



MINUTES

Of the
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
of

The AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION (ASBA)

held via ZOOM
Sunday 4th June 2023

PRESENT:

David Hayes (Tasmanian Delegate) President and Chair
Gary Newton ASBA Secretary
John Campbell (Victorian Delegate)
Jeanine Diederich (WA Delegate)
Flora Robson (NSW Delegate)
Dr Tony Britt (ASBA Bio Security and Welfare Consultant)
John Coffey (ASBA Breeding Consultant)
Anthony Perkins (Trump Bloodstock) Guest

APOLOGIES:

Kirk Pinner (Treasurer) & Daren Garrard (late apology)

PROXY HOLDERS: NIL

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 5.08pm Eastern Standard Time.

VOTING RIGHTS

David Hayes (Tasmanian Delegate)
John Campbell (Victorian Delegate)
Gary Newton (SA Delegate)
Flora Robson (NSW Delegate)
Jeanine Diederich (WA Delegate).

It was noted that a new Victorian Delegate is expected to be nominated at the next meeting of Harness Breeders Victoria. A new SA Delegate is expected to be advised before the next ASBA meeting.

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

1. SPECIAL Guest Anthony Perkins

Mr Perkins discussed issues facing breeders, with costs, programming and prizemoney affecting decisions to breed. The American owners of DANCIN LOU have acknowledged these difficulties. As a result, Trump Bloodstock is able to shuttle stallion DANCIN LOU to Queensland and offer a discounted fee of \$4800 including GST & Stallion levy.

Trump Bloodstock will offer multiple mare discounts to DANCIN LOU and possibly CATTLEWASH.

Trump Bloodstock will also offer state breeding body members discounts to their stallions.

Trump Bloodstock have 14 stallions – pacing and trotting – on their roster, mostly be Frozen semen except DANCIN LOU who will be available by chilled semen.

Mr. Perkins noted the number of mares available for public sale, and advised that Trump Bloodstock were offering their discount structure to support breeders.

President David Hayes thanked Mr. Perkins for his time and his input and Mr. Perkins left the meeting at 6.45pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were distributed via email

Moved J Diederich and **Seconded** J Campbell that the minutes of the meeting held 26 June 2022, having been previously circulated to members, are accepted (**Carried**).

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward- Emails regarding sponsorship to Harnesslink, Nutrien, Trump Bloodstock, APG.

General emails to Peter Wharton, Daren Garrard, all ASBA Delegates, Dr Tony Britt, John Coffey and Lisa Maher (HRA). Newsletter to 39 recipients.

Accounts to Tasracing, HRSA.

Inward;

Tasracing, Lisa Maher & Daren Garrard.

Moved G Newton and **Seconded** J Diederich that the Inward Correspondence be received, and the Outward Correspondence is endorsed (**Carried**).

G Newton referred to correspondence relating to the forthcoming AGM and will liaise further with the Queensland Delegate to finalise a venue and other arrangements for the AGM.

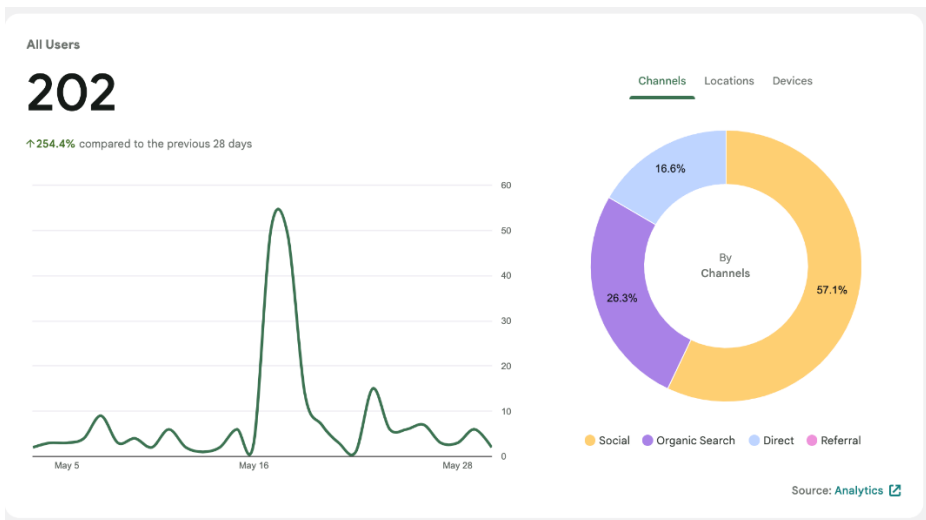
G Newton advised of his resignation as SA Delegate.

It was **Moved** D Hayes and **Seconded** J Diederich that G Newton be appointed and continue to act as ASBA Secretary under Section 18(2)(d) of the Constitution, until the next election of the ASBA Committee of Management at the Annual General Meeting (**Carried**).

4. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

G Newton reported that sponsorship proposals were sent to: Nutrien, APG, Trump Bloodstock & Garrards Horse & Hound.

G Newton referred to the information supplied with the Agenda and noted the good results for the website, driven mainly by Social Media.



Proposed ideas for implementation:

- Breeder of the Year- Delegates discussed this idea and believe it was not appropriate for ASBA to select one breeder. However **it was agreed** to focus on smaller breeders with stories on the ASBA website.
- An online stallion selection Guide – G Newton suggested a small fee for each stallion, with the format being a photo of the stallion, his breeding, name of stud and fee if available and a link to the stud website, social media, pdf page or link to HRA. Smaller studs may require a PDF type catalogue page to be designed.

Delegates agreed to these initiatives being progressedAction: G Newton

5. FINANCIAL REPORT 1 JUNE 2023

Opening Balance (30 June 2022) \$11,051 (see appendix Annual Statement Consumer Affairs Victoria)

Expenditure:

Payments made since 30 June 2022:

- Westbury Solutions \$680 (website)
- Consumer Affairs Victoria \$61.20
- Honorarium (Gary Newton) \$500.
- Consumer Affairs \$57.80 (2018 nonpayment)

Bank fees \$ 120

Income:

- Tasracing \$220

Closing Balance: \$9,852

Moved J Coffey and **Seconded** F Robson that the Financial Report be accepted. **(Carried)**

Following discussion, D Hayes authorized the closure of the defunct Commonwealth Bank Account. Account to be closedAction: G Newton
K Pinner to provide a copy of bank statement for DelegatesAction: K Pinner

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 STALLION CERTIFICATES

J Coffey reported on his discussion with C Brown (HRA). HRA has taken over stallion registrations and mare services, but it was unclear as to who would issue the expected Service Certificates. Gary Newton received an email response from Lisa Maher (HRA) indicating that State Controlling Bodies will continue to issue Stallion Certificates.

David Hayes to clarify responses with A Kelly Action: D Hayes

6.2 OVARIAN TUMORS

ASBA wrote to HRA re this issue without a response. Clarification on how this, and other issues, can be progressed is required.

David Hayes to discuss issue with A Kelly Action: D Hayes

6.3 ALTRENOGEST

F Robson reported Harness Breeders NSW has received indication that the request to use Altrenogest is progressing, with Ranmed helping to fund the cost to take this issue to the Supreme Court if necessary.

J Diederich reported that there are guidelines applied to the use of Altrenogest in WA, similar to thoroughbred rules in NSW

F Robson pointed out the need to set clear guidelines for the administration of

Altrenogest if rules were changed to permit its use in racing mares.

Dr T Britt, pointed out the danger to humans if physical contact is made with Altrenogest and stressed the use of safety equipment such as protective gloves is required when administering Altrenogest.

Delegates to continue to report progress.....Action: Delegates

6.4 BREEDING NUMBERS

Delegates discussed the lack of availability of state based breeding numbers from HRA. The numbers reported on by each state and HRA would suggest a decline in the foal crop, especially Victoria. J Diederich noted that a higher percentage of foals born to mares served would assist in elevating the foal crop numbers, without having to increase mares bred. The number of mares served in WA in 2022 gave some cause for optimism, if the foaling percentage could be increased.

..... **Action: Completed**

6.5 2023 AGM (BRISBANE)

The 2023 AGM is set down for Brisbane in December, to coincide with the Queensland Inter Dominion. However, several ASBA delegates will not be attending

D. Hayes suggested a Zoom meeting as an alternative

G Newton requested that Delegates confirm their attendance to assist with finalising arrangements

All Delegates to confirm if their attendance will be in person, by proxy or by teleconferenceAction: Delegates

6.6 INTER DOMINION PROPOSAL

J Diederich reported that WASBA has gained support within WA for the Inter Dominion to return to a rotational basis. J Diederich suggested that ASBA delegates can assist to garner interest from participants within their state, with the benefit coming from the 30 local horses that participate in such a series. These horses would not normally get a chance to race in major feature events.

The couple of ideas put forward for funding would see a minimal amount having to be contributed by State Controlling Bodies and the benefits to industry and the economy would be substantial.

It has been reported that New Zealand has not shown interest. However with the Entain takeover of their TAB and with some groundswell around the event that may change.

Delegates to proactively solicit interest in the concept and funding options, around and post the Brisbane Inter Dominion Action: Delegates

6.7 HORSE TRACEABILITY

Dr T Britt explained progress has been slow, with a Taskforce to be formed in the coming months. It is not seen as a high priority for government. There is a need to appoint a suitable independent chair and determine who will pay for the ongoing process and management. Dr Britt emphasized the need for harness racing to be engaged in the process to ensure the industry is not paying more than it is responsible.

ASBA to continue to be updated.....Action: Dr T Britt

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 BREED TO SUCCEED

G Newton referred to the Harness Breeders Victoria live expo event “Breed to Succeed” to be held in Shepperton on 22 August. A stall at the event will cost \$330.

G Newton confirmed his availability to attend and represent ASBA.

Delegates agreed it was a great opportunity to promote the association and it’s charter.

<p>Moved D Hayes and Seconded F Robson that G Newton attend the Expo on behalf of ASBA, with total expenditure up to \$1,000 to be covered by ASBA. (Carried)</p>
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G Newton to arrange travel, accommodation and material required to set up and operate a stall on behalf of ASBA..... Action: G Newton

7.2 AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

To be held in Launceston, Tasmania on 21 October. G Newton reported on the likelihood of the HRA AGM being held in Tasmania in conjunction with this event. This may provide an opportunity for ASBA to engage with State Executives.

D Hayes to confirm date of HRA AGM and liaise if practicable Action: D Hayes

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 CROP WASTAGE

J Diederich reiterated that wastage remains a concern to the industry with little done to address it. Mares missing, slipping and loss of foals at birth could possibly be attributed to lack of expertise with small breeders trying to manage this process themselves rather than locate mares at professional breeding farms.

D Hayes referred to the current government charter in Tasmania, and the need to provide greater breeding support. The current deed for Tasmanian harness racing expires in 5 years and needs to be renegotiated.

8.1 MICROCHIPPING READERS

J Campbell referred to correspondence from HRV which recommended two microchip readers, with the HALO microchip reader being available for around \$100 to \$180. Dr T Britt suggested checking if the reader could record temperature, as the new microchips can provide that information. Copy of that email to be circulated to all delegates.

Copy of correspondence to be circulated to Delegates Action: G Newton

9. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm Eastern Standard Time

Annual statement



Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

1. This statement is for the association financial year ending

30/06/2022

2. Details of the association

Association registration number	A0042460E
Name of association	AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION INC.

3. Date of the annual general meeting

22/02/2023

4. Number of association members at the end of the association financial year?

8

5. Financial information of association

Gross revenue	\$ 108
Gross expenditure	\$ 1171
Mortgages, charges, securities	\$ 0
Gross value of liabilities owed by the association	\$ 0
Gross value of assets held by the association	\$ 11051

6. Did the association administer a trust during this period?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of Trust:

7. Financial information of trust

Gross value of assets	\$
Gross value of liabilities	\$
Gross value of revenue	\$
Gross value of expenditure	\$
Mortgages, charges, securities	\$

8. Were any resolutions passed at the annual general meeting concerning the financial statements?

No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	What were the resolutions?

9. Submitted by

Name:	Gary Josephe Newton
Date annual statement submitted	14/04/2023

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