group racing eligibility and its impact on the smaller states of Tasmania and South Australia, as well as the impact on mares.

*ASBA to request HRA make changes to Group racing rules to better support the smaller states ..... Action G Newton*

*ASBA to request HRA make changes to Group racing rules to adopt the same levels for mares as trotters ..... Action G Newton*

**11. AGM**

Delegates discussed options for the next ASBA AGM.

Delegates agreed that the AGM could be held in Melbourne during the 2022 Inter Dominion but further information on timing and availability would be required.

*G Newton to investigate and advise AGM arrangements ..... Action G Newton*

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Delegates noted the difficulty ASBA was having corresponding and working with HRA. The Chair noted the need for Delegates to contact their respective HRA Executive member to correct this situation, which was hindering good outcomes for the resolution of important issues.

G Newton reported that there may be an opportunity to discuss the issue with HRA Chief Executive Andrew Kelly, as he is expected to be in Adelaide in September.

*G Newton to arrange discussion with HRA CE at the first available opportunity, and seek a way forward for ASBA to work with HRA..... Action G Newton*

**MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.34 pm Eastern Standard Time

*D Hayes..... 26th June 2022*  
*(Chair) .....(Date)*