

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
QUEENSLAND HARNESS RACING LIMITED  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF  
MULLINS LAWYERS, LEVEL 22, 245 QUEEN STREET, BRISBANE  
TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2008 AT 8:30AM**

**PRESENT:** Bob Lette (Chairman), Kevin Seymour (Deputy Chairman), Janice Dawson, David Knudsen

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Andrew Kelly CEO, Tracey Harris (Company Secretary)

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** Standing conflicts as stated at inaugural meeting held 29 July 2008.

**MINUTES** Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2008 were **CONFIRMED.**

**FLYING MINUTES:** The following Flying Minutes were **RATIFIED :**  
1. Metropolitan Harness Racing Club (Rocklea) Inc

**BUSINESS ARISING: RACE FIELD LEGISLATION**

It was advised that the Minister will be making an announcement in the next 2-3 weeks. The subject is yet to be discussed in Cabinet. An update will be provided as and when it comes to hand.

**COURIER MAIL**

The CEO has undertaken to meet with Brian Burke to discuss the coverage and form guides in the absence of Gary Keep

## **BETFAIR**

The CEO was asked to arrange a presentation from Betfair at the next board meeting.

## **CEO POSITION**

The applications for the position were received, and it was moved by Kevin Seymour and seconded by Janice Dawson that Mike Godber be offered the position of CEO. The Chairman will negotiate an appropriate contract to commence as soon as practicable.

### **DECISION PAPERS:**

#### **1. HRQ COMMITTEES**

The **RECOMMENDATION** to approve the appointment of the committee persons for the Regulatory Advisory Group, Licensing Committee, Risk, Audit and Corporate Governance and Commercial Advisory Group was **APPROVED**.

#### ***Regulatory Advisory Committee***

John Shrek (Chair)  
Dave Knudsen  
Warren Cummins  
Martin Knibbs  
Deputy COS

#### ***Licensing Committee***

Kave Knudsen (Chair)  
Kaylene Moore  
Damian Raedler  
Susan Morley

#### ***Risk Audit & Corporate Governance***

Janice Dawson (Chair)  
Bob Lette  
Tracey Harris  
CEO  
Independent person (TBA by Bob Lette)

**Commercial Advisory Committee**

Bob Lette (Chair)  
Kevin Seymour  
CEO  
Rob Pearson  
David Lewis

**2. HARNESS RACING AUSTRALIA**

The **RECOMMENDATION** that Bob Lette be nominated for HRA Executive Office as well as the position of Deputy Chairman was **APPROVED**.

The **RECOMMENDATION** that Dave Knudsen be nominated as an Accredited Representative was **APPROVED**.

**3. INTEGRITY, RULES AND HANDICAPPING COMMITTEE**

The **RECOMMENDATION** that the Board endorse :

1. a new Country Penalty threshold of \$10,000 (up from \$8,000 meaning that Metropolitan Penalty events are for races valued at \$10,001 or more)
2. the Group and Listed Racing Policy to be amended to \$25,000 for a Listed Race
3. criteria for concession drivers be standardised to count all Wins and the period of eligibility be five years

was **APPROVED**.

The Board **REJECTED** the following recommendation:

4. to formally agree in writing to the acceptance and implementation of the package of Grading Initiatives listed in the overview paper for industry consultation.

The Deputy Chairman requested that the industry be

consulted prior to acceptance.

#### **4. CONCESSION DRIVERS**

The **RECOMMENDATION** to endorse the draft Concession Driver Terms and Conditions for immediate industry consultation was **APPROVED**.

#### **5. RACING INFORMATION**

The **RECOMMENDATION** that the Board endorse the racing information document for inclusion in the 2008/09 Licence Directory and posting on the national website and Queensland industry pages was **APPROVED**.

#### **6. PRIZEMONEY THRESHOLDS**

The **RECOMMENDATION** that the Board endorse the proposed prizemoney structure, effective 1 October 2008, was **APPROVED**.

#### **7. WIDE BAY HARNESS RACING CLUB**

The **RECOMMENDATION** that a licence be granted to the Wide Bay Harness Racing Club for 2008/2009 upon receipt of the National Police Certificates mentioned above, and approval be given for a race meeting on Friday, 22 May 2008 was **APPROVED**.

The CEO is to write to the Mayor of the Shire to advise the approval of the above for the period 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009.

It was noted that the approval is for one meeting and the licence granted for 12 months.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S  
REPORT:**

**RESOLVED:**

July report **RECEIVED**.

#### **RUSS HINZE STAND**

The CEO and Deputy Chairman are to proceed with preparation of conceptual sketches for redrafting the proposal to Greyhounds Queensland Limited.

#### **WATPAC ID09**

The CEO is to arrange a meeting for himself and Kevin Seymour to meet with Judy Spence in relation to grants and/or sponsorship of the Watpac 2009 Inter Dominion.

**CHAIRMAN OF  
STEWARDS REPORT:**

**RESOLVED:**

July report **RECEIVED**.

#### **APPEALS**

It was noted that the Hanrahan appeal has been scheduled for hearing at the Racing Appeals Tribunal on 2 September 2008.

It was noted that the Clint Petroff appeal heard at the Racing Appeals Tribunal on 19 August was upheld and the Board acknowledged the management of the case, as well as the evidence given by Stewards, Neil Finnigan and David Farquharson.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER'S REPORT :**

July Accounts **RECEIVED**

## **2009 BUSINESS PLAN**

The Business Plan of Queensland Harness Racing Limited was **ACCEPTED**.

## **FINANCIALS**

The Deputy Chairman requested any updates on impairment throughout the year be reported to the Board.

## **CHAPS AUDIT**

The report from Bentleys was received and **ACCEPTED**.

## **RACING OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT :**

July report **RECEIVED**

### **WATPAC ID09**

Two horses have been invited from North America with an MOU signed by the owners. It has come to light that there may be concerns with the trainers and the situation will be closely monitored.

## **MARKETING FUND MONIES**

The CEO is to convene a meeting with Warwick Stansfield to discuss issues with the marketing fund.

## **INFORMATION & MEDIA INFORMATION**

The Board **ACCEPTED** the media and information pack.

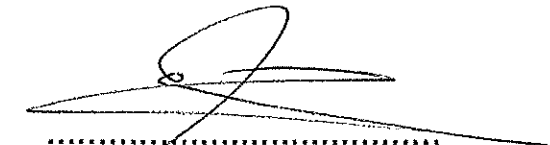
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday,  
30 September 2008 in the Boardroom at Harness  
Racing Queensland

Meeting Closed: 12:20 pm

**CONFIRMED**

  
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**CHAIRMAN**

  
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

  
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**COMPANY SECRETARY**

