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**Minutes from Committee meeting held at Gloucester Park on Thursday 7th May
2009 Meeting commenced at 5. 40pm**

1. PRESENT.

**R. Tomlinson (Chairman), G. Bond, H. Johnson, R. Gartrell, J. Milentis,
R. Warwick, S. Radalj, J. Humphries and R. Deadman (Secretary).**

2. APOLOGIES. R. Culleton, B. Coffey, M. Gray.

3. ABSENT.

T. Ferguson.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

**On the motion by R. Warwick seconded by G. Bond, the minutes of the Committee
meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2009 were accepted as a true and correct
record. Carried.**

5. BUSINESS ARISING

**The future of the BOTRA Cup has been discussed with the WATA. Many ideas to
better promote this prestigious race will be fully discussed in the near future. The
intention is to schedule a BOTRA Cup with good stake money as a lead up race to
either the Gold Nugget or the Fremantle Pacing Cup (which will remain a standing
start feature race).**

**A letter will be sent to the WATA (Cc FHRC, RWWA) indicating the desire by
BOTRA to schedule the BOTRA Cup as a lead up race in December, to the
Fremantle Pacing Cup. Sponsorship will be organised for the race stake to be
\$50,000 + with a trophy and attract pacers M3+. The race is envisaged to be a
Standing Start Discretionary Handicap over 2503 metres. The winner of the
BOTRA Cup should be an automatic starter in the Fremantle Pacing Cup.
A meeting of BOTRA Delegates will be held in the near future to discuss
sponsorship and other issues associated with promoting the BOTRA Cup.**

**Advertising on driver's apparel is still being investigated. Current costs per driver
are too expensive and BOTRA will continue to investigate all possibilities to
introduce this initiative. The idea of sponsoring the top 20 or 25 drivers was
recommended. Any excess funding after expenses received for this sponsorship will
be directed to a Drivers premiership.**

The use by BOTRA of the Fraternity Stand at Gloucester Park will be further investigated with the WATA. A possibility of a trial period of rental by BOTRA may be undertaken in the near future. To be further discussed with WATA.

The date for the BOTRA Quiz and Auction is likely to be early October 2009 depending on race dates and availability of suitable premises.

After investigation by BOTRA with the WATA, Catering at Gloucester Park will continue unchanged.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

INWARD

- 1. WATA
EHRB Meeting-Postponed**
- 2. RWWA
The Big Screen News Update**
- 3. WASBA
Super Sunday**
- 4. RWWA
Wagering Operator Approach- Race Clubs**
- 5. YHRC
Cc letter to RWWA-Training Facility**
- 6. RWWA
Notice of HRCG MEETING- 21ST May 2009**
- 7. RWWA
Cc letter- whip use rule**
- 8. RWWA
BOTRA Agenda Item –Clarification**
- 9. RWWA
Response –Flexibility- Pearl and Diamond Nomination closures**
- 10. RWWA
Race Dates**
- 11. WASBA
Super Sunday**
- 12. Peter Anderson
Cc Letter to RWWA**
- 13. RWWA
Media Release/Letter-2009/2010 Distribution**

OUTWARD

- 1. RWWA
HRCG-Agenda Item**

2-5. Bio John/BOTRA Award- all letters

6. Mark Reed

Invite to meeting

7. WATA

4 & 5yo Championships

8. RWWA

Request for later closure dates for the “Pearl and Diamond” races

9. RWWA Stewards

Whip Use

7. ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Super Sunday- BOTRA will form a sub committee to discuss the proposal by WASBA of a Super Sunday race meeting,

2. A letter will be sent in response to M. Skipper (RWWA) letter-- Flexibility- Pearl and Diamond Nomination Dates.

BOTRA fully agrees with your response however requests consideration to be given by RWWA to create and implement a facility to finalise nominations and payments on the day of purchase of Yearlings.

3. A copy of the media release and RWWA details of the 2009/2010 Distribution Model will be Emailed to all BOTRA Delegates.

On the motion by R. Warwick seconded by H. Johnson, Inwards Correspondence was received and Outward Correspondence endorsed. Carried.

8. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

9. FINANCE

The Financial Report tabled indicated a Credit Balance of \$28,865. 09

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

The Financial Report tabled was accepted on the motion by G. Bond seconded by H. Johnson.

An offer of more remuneration to D. Thomas (Auditor) will be made for him to continue as Auditor for BOTRA.

10. REPORTS ON INDUSTRY MEETINGS

1. Spider Fund.

No meeting held.

2. Hardship Fund

Meetings are held when necessary.

3. Harness Racing Consultative Group
Next meeting- 21st May 2009

4. Handicapping Sub Committee
No Meeting

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

BOTRA will contact RWWA (Bruce Johnston) for clarification and a list of entitlements for licensed personnel in harness racing and will query the difference between entitlements for harness and thoroughbred racing participants.

Bio John/BOTRA Award winners are....Chris Feast and Courtney Burch. Appropriate letters will be sent.

12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.- 5.30pm THURSDAY 4th June 2009 in the Pure Steel Room at Gloucester Park.