



Summary of Business

Excerpts from the Minutes of the EWA Board Meeting held at 6.30pm on 9th February 2021 via Zoom

Present: R Fleming (Chair), A Marchesani (Vice Chair), W Newton-Wordsworth, A Wilkins, Rory Hovell

Apologies: Nil

In attendance: D Pedlow (CEO)

Disclosure of Interest

Updated 10 December

Ron Fleming (Chair) 2020-2022	Dressage competitor Member, Perth Dressage Club, Brookleigh Dressage Club, Employee of Racing & Wagering WA Partner is Dressage competitor, EA Coach, CE
Anita Marchesani (Vice Chair) 2019-2021	Member Brookleigh Working Equitation Club, Founder Coaching Excellence Alliance, Founder Get Up and Gallop Coaching & Mentoring, DWA Steward
Rosalyn O'Halloran (Finance Director) appointed	Member Perth Dressage Club
William Newton-Wordsworth 2019- 2021	Eventing competitor, Breeder, Eventing HP Recognition Squad member, Member Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association
Anne Wilkins 2021-2023	President, Moora & Districts Horsemen Assoc Member, Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club
Rory Hovell 2021-2023	Not yet supplied
Geoff Edwards appointed	Daughter is a Jumping competitor and a members of WASJA and Swan River Showjumping Club, EA Fees & Levies Committee

Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of Board meeting 9 December with the follow amendments:

5.0 replace AA with AW, 6.2 replace AA with AM

Minutes approved as amended AM/AW all agreed

General Business

Appointment of appointed Board member

ROH nominated for Director of Finance by RF second AM ROH accepted nomination, all in agreement. ROH appointed Director of Finance.

GE nominate for appointed director by RF second by ROH, GE accepted nomination, all in agreed.

RF thanked GE for nominating for the EA Fees and Levies committee and congratulated him on his appointment.

All Board positions have been filled.

Board members to complete Code of Conduct forms and return to CEO

Clarification of Board member details to be placed on website
CEO requested that Board members identify what if any contact details are placed on the EWA website in regard to their contact details. CEO to distribute a form for Board members to complete.

Fire update and EWA support

Impact on SEC

CEO reported that a power outage started the evening before the fires, the SEC was used as an evacuation centre until it was also closed due to fire risk. RF reported how City of Swan mayor Kevin Bailey and councillor Rod Henderson helped with people arriving at the SEC. The SEC was in the evacuation zone until Friday 5 February power was restored 6 February. No damage at the SEC. RF thanked Magic Millions for the use of the sales complex when the SEC was required to evacuate. Paul Ramsey provided two trucks to relocate horse from the fire area.

Impact on members

It is believed that at least 3 members lost their homes and sustained property loss, with many others having major property damage and injury to horses. Many members of the horse community are responding with support.

EWA support post fire

EWA will establish a Wooroloo and Hills Fire Relief Fund following confirmation from the Australian Sports Foundation that we are able to provide support to any horse owners in their return to any equine sport activity and that this includes the racing industry.

The Fire fund will provide for tax deductible donation. Racing and Wagering WA have agreed to support the fund with a donation of \$10,000 and provide other support were possible. The fund will be set up and administrated as per EWA criteria with ASF. CEO to develop the funds assistance application and criteria for approval by Chair and Finance director prior to circulation.

CEO reported that the SEC will host BlazeAid a charity that provides support to fire and flood victims. About 40 vans will be based at the SEC for up to 3 months using Lot 33, the City of Swan is offering support, and Minderoo Fire and Flood Resilience is to provide funding for the installation of permanent powered sites with water and lighting. The CEO has organised for this to be installed within 48 hours. Additional infrastructure will be provided by Coates.

Covid-19

EWA Awards night cancelled, alternative awards presentation to be tabled.

CEO reported that due to the Covid lock down the Awards at Crown had to be cancelled and full refund will be received. This was very disappointing given over 250 were to attend. CEO recommended that due to the competition season starting, the fire, limited suitable dates and uncertainty on numbers that would attend a rescheduled event that the SEC hosted the awards, using the entrance area for food vans, the bar area will be open, with seating provided in the VIP area and on the indoor surface. A stage area with screen for video presentation will be set up. A ticket price of \$25 with \$20 going to the bush fire fund. Sponsors will be provided with the opportunity of withdrawing if they choose due to the event changes.

EWA office was closed 1 February, staff to work from home, this became very difficult due to fire and power outages. Power restored 4 February. All to return to work 8 February

SEC all activities cancelled from 1 February until lock down finishes 5 February. New Covid regulations to be followed from until 14 February

AW was concerned that EWA still works with a server and is not cloud based, the CEO reports that NBN connection is via wireless and is very unstable and has low upload speed, CEO is working with Telair our provider to address issues. Due to these problems EWA could not go cloud based at this time.

Strategy plan EWA/ SEC

Presentation from Strategy meeting tabled

AM stated that the strategy workshop with the Board and then Sport committee chairs was well presented and worthwhile. Action from the day required GE/ROH to submit reports ROH report is delayed. Agreed that draft report be accepted and be forwarded to sport committees prior to their Strategy meetings

Planning for Sport committee strategy meetings continuing this is via Zoom and scheduled for 13 February

Jumping has requested that their meeting be delayed due the fire impacting committee members. All other committees will meet in individual sessions 13 Feb via zoom. Show Horse will meet at the SEC and use zoom from the meeting room.

SEC Future funding meeting 5 February cancelled new date to be confirmed

- The meeting with Dean Smith to be rescheduled, AW to confirm new date. CEO to proceed with application for \$10 million to the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment Stream, AW will confirm if available to assist 2 March.
- COS confirmation of SEC operational support \$180,000 2021/2022
- COS dust suppression trial grant signed, funds to be placed in grants account.
- Liberal candidate for Swan Hills Rod Henderson has confirmed the Liberal Party will provide \$5 million towards the SEC redevelopment should they win the election.
- AM confirmed that the Save the SEC communication plan ready to go, CEO to implement. The EWA comms plan is under review.

Financials

November financials tabled and accepted

CEO stated that cash at bank was as expected and high due to Covid payments/grants and new memberships.

Membership number are looking good and running above previous 3 years

End of year figures to be tabled at next Board meeting

Additional items

CEO requested that RH in his position on the EA Jumping committee request that Jumping officials be able to update via zoom etc. RH reported the EWA Jumping had written to EA Jumping to request this.

WNW thanked RF and all that supported the fire response effort

AM to coordinate with others re donation of equipment for fire victims and confirmed that the SEC is available should it be required.

NO thanked the SEC for being there when he needed to evacuate.

GE stated the importance of the SEC grant application

Meeting closed 8.25pm, next scheduled meeting 2 March