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**Minutes from Committee meeting held at Gloucester Park on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
February 2009 Meeting commenced at 5.35pm**

**1. PRESENT.**

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

**2. APOLOGIES. R. Culleton,**

**3. ABSENT.**

**J. Humphries, R. Warwick.**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**On the motion by R. Gartrell seconded by J. Milentis, the minutes of the Committee  
meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were accepted as a true and correct  
record. Carried.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

**Nil.**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**INWARD**

**6.1 Aldo Cortopassi  
Resignation**

**6.2 Garry Torto  
New look botra.info website**

**6.3 RWWA  
Pinjarra Trials; National Handicapping Review**

**6.4 RWWA  
Preliminary Agenda-HRCG 19.2.2009**

**6.5 RWWA  
Policy Change-Number of Horses on a Handicap Line at Busselton and Collie**

**6.6 RWWA-Alan Parker  
2yo Statistics**

**6.7 WASBA  
Super Sunday meeting**

**6.8 RWWA  
Acknowledgement- correction to Drivers Fees- seeking explanation on  
Discretionary Handicapping for non major Pacing Events**

**6.9 WACHRA**  
**Minutes of meeting-8<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**

**OUTWARD**

1. **RWWA-Ron Fleming**  
**Certificate 1V in Racing (Harness)**
2. **RWWA- M. Skipper**  
**Correction to Drivers Fees; Update/Review Points System and Discretionary Handicapping for non major pacing Events**
3. **Minutes from Drivers Forum-21.1.2009**
4. **RWWA-Bill Delaney**  
**Agenda/Minutes- BOTRA/Stewards meeting- 15.1.2009**
5. **Pinjarra Trotting Club**  
**Offer of Financial Assistance-Trot Trials**
6. **Gary Torto**  
**BOTRA Committee Responsibilities; Ease out Rule-Website**

**7. ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. **On the motion by M. Gray seconded by G. Bond, a letter will be sent to RWWA indicating BOTRA support for the implementation of new policies that will impact on racing Aged Horses.**
2. **A further request will be sent to RWWA for statistical comparisons for 2yo racing (2007/2008 season).**
3. **A letter will be sent to Donna Reardon (Gloucester Standardbreds) and Pat Borg (WASBA) requesting a meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to discuss matters relating to the programming of 2yo pacers and other issues.**
4. **A letter will be sent to WASBA indicating support for the Super Sunday race meeting.**
5. **Ross Cooper (RWWA) will be invited to the next BOTRA Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**
6. **A letter of acknowledgement for his resignation from the BOTRA Committee and appreciation for his past service will be sent to A. Cortopassi**

**On the motion by B. Coffey seconded by T. Ferguson, Inwards Correspondence was received and Outward Correspondence endorsed. Carried.**

**8. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**  
**Nil**

## **9. FINANCE**

**The Finance Report Tabled reflected a current balance in the working account of \$31,010.05**

**The Term Deposit is currently \$11,707.17. (Maturity Date- September 2009)**

**The Financial Report tabled was received by S. Radalj seconded by M. Gray Carried.**

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

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

**No meeting held.**

### **2. Hardship Fund**

**Meetings are held when necessary.**

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

**A letter has been sent to the Harness Racing Manager (Cc Alan Parker) requesting statistic comparisons between 2007 and 2008 season for 2yo pacers with regard to races programmed, how many raced, stakes budgeted for last year compared with 2008. No response to date.**

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

**A public forum will be held at Gloucester Park on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7pm to discuss issues with the Harness Racing Australia- National Handicapping Review. All BOTRA Committee will be in attendance.**

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Further investigations into a initiative involving clubs for a \$1000 breeding bonus to be shared on a 50-50 basis will be further investigated and reported back to the next BOTRA meeting.**

**The BOTRA Website is continuing to be improved thanks to the efforts of Garry Torto.**

**A meeting with the WATA will be arranged in the near future to discuss--**

**Drivers Sponsorships**

**Future BOTRA Cup meetings**

**The Fraternity Stand**

**Other Matters**

**The BOTRA Cup promotion through Sky Channel (In the Gig) and inviting special guests to a pre race evening function to promote this race was discussed.**

**Other initiatives such as increased stake money and re assessing the M Class Front for the BOTRA Cup is to be further investigated.**

**RWWA is investigating policy changes with regard to horses racing in extreme heat. This matter is to be further discussed.**

**The Byford Trotting Training Complex infrastructure will be improved with a cash injection of 1.2 million dollars from RWWA. The funding is to be spent on sheds and buildings, more stables, Hydro walkers, additional work track, more access points and on course stabling for rent.**

**The forthcoming Gloucester Standardbred Yearling sales will have signage indicating BOTRA support and promoting the BOTRA web site.**

**The purchase of BOTRA tee shirts with a suitable colour and logo will be investigated and further information will be available at the next Committee meeting.**

**BIO John/BOTRA Award winners for January and February 2009 are...**

**Ryan Bell; Sonja Zucchiatti; John Awcock and Sue Williams.**

## **12. MEETING CLOSURE**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.**

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.- 5.30pm THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Pure Steel Room at Gloucester Park.**