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**Minutes from the Committee meeting held at Byford on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
meeting commenced at 5.40pm.**

**1. PRESENT.**

**R. Tomlinson (Chairman), B. Coffey, S. Radalj, M. Gray, T. Ferguson, S. Hawkins,  
R. Gartrell, J. Milentis, H. Johnson and R. Deadman (Secretary).**

**2. APOLOGIES. M. Hackett, R. Bell**

**3. ABSENT M. Woodley**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**The Minutes from the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were confirmed to be a true  
and correct record of that meeting on the motion by M. Gray and T. Ferguson.  
Carried.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

**Greg Bond attended the recent meeting with Harness Racing Australia where the  
National Trainers and Drivers Association Submission on amendments to the whip  
rule were well accepted. A report and further information on this issue will be  
available in the near future and will be posted on the BOTRA Website.**

**The BOTRA Newsletter will now be circulated on a monthly basis and input by  
Committee on any industry matters is encouraged.**

**A list of persons whose contact information is not registered in the Racing Ahead  
Magazine will be sent to the Chairman.**

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**INWARD**

- 1. Nation Trainers and Drivers Association  
NT&D- Proposal-Whip Rules**
- 2. Pinjarra Harness Racing Club  
WA Sales Classic**
- 3. Northam Harness Racing Club  
Cc Letter to RWWA-track problems**
- 4. Gloucester Standardbreds  
Sales Results**

- 5. Tim Burton**  
**New BOTRA Member**
- 6. WACHRA**  
**Invitation to WACHRA meeting**
- 7. Robbie Dewar**  
**Reins & Sulkies**
- 8. Sandra Hawkins**  
**Press Release-Trotters**
- 9. RWWA**  
**SMS Trial 2010**
- 10. RWWA-M. Skipper**  
**Criticism- BOTRA News Letter**
- 11. Senator Christopher Back**  
**Horse Industry Participation in Emergency Animal Disease Response**
- 12. Ross Cooper**  
**Whip Rule- HRA Executive Meeting**
- 13. NT&D**  
**Breaking News**
- 14. RWWA**  
**Horse Numbers in Australia**
- 15. Steve Radalj**  
**Additional Race Saturdays**
- 16. RWWA**  
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- 17. Gloucester Standardbreds**  
**Compliment-BOTRA Website/ WA Sales Classics**
- 18. Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc**  
**Invoice(Paid) Sponsorship Super 9's**
- 19. Dawn Dickinson**  
**Transcript for evidence- Review of RWWA**
- 20. Terry Ferguson**  
**Letter to WACHRA- BOTRA Proposal-local breeding**
- 21. RWWA**  
**Harness admin-Complaints**
- 22. Sandra Hawkins**  
**Disregard Letter STA**
- 23. Golden Mile Trotting Club**  
**Original Letter-Ken Kirke-Spider Fund**
- 24. RWWA/WATA**  
**WA Sales Classics –Race Dates**
- 25. NT&D Association**  
**Meeting in Melbourne**
- 26. RWWA**  
**Deadline for Submission- Racing Vision**

- 27. RWWA**  
**Race Dates-Amendments**
- 28. Ross Oliveri**  
**Hardship Fund-Craig Murphy**
- 29. EHRB**  
**Nomination of Director and Alternative**
- 30. BOTRA Newsletter**
- 31. HRCG Sub Committee Agenda**  
**Breeding Incentives**

**OUTWARD**

- 1-4 BIO JOHN/BOTRA Award**  
**Appropriate letters**
- 5. RWWA**  
**Admin Problems**
- 6. FHRC**  
**Fremantle Pacing Cup**
- 7. Gloucester Standardbreds; WATA; RWWA**  
**WA Sales Classics Dates**
- 8. Pinjarra Harness Racing Club**  
**ID 2012**
- 9. Brett Coffey**  
**NT&D Association meeting on BOTRA Website**
- 10. Terry Ferguson**  
**Draft Proposal- Breeders Bonus**

**7. ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 1. A letter will be sent to the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club supporting in principal, the initiative of holding the WA Sales Classics at that venue on the basis that sponsorship is secured and information provided on how the Pinjarra Club will distribute this sponsorship to benefit the WA Sales Classic races.**
- 2. A Letter will be sent to M. Skipper requesting the nomination closure time for trials to be at least 10am on Fridays instead of 8am.**

**On the motion by B. Coffey seconded by R. Gartrell, Inward Correspondence was received and Outward correspondence endorsed. Carried.**

**8. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**Nil**

**9. FINANCE**

**A Financial Report from 31.8.2009 to 31.5.2010 indicated a Credit Balance of \$26,375.53.**

**The Term Deposit is currently \$12,524.15**

**A coffee making machine will be purchased for the Spider Room. John Milentis to organise.**

**On the motion by H. Johnson seconded by S. Hawkins the Financial Report tabled was received.**

## **10. REPORTS ON INDUSTRY MEETINGS**

### **1. Spider Fund.**

**A special meeting will be arranged by BOTRA in the near future to discuss some concerns with the Spider Fund.**

### **2. Hardship Fund**

**Meetings held when necessary- The Craig Murphy request has been addressed.**

### **3. Harness Racing Consultative Group**

**No meeting**

### **4. Handicapping Sub Committee**

**Report Forthcoming**

### **5. National Trainers and Drivers Association**

**N.T & D Association submission has been presented to Harness Racing Australia.**

### **6. Proposed United Harness Racing Body**

**Forums to be scheduled at major harness racing centres after further negotiations take place between all industry groups. DOPLAR Consulting will be contacted for an update on proceedings.**

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**The Bio John/BOTRA Award winners for May 2010 are-Ron Huston and Nigel Johns. Appropriate letters will be sent to all concerned.**

**A major Sponsor for the 2010 BOTRA Cup is required. R. Gartrell will further investigate and discuss this matter with Greg Bond.**

**The BOTRA Membership structure was again discussed with recommendations that a new Membership Form should be designed with intent to profile each division within the harness industry ie Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Drivers. More information and details such as credit card availability for payment, a request to provide email details, encouragement to participate on the BOTRA Website, prizes drawn for members of BOTRA and the incentive of an increase in dollar value of a race stake at a country meeting for a winning participating BOTRA member. These initiatives are to be further discussed.**

The BOTRA Quiz and Auction Function was discussed in length. The preferred venue will be the Manning Bowling Club, which will be investigated further by R. Gartrell to confirm that it is adequate to address the logistics required for holding a successful function. The scheduled date for the BOTRA Quiz and Auction Function will be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 (BOTRA Cup Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010) with an earlier start time of 12 noon. All Committee are requested to become involved in this important fund raising event.

An email sent to WACHRA by Terry Ferguson regarding the future of the Breeding Industry will again be sent to all WACHRA Committee and their email addresses forwarded to R. Tomlinson.

The Breeders Bonus was discussed with further negotiations taking place with WASBA and RWWA. Information will be made available on the BOTRA Website.

The RWWA Strategic Plan (Protecting our Future) is to be addressed by a BOTRA Submission to RWWA by 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010. A draft document will be circulated to all BOTRA Committee who are encouraged to be forthright in their views on what is seen by BOTRA as a disappointing document.

A letter will be sent to RWWA supporting the continuation of Feature Race Barrier Draws on Racing Radio. RWWA will also be requested to provide the procedures involved when such events take place publicly.

BOTRA will support a proposed "Breeders Day" and further information on this initiative will be available in the near future.

On the motion by S. Radalj seconded M. Gray, the sponsorship for the radio show "One Out, One Back" will be renewed in July 2010 at an approximate cost of \$2,200.00.

Future BOTRA meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each Month- same time same place.

## 12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 5.30pm \*\*WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2010 at the Byford Trotting Training Complex (Please Note Change of Date)

THESE MINUTES HAVE YET TO BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

