

# **Summary of Business**

# Excerpts from the Minutes of the EWA Board Meeting held at 6.30pm on 1st September 2020 At the SEC and via Zoom

Present: R Fleming (Chair), W Newton-Wordsworth (Vice Chair), A Wilkins via zoom

A Marchesani, R O'Halloran, Neil Ozanne from 7pm and Geoff Edwards

**Apologies:** A Avery **Invited:** Nil

In attendance: D Pedlow (CEO)

# **Disclosure of Interest**

Updated 1st September

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
William Newton-Wordsworth (Vice Chair) 2019- 2021	Eventing competitor, Breeder, Eventing HP Recognition Squad member, Member Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association
Rosalyn O'Halloran (Finance Director) appointed	Member Perth Dressage Club
Anne Avery 2018-2020	2* Jumping judge, MPIO and Jumping selector
Anita Marchesani 2019-2021	Member Brookleigh Working Equitation Club, Founder Coaching Excellence Alliance, Founder Get Up and Gallop Coaching & Mentoring, DWA Steward
Anne Wilkins Elected casual vacancy 2020	President, Moora & Districts Horsemans Assoc Member, Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club
Neil Ozanne appointed director 2020	Jumping Competitor and Stallion owner
Geoff Ewards SEC working party	Daughter is a Jumping competitor and a members of WASJA and Swan River Showjumping Club

## **M**inutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of Board meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August Notes of the EWA Board all Committees' meeting 19th August approved Notes of the EWA Members forum 27th August approved

#### **General Business**

## **Equestrian Australia**

## RF reported

- There had been a request for a meeting of the Committee of Inspection by Brian Silva did not eventuate. Nominate also requested a COI meeting to change the SGM to include a 3<sup>rd</sup> Creditors meeting if the constitution is not passed. Craig Shepard from KordaMentha stated it was not necessary as the proposed EA Constitution should be passed.
- KM is positive that a Board will be appointed
- DSR WA is hopeful that Sport Australia will provide funds for the EA organisational review.
- A EA NDC has spoken to KM in regard to plans re events and sponsorship KM advised that at a separate entity may be better to run such events
- EWA is to submit a notice to KM for as a creditor as per the original claim
- RF appointed EWA delegate for the upcoming EA SGM.

# Audit and AGM

- EWA 2019 Audited Financial tabled approved with the addition of Neil Ozanne as a Board members at the time the Financials were approved.
- EWA AGM to be organised asap CEO to confirm date.

## Lotterywest Resilience grant

- It was agreed that \$80,000 from the Lotterywest grant to be distributed to the Sport Committees and is to be calculated as a percentage of Sport levies collected in 2019. This results in Jumping (26.77%) \$21,416, Eventing (51.33%) \$41,064, Dressage (18.1%) \$14,800 and Show Horse (3.8%) will receive \$4,500 as a minimum payment. Total \$81,780
- CEO to provide to the Sport Committees the requirements from Lotterywest for the funds to be acquitted. The Sport Committees will require approval for items to be paid from the grant. To communicate clearly the Lotterywest requirements.
- CEO to provide the Board with EWA guidelines for acquitting the EWA organisational support funds of \$220,000
- It was noted that the \$300,000 grant was just under half of the calculated cost of Covid-19 to EWA

#### **EWA Sport Fund**

- ROH and CEO to provide a review of EWA cash flow prior to any commitment to spend ay funds in 2020.

### RSM SEC draft report

- RF reported the GE, CEO and RF had met with DSR to inform them of the initial EWA preferred EWA/SEC business model.
- GE reported on the discussions and DSR feedback. Resolved that the following actions required. EWA and SEC accounts to be separated from 1st January, request 12 month extension of the SEC lease from the COS, new model to be finalised by 1st August 2021, request commitment of ongoing financial support from DSR and COS, EWA board to establish separate reporting of SEC operations.
- CEO to draft a briefing note for the COS for board approval prior to the COS meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September. COS and DSR will be attending meeting both to receive briefing notes and RSM draft report prior to meeting. Briefing to include stats on SEC/COS usage and importance to COS.
- CEO to review the SEC redevelopment plan to bring up to date and refine projects by need.
- WNW questioned if COS would step up when they had not to date. RF EWA needs to keep pushing the large community support equestrian sport has in the COS

- AW raised that we need to continue the engagement with Senator Dean Smith ASAP re federal funding. AW to work with CEO
- Following meeting with COS Board to commence engagement with members, SEC lessees home clubs etc and initial discussion to be presented to members at AGM .

#### Member's forum

- NO met with Lucy Galovicova and Naomi Murray following concerns they raised at the member forum. They will be providing a list of issue they have with the Board.
- It was agreed that Sport Committee chairs are to be invited to attend more board meetings.

#### **Finance**

July Financials tabled accepted

ROH to review cash flow, and accounts for grants acquittals processes, establish separate accounts files for EWA and SEC 2021 Audit would be for consolidated accounts.

Membership report accepted

## **Operational**

# CEO report tabled and was covered in General Business

#### **Additional items**

Current Sport disputes and complaints tabled

New and renewing Members to be noted and approved at Board meetings

CEO to table a list of new/renewing members at each Board meeting and to add as an item on the agenda. AM enquired about member suitability eg criminal etc. EWA members are required to agree to the Rules and Policies of EA/EWA when joining. CEO advised that in the case of members that owe money to EWA that the membership is not renewed until the debt has been paid.

# Social media

Discussion about Board members engaging on social media, it is important that like members of other EWA committees there is a distinction between private and EWA views.

AM has Board approval to engage on social media representing EWA

# **OSH/Risk Management**

A member was kick while saddling horse at Cross country area, SEC staff and CEO attended and he was transported to hospital for treatment. Has recovered

#### **EWA Committee minutes**

Jumping COVID budget approved.

Jumping minutes 13 July

Jumping minutes 15 June

Jumping minutes 17 August minutes to include that CEO informed Jumping WA that no member's funds are to be deposited in personal accounts, to work with EWA office to organise activities.

Eventing minutes 4 August

Dressage budget approved

Dressage Judges task force 18 August CEO had contact chair re minutes and recording of dispute that did not follow due process.

Show Horse II August

Coaching 28 July

Meeting closed 10.00pm, next scheduled meeting 29th September