



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
QUEENSLAND HARNESS RACING LIMITED
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF
HARNESS RACING QUEENSLAND BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, 6 April 2009 AT 8:30 AM**

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

APOLOGIES: Dave Knudsen

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Godber CEO, Tracey Harris (Company
Secretary)

**CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST:** Nil

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009
were **CONFIRMED**.

Flying minute from Licensing Sub Committee dated 3
March 2009 was **RATIFIED**.

Flying minute from Licensing Sub Committed dated
6th April, 2009 was regarding Alan Sanders was
APPROVED and **RATIFIED**.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. GRAND CIRCUIT

Board requested Racing Department consideration of movement of Grand Circuit forward two weeks to ensure no clash of racing with Kilmore Cup.

2. WORLD CUP

Application with Queensland Events to be made for the World Cup for a period of five years.

3. COMMERCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Commercial Advisory Committee to be scheduled in the month of May. Three meetings to be co-ordinated per annum.

DECISION PAPERS:

1. BETFAIR

It was agreed communication be made with Phillips Fox NSW, legal firm representing Harness Racing NSW in the Betfair matter to seek advice in relation to suitable strategy and response to Betfair correspondence.

A report into the Betfair position to be made at the next Board meeting.

2. NEW LICENSE APPLICANTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve stable hand licences for Jason Weller, Gillian Stockman, Anna Bakos, Donald Dummer, Robert Barrett and Lauren Jones.

3. COMMERCIAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Peter Duffy to the position of Commercial Manager effective immediately. Commensurate salary to be \$115,000 TEC, vehicle to be provided as a component of the salary.

KPI's to be prepared by the CEO and circulated to the Board for ratification.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 The Deputy Chair made recommendation that a venue checklist be prepared for each race venue and a staff member be made responsible for the completion of this checklist at all race meetings.

4.2 Under the current economic environment it was required that the executive of HRQ undertake a full review of staffing levels and costings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

REPORT:

March report **ACCEPTED**

Report on Harness Racing Australia

Whip Rule

The Board supported the **RECOMMENDATION** of the CEO that whips be banned from 2 yo racing effective 1 September, 2009 and a consultation process be commenced immediately in relation to other future use of whips. The Board requested an investigation be made to identify if a local rule is required to not allow the crossing of reins.

Further the Board encouraged direct written communication with all drivers detailing the HRA information.

Access to Stable Areas

The Board requested a review of controls over the stable area to decrease any risk exposure whilst ensuring owners continue to have access.

Investigation to be made in relation to licensing/registering of owners to assist in this process.

Albion Park

Board requested quotations be obtained in relation to temporary infrastructure options, for placement on completion of demolition.

CHAIRMAN OF

STEWARDS REPORT:

February & March report **RECEIVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** that the full time appointment of a veterinary surgeon has been **APPROVED** subject to cost savings of at least 20% against current levels.

RACING OPERATIONS

MANAGERS REPORT:

February report **RECEIVED**.

Q Bred Multiple Eligibility

The Board requested the matter be presented to the Q Bred committee for consideration.

Capital Requirements

The Board requested a visit to all sites be co-ordinated to review capital requirements for 2010.

CHIEF FINANCIAL

OFFICERS REPORT:

February report **RECEIVED**.

Unpaid Forfeits Listing

It was **RESOLVED** to add M Livingstone and K Zink to the Unpaid Forfeit listing effective immediately.

Metropolitan Harness Racing Club

The Board **APPROVED** continued investigation into the relocation of the Metropolitan Harness Racing Club meetings to Monday TAB meetings at an alternative venue in addition to new meetings to be conducted at Marburg Pacing Association.

Unitab

Deputy Chair, Kevin Seymour AM declared a conflict of interest and vacated the room over the consideration of the Unitab application.

The Board **ACCEPTED** the advice **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED** the proposed process for determining the amount of fee payable to HRQ under an authority granted under Race Information Legislation to Unitab.

ACTING COMMERCIAL

MANAGERS REPORT:

March report **RECEIVED**.

The Board requested the acknowledgement of thanks be forwarded to appropriate persons in relation to their contribution to the Inter Dominion, including Litchwarks and media personnel.

NEXT MEETING:

28 April 2009

MEETING CLOSED:

1.00 pm

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMPANY SECRETARY

