

# BOTRA

MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

AT CAMPBELLTOWN

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**PRESENT:** C Bullock, A Duggan, B Rattray, G Lucas, R Brown, R Hadley, N Emery, M Castles, B Walters, S Barnes

Minutes of the previous minutes were read and accepted. *Moved* by C Bullock and *seconded* by D Hayes,

**Treasurers Report:** The treasurer reported that there was an approximate balance of \$3,500.00.

**Correspondence:** *Inwards*

- Report from Tas Harness stating that they were happy with insurance policy
- Yearling sale stated that yearling classic race had changed from present format to a \$2,000.00 one off win bonus. They also highlighted sale gross figures and stakes earned by yearling sale graduates confirmed that drivers' fees had increased to \$50.00. Mares and fillies races to be programmed into the future.
- Botra had been invited to attend the Australian meeting but due to the late arrival of the invitation we were unable to attend. At this meeting it was agreed to form a National body, the first matter of priority being the new whip rules. Concerns were raised over the depth of regulations within racing. Also the changes that occur with drug testing and advice given to participants and the lack of advice. Questions were also raised over the insurance policy.

*Outwards*

To Racing Services to assure them of our viability (as required by all bodies). All relevant documents to Garret for auditing.

**General Business** M Castles questioned when the walkway at Mowbray would re-open and if the problem with the water pooling in the stabling area was being addressed. Bullock informed the meeting that M Pike was in the process of re-opening the walkway.

Trophy races for Botra sponsorship to be considered. It was felt by all that a higher level of professionalism was needed (all agreed). Letters to be received and mailed by G Lucas. G Lucas felt that our website needed more information and that more information needed to find its way to the media.

R Brown questioned our membership drive. C Bullock said books would be up by Tatlow Week. Also first prize services to Rightous Hanover, Roberts & Konke vouchers. Raised the issue of vets unable to draw blood . This matter to be discussed with stewards.

B Walters approached K Nielson regarding a spot on the radio. He is also concerned with timing light not coming on in time. He also raised the issues of fees we pay in comparison to Victoria – name application, transfer NZ horses and sire fee (to be raised at HAG).

N Emery to call G Lucas with D Seaton's telephone number re press releases also to ensure D Seaton has a Year Book with all numbers.

D Hayes outlined the new stakes grid – also pay 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed restricted heats into higher stakes finals. The committee felt that this was unacceptable and is to be placed back to programming for reconsideration.

R Hadley advised that the running rail turning off the grass is unsafe – (A Duggan to fix).

Repeat driving offenders not being dealt with by stewards to the perception of racing. This issue to be raised at the next HAG meeting. It is also felt that the whip was safer carried over the shoulder. S Larkins will be invite to the next meeting to discuss. R Hadley to instigate meeting race day with A Duggan etc.

C Bullock informed of upcoming board appointment (meeting unanimously supported Dr T Leis for re-appointment). Letters to be posted to all clubs and associations for his re-appointment. Unpaid forfeit list to be strictly policed. Qualifying twice was being proposed - more clarification sought (not supported at this time). Licence reviews were discussed.

B Rattray raised the issue of swabbing as similar to the National body. Letter to National body with our concerns. No progress on 10 horse 2 year old (letter to Racing Board) \$1,000.00 claim for JD into claiming races also breeders crown heats of #4,000.00 no acceptable, \$3,000.00 or \$5,000 (Hayes to program committee).

Meeting closed at 10.36 pm

