

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUST LTD
HELD AT THE MESS FACILITY
SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
SAXONY ROAD
HORSLEY PARK NSW 2175
ON
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2014**

PRESENT:- As per attendance Book

PROXIES:- As per list provided

At 7.35pm the Chairman announced that a quorum had been reached and the meeting was now open. The Chairman then welcomed all members present and especially those from Interstate. She then introduced the Directors and the Secretary to the assembly.

APOLOGIES:-

Apologies received from :

T Males, R Wagstaff, M & G Parker, J Bromley

It was:-

Moved:- Ms S Ahel

Seconded:- Ms K Fletcher-Grieve

"That the apologies as tendered be received and recorded." Carried

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were then tabled at the meeting.

Then it was:-

Moved:- Ms K Fletcher- Grieve

Seconded:- Mrs L Williamson

"That the Minutes of the 2013 AGM be taken as read." Carried

The Meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to enable those present to read the Minutes

It was then:-

Moved:- Ms G Martini

Seconded:- Mr J Newton

"That the Minutes of the 2013 AGM as amended be accepted as a true record." Carried

Presentations were then made to the winners of the 2013 Championships Awards and the Distinguished Service Award recipients.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM 2014

As with other horse breed societies throughout Australia and abroad, the last decade and a half for the AHSA has been exceedingly challenging. With the new millennium came a new age as well as a new mindset, that saw people's needs shift from a community based spirit with long term goals and aspiration, to a more self-fulfilling individual focus in pursuit of an easier lifestyle that would deliver them instant gratification and immediate results. Many time-demanding agricultural hobbies were replaced with activities that fulfilled this quest for an instant social pastime, offering maximum excitement with minimal demands. The growing global thirst for instant answers and knowledge delivered the speedy progression of the Internet age where Cyber surfing, Facebook, online auctions, immediate information, social media, Internet shopping, live streaming of events and other associated Internet services delivered a multitude of exciting new and stimulating activities directly into the comfort of our own home. These factors in turn aided in shaping the modern day way of life. The average modern day person is now instantly connected with friends events & possibilities through the use of mobile phones or the Internet with a multitude of applications like satellite navigation to save us time. The modern day person prefers a more time rich lifestyle, choosing the convenience and ease of a suburban home with no lawns, minimal gardens and minimal home maintenance, over the high demands and location restrictions of a rural lifestyle. Air Travel is also more accessible and other possibilities available to the average person now seem almost unlimited. With all this, the time restrictive, disadvantaging locality and financially demanding hobbies like horse breeding took a dramatic nose dive over the last decade. Predictably, this trend has continued as more people seek out the "modern day easier lifestyle".

For a society like the Arabian horse society that is fueled by people's passion and love for owning and breeding the Arabian horses this "new easier lifestyle choice" has been a directors managerial challenge. Over the last few years, the Board of Directors has strived to balance the affects of the modern day world's faltering economy climate and people's demands with the society's aims to promote and progress the breed and society forward into the next decade and beyond. At times, this has been a real struggle. In the attempts to financially balance these demands the society concluded the past few years with a financial deficit. With diligent budgets as well progressive management the Board has this year delivered a positive cash flow, coupled with a surplus profit for the year. To prevent having to raise membership fees to cope with raising running costs, and possibly hastening the decline in membership numbers for our the society, the secretary was able to renegotiate our overall insurance premium, so reducing our premium outlay without reducing our cover. This prevented us having to raise our membership fees, and allowed us to work toward expanding the memberships types being offered by the society, with the aim of increasing our membership base.

The Board has been progressively productive over the past few years in fine tuning the fund leaching production of many areas of business, including the JEC and the Australian National championships, with the past two year's events delivering a small surplus rather than large loss as in the previous eight or so years. The new module and format is designed to allow for a growth factor in the sectional areas of the event as well as to utilise the event as a vital promotional tool to expand the popularity of the breed, gaining new and refreshed interest in the society.

The next few years will be difficult. They will be challenging, they will at times be frustrating, & they will be demanding on those having to implement change. The need for the society to evolve and progress with the times, demands many changes. This fact is unavoidable and imminent. The changes at times can seem harsh or even radical, in the perfect world the society could continue on the same path and survive, remaining viable and solvent, but the world is not so forgiving and time waits for no man. To move forward progressively for a positive productive future for our breed and our society, we must all work together - Board & members - across all our registries and disciplines - to deliver a more stable society with a better sense of community and trust. Over the last few years, the Board has worked extremely hard to break down the barriers of communication once in place between board Directors and society members. Information on the Board's activities and progress is much more readily available, with regular subcommittee reports, and Directors interacting with the members a much greater degree. We as directors are working toward a better future for our breed and for you the members of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia.

Chairman
Allan R Preston
March 2014

It was then:-

Moved:- Ms T Keller

Seconded:- Ms V Dodson

"That the Chairman's Report be accepted." Carried

SECRETARY'S REPORT AGM 2014

As in previous years 2013 saw continued fine tuning and further development of our database, the online procedures and the show program, although budget constrains have limited this to only the most essential changes. The new website and on line show system have been developed without any external cost to the Society and we thank Amy Gorman of Impressive Web Designs and Neil Maddock from Incheck Systems for their help and support in these areas. The change in our Insurance Brokers not only resulted in substantial cost. Payroll costs to the Society have been reduced during the year with 4 staff members reducing their working hours and two more have reduced their hours this year which will result in further savings. As a result the staff have all learnt other duties so that we can continue our service to the members and maintain our turn around times. The main problem we still have is the amount of sendbacks we have to issue for incorrect or incomplete paper work received.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our staff during the year and say how much I appreciate their contributions to the extra tasks they have had to deal with. They have managed to maintain their moral and member support despite the reduction in working hours. I would also like to thank the Board for the support given to the office.

The year's statistics are as follows:

Membership	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Full	3678	3699	3489	3266	3175	3155
Junior	186	212	224	216	208	205
Stud Book - Total Registrations						
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Purebred						
Mares	29162	29652	30110	30510	30879	31276
Stallions*	23928	24161	24353	24533	24688	24865
Partbred						
Mares	28761	28925	29119	29294	29454	29637
Stallions*	23857	23988	24087	24181	24293	24392
Anglo						
Mares	3912	3997	4058	4103	4163	4221
Stallions*	3329	3379	3420	3450	3486	3513
Arabian Pony						
Mares	3305	3403	3515	3646	3896	3972
Stallions*	2436	2497	2558	2620	2721	2746
Warmblood						
Mares	673	728	773	839	918	986
Stallions*	506	540	575	618	662	696
Riding Pony						
Mares	1427	1584	1742	1885	2113	2183
Stallions*	1141	1260	1354	1475	1607	1653
Quarab						
Mares	103	121	131	143	149	156
Stallions*	47	53	54	58	67	68
Stockhorse						
Mares	133	143	160	170	184	191
Stallions*	108	113	126	133	142	149
Totals	122828	124544	126135	127658	129422	130704

*Includes Geldings ** Adjusted

Stud Book - Yearly Registrations

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Purebred						
Mares	483	490	458	440	369	397
Stallions	48	41	41	35	19	25
Geldings	174	192	151	145	138	152
Partbred						
Mares	165	164	194	175	160	183
Stallions	117	131	99	94	112	99
Anglo						
Mares	81	85	61	45	60	58
Stallions	57	50	41	30	36	27
Arabian Pony						
Mares	112	98	112	131	250	76
Stallions	50	61	61	62	101	25
Warmblood						

Mares	64	55	45	66	79	68
Stallions	42	34	35	43	44	34
Riding Pony						
Mares	160	157	158	143	228	70
Stallions	102	119	94	121	132	46
Quarab						
Mares	11	18	10	12	6	7
Stallions	6	6	1	4	9	1
Stockhorse						
Mares	15	10	17	10	14	7
Stallions	6	5	13	7	9	7
Totals	1693	1716	1591	1523	1766	1282

*Includes Geldings

Colts Gelded And Foal Recorded

Colts Gelded	518	494	490	427	491	455
Foal Recorded	403	376	378	345	365	315

Transfers Recorded

Purebred	1324	1323	1315	1033	1086	1019
Derivative	966	922	972	1109	998	915
Total	2290	2245	2287	2142	2084	1934

Horses Blood Typed/DNA	1325	1297	1109	1096	932	895
Horses Buffy Coat Conversion	468	244	61	54	41	29
Hair Storage	209	189	163	137	104	82

It was then: _

Moved:- Ms K Fletcher-Grieve

Seconded:- Ms S Ahel

"That the Secretary's Report be accepted." Carried

TREASURERS REPORT AGM 2014

2013 Treasurers Report of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd

This year has been challenging but due to some careful management of expenses we are pleased to have achieved a small profit.

The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd is a Not for Profit Limited Liability association that's principal activities are the

- maintenance of the purity and promotion of the improvement and popularity of the Arabian horse in Australia
- the compilation and maintenance of Stud Books, Registers and records of pure bred Arabian horses and their derivatives and
- the publication of the Arabian Horse News.

A review of the Membership and Registration statistics reveals that they are still on a steady decline.

The effect of having fewer members and registrations has also impacted on other registry activities (e.g. transfers) leading to reduced Income.

As a result, the Society has been running at a loss for a number of years to a small profit this year. Continuing losses are not sustainable and will jeopardise the Society's ongoing viability. Based on historical trend, it will be a difficult task to stem the decline in the Societies memberships and registrations going forward. Successive Boards have tried to do this over the past decade but the statistics show that it hasn't happened. It will take a concerted effort and also be dependent on favourable economic, climactic and social conditions to slow the decline let alone turn it around and increase membership and registrations. The Board has looked at opportunities to value add Membership. This may include Insurance packages and joining with business partners.

Membership and registry fee increases could be implemented however; the Board feels that substantial increases may well hasten the decline rather than generating more income.

The Board is looking for new income streams, however establishment costs could possibly be required in order to develop a new income stream/s and it would take some time for the strategy to generate additional income for the Society. Investigation and negotiation is being progressed to manage other Registries of Horses, Cattle etc as this is a possible income stream that may not require a large outlay to establish.

With expenses likely to increase due to CPI and other inflationary pressures the Board will need to restructure the Society's expenses and ensure decisive action is taken.

This current Board has implemented some income generating measures such as new membership types and requiring all owners of registered horses to be members. These may or may not have a positive effect. We have continued to work towards the objectives of the 5 year plan and developed a 3 year Budget that considers our principle activities and financial reforms to guide the Society forward into a positive future. Copies of the 5 Year Plan are available for those people interested.

Leonie Williamson
Treasurer

It was then: _

Moved:- Mrs L Williamson

Seconded:- Ms M Stuart-Smith

"That the Treasurer's Report be accepted." Carried

The Annual Accounts were then presented

Mrs D Hatherall queried the Liquid Ratio ration of the Balance Sheet.

The Chairman realised that the Board were well aware of this and were working towards rectifying the situation.

Ms V Crosland then queried the value of the Stock held by the Society. The Treasure replied that she too was concerned with the Value and would be conducting a complete audit of the stock.

Mr. O Wagstaff the asked if there would be a write down every year. The treasurer replied this would depend upon the Audit.

The Treasurer the asked Ms M Nevil of Priestley & Morris, the Society's auditors, to explain the situation. Ms Nevile explained that all stud books and other books were written down and any other old stock was also written down.

The Chairman then welcomed Ms M Nevil of Priestley & Morris who gave a detailed explanation of the Societies results and financial position.

It was then: _

Moved:- Mrs L Williamson

Seconded:- Ms S Ahel

"That the annual accounts as presented be adopted.." Carried

It was then: _

Moved:- Mrs L Williamson

Seconded:- Ms K Fletcher-Grieve

"That Priestley and Morris be appointed Auditors of the Society for 2014." Carried

RETURNING OFFICERS REPORT BOARD ELECTIONS 2014/2015

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THE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2014/2015

Arrangements were made for me to conduct the contested elections for one Board Member from each of South Australia and Victoria. Voting papers were posted out to eligible members who were able to vote online or alternatively by post. The period for voting closed at 4.00pm on 31 January by which time 133 members had submitted an online vote and a further 192 members had returned their papers through the post. Of those papers returned through the post 11 did not contain voting papers but instead included extraneous material such as remittances and proxy forms. This left a total of 181 postal votes to be counted.

Voters' membership details were checked against the Society's membership database to ensure eligibility and also to identify multiple voters ... no incidence of multiple voting was detected. Ballot papers were removed from the envelopes and counted and then tallied with the online votes. The result of the voting is shown below.

State	South Australia				Victoria		
Candidates	John NEWTON	Richard SHIPTON	TOTAL VOTES		Clint BILSON	Kristin GALEA	TOTAL VOTES
Online Votes	41	78	119		59	71	130
Postal Votes	118	40	158		131	42	173
Total Votes	159	118	277		190	113	303

Accordingly John NEWTON and Clint BILSON will be declared elected as Board Members.



Phil Lewis
Returning Officer
Elections Australia Pty Ltd
3 February 2014

Ms D Harvey queried the election costs. The Secretary replied they were \$1000.
Bro P McIntosh then said he had scrutineered both in house election counting and external counting and he believed they should be done in house.
Mr O Wagstaff stated that some years ago there were discrepancies in the in house counting as a number of votes were all in the same hand writing and same pen. When questioned by the secretary as to when Mr O Wagstaff agreed it was well before the current Secretary commenced.

After further discussion

It was then: _

Moved:- Ms G Martini

Seconded:- Ms T Keller

"That the Returning Officers Report be accepted." Carried

The Chairman then welcomed Mr C Bilson to the Board.

Pursuant to Article 39, Mr C Bilson, Ms T Keller, Mr J Newton, Ms M Stuart-Smith and Ms V Dodson are appointed to the Board of Directors of the AHSA Ltd and may now assume their seats on the Board.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2014 AGM – JUDGES EXECUTIVE REPORT

Members of the Judges Executive Committee for 2013 were, Miss Gudrun Martini (Chairman), Mr Allan Preston, Ms Selina Ahel, Ms Karen Fletcher-Grieve, Mrs Leonie Williamson and Mrs Narelle Kinnear (Chief Examiner). As always, we were competently assisted by a member of staff, Mrs Laura Smith, our minute Secretary. Laura works very hard to assist with the smooth running of the JEC and produces all the paper work needed to make things happen.

Once again it has been a busy year with the bi-annual reviewing of the Rule Book one of our main tasks. There are a few rules that have been discarded, some that have had slight changes and a new rule regarding the Controlled animation of exhibits in the show ring. The Amateur Owner Rule is a contentious issue and the JEC is aware there needs to be changes to this rule. The JEC is working toward formulating a new rule to cover this area but it will take some time and thought to achieve the right out-come. We ask that Members be patient and also if you have constructive suggestions, they are most welcomed and please let us know your thoughts. The updated Rule book is available from the Office.

The new Derivative Standard booklet is also near completion and will be available soon. The hold up here has been accessing suitable photos of each section of the registry to include in the booklet, and due to an ongoing computer glitch the printing of the Judges Booklet has been delayed once again. Judges info can be accessed on line and we are making other arrangement to have a booklet printed as soon as possible. The JEC is always working to make the lot of the Arabian Judge that much easier and we are here to assist when needed and to adjudicate on any continuous issue concerning Arabian Judges and the show ring. I take this opportunity to thank all of our Judges for their hard work and dedication to the Arabian Breed.

Gudrun Martini
Chairman, Judges Executive Committee

Mr O Wagstaff queried if the Amateur owner rule be changed and stickers be issue to insert into the current Rule Book.

Ms G Martini replied that the Amateur Owner rule will not be changed until the end of the year as many members had already renewed their amateur owner membership this year.

Mr O Wagstaff then asked would the proposed new rule be distributed to members for comment to which Ms G Martini replied it would.

Mrs C Rutherford made comment that Judges of all levels should have more input to the JEC

Ms D Harvey said she believed they already had this through their State Judges Councils/Groups

It was then: _

Moved:- Ms G Martini

Seconded:- Mr J Newton

“That the JEC Subcommittee Report be accepted.” Carried

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT 2013

This year saw the Australian Championships return to The Sydney International Equestrian Centre once more. Reasons for holding the show here for another year were based not just on the Centre's excellence as a venue, but also the suitability of it's location as we worked within our tight financial constraints. The proximity to the AHSA office, availability of local Judges and helpers we can utilise, as well as access to suitable accommodation and transport facilities made SIEC the most suitable choice.

The show committee were presented with the challenge of making the show more self sustaining, or facing the possibility of not holding it at all for this year.

The necessary changes we therefore made to the program were met with mixed reactions amongst the membership, as we expected. None of this is new information. In the last couple of years we have offered members several alternatives for making the show more sustainable, and any input we have received has been carefully considered. Our mandate for this year was to meet a tight budget and still deliver a programme that would suit the majority of exhibitors, paving the way for the show to once again grow. By reducing the number of days, as well as the number of Championships on offer, the show has already become more equitable and has made the awards again more prestigious to win.

To ensure the show's longevity, further changes will need to be employed. The show is still a major tax on office staff and Board member's time. This needs to be addressed for future shows. We do realise the value of the Arabian Championships as one of our most important promotional events on our calendar. As well as that, we love it and know that many of the members do as well. However, the Society itself is under no constitutional obligation to run it. In effect, the Aussies has become somewhat of a luxury the Society cannot necessarily afford in the current economic climate. We will be therefore considering viable ways to further engage the expertise amongst our membership in the running of the event, whilst still maintaining the integrity of the show.

We have been working on a template for potential interested parties to work from, but require the figures and feedback from this year's show in its new format before this can be completed. This template and associated figures will be forthcoming as soon as is practicable.

Finally, on behalf of the Championships committee, I would sincerely like to thank our generous sponsors and supporters, as well as the tireless efforts and sleepless nights of the behind-the-scenes workers who have put this year's show together. I trust that everyone who attends will enjoy your efforts.

Plenty to think about for the years ahead.

Karen Fletcher-Grieve
Chair, Championships sub-committee.

Mr O Wagstaff stated he believed that the Show was a dismal failure, boring and a lack of spectators. The Chairman responded that the Board were considering ways of getting more people to the shows such as interschool, other breed shows etc

There was the discussion how East Coast came into being with conflicting claims.

Ms S Worsley-Deacon said people with the expertise need to be engaged and that a group of such people had offered last year, only to be offered the Youth and Amateur, and asked how did the Board see what other people could offer

The Chairman replied that it should be offered as one unit in three sections and three demographics and that each section must be grown. He does not believe that one group can run the show and grow all sections.

Ms K Fletcher-Grieve then said she was working on a template for future Shows.

Mr O Wagstaff asked if the Templates used in the 80/90s were being considered. Ms K Fletcher-Grieve replied Yes

Ms Y Barlow then questioned the necessity to run the show under Memo & Articles of Association

There was discussion regarding the interpretation of this.

Mrs L Williamson said the Board had no intention of not having a show but were looking at engaging other people to run it. The Affiliates live close by, meet monthly etc whereas the Board come from all over Australia with different time zones etc.

Ms S Worsley-Deacon said that affiliates already run their own shows and they may not have the time to run the Aussies, to which the Chairman replied that was the reason the Board offered the show in Sections.

Ms S Worsley-Deacon then said that if we rush into one event we will have difficulties. The Chairman responded that the Board is prepared to listen and if a group got together it would be listened to.

Mr O Wagstaff said he had heard a group had got together and put a proposal to the Board, which was rejected, and asked could the membership see the proposals and make comments.

The Chairman replied that the Board would look at the proposal again and if needed to make it viable would negotiate with the group. Ms K Fletcher-Grieve said the Board understands affiliates are tied up in the running of their own shows and the new Template will be available shortly

Ms S Worsley-Deacon commented that she believed running the shows in 3 different states will ruin the Aussies. Ms K Fletcher-Grieve said that the changed format should mean the Aussies could be held together.

Mrs J Neal asked why the members had not been consulted in the change.

The Chairman replied that it was not a complete package.

Mr H Rifat said that the members elect the Board to make these decisions.

Mr L Hodgins complimented the Board for what they have done.

Mrs V Males said that she felt the derivative program was boring at times.

The Chairman stated that the new template will allow the Championships to grow.

Mrs V Males said her point was that the current program will not encourage people.

The Chairman responded that the financial stability and viability of the Society meant the Championships must be self sufficient.

Stephen Snape commented that a lot of people attended East Coast instead of the Aussies.

Mrs K Dertell need to make a stand to get the program changed. It was like a slap in the face after training for the Championships for Derivative classes then to have them changed. The proposed programs should be put to the members, then state this is the program and unless supported classes will be combined. This should also be stated on the entry form. We need to offer a full program but agree we need the numbers.

The Chair suggested Mrs Dertell could make a presentation to the Board for the May Board meeting.

The Chairman then said we should not forget that the Registry is the Society's primary business and members should have faith in the Board and work with them to get to a viable position.

Ms D Harvey felt that qualifications for the Aussies should be lessened.

The Chairman responded that if Qualifications were taken away there would be a detrimental effect on the Affiliates.

Ms M Kraatz commented that registrations are already falling and Ms S Worsley-Deacon commented that Derivative Pony and Riding Pony registrations had halved and that other shows were getting bigger.

After further discussion

It was then: _

Moved:- Ms K Fletcher-Grieve

Seconded:- Ms L Williamson

"That the Championships Sub Committee Report be accepted." Carried

YOUTH SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

The Junior Development sub-committee consists of Tracey Keller, Allan Preston, Karen Fletcher-Grieve, Virginia Dodson and John Newton. This year has been a little slow in terms of progress as some time has been spent investigating previous ideas and existing programs. The sub-committee identified strong support for youth in the show ring but not a lot of support in other realms. It is apparent the more promotion and support is necessary for juniors overall, and importantly that we make further steps to create tangible and measurable connections between involvement in the Arabian horse industry as a junior and as an adult. To that end, we continue to work closely with both the promotions sub-committee and the JEC.

Progress for 2013 includes:

- Online sub-committee meetings for more timely discussion and to reduce the financial burden of extended meeting times at Windsor
- Timely release of the outcomes of Junior Development sub-committee meetings.
- Continued support for youth classes at the Australian Championships
- Expanded coverage for youth and juniors in the Arabian Horse News
- Additional promotion of 'Youth & The Arabian Horse' on the AHSA Facebook page

Goals for 2014-2015

Junior Development Levy

The concept is to develop a pool of money that will be self-funded in the long term that can be accessed by individuals, groups and affiliates to assist in junior development. This is to be implemented in June 2014 with a levy of \$1 being added to transactions for membership, transfers and leases. This money will go to a separate account for use towards junior development from 2015 onwards. Upon implementation a set of application forms will be available and a list of example purposes will be published. Beneficiaries will be published and report on the use of funding.

Young Adult Judging Guidance

Young people can compete in Junior and young adult judging but cannot apply to become an AHSA judge until they are 21 years old. The goal is to bridge the gap between outgrowing junior judging classes at 18 and being able to apply for a judging card at 21 by providing a list of activities that will boost skills and allowing juniors to make mentoring connections with existing AHSA judges. This program will also be of use to individuals of any age looking to better prepare themselves for becoming an AHSA judge. Draft documentation is scheduled for completion prior to the next board meeting with publication and distribution scheduled prior to the last board meeting of the year.

Interschool Promotion

To better promote the breed to young riders competing in EA interschool competitions, the society will sponsor every interschool state championship with Arabian Horse in Australia books and Arabian Horse News subscriptions.

Junior Distance Award

To foster a culture of membership and registration of horses from the ground up, the AHSA will provide a cash prize and

12 months AHSA membership to the most successful junior rider (a one horse/one rider combination) competing with an AHSA registered horse at the AERA end of year awards. A senior award will also be awarded and our aim is to cover costs of these awards through increasing the number of horse registrations from endurance.

T Keller

Chairman

Mrs J Richardson commented that the Interschool's have a great Youth package that the Society could look at.

Ms A Durling asked whether the youth age was going to be left at 18 or changed to 21.

Ms T Keller said that in the short term it would stay at 18 but the subcommittee would consider any suggestions or ideas.

Ms A Durling said she thought it should be 21 and that we need to support the young adults.

Mr O Wagstaff commented that the RAS Junior Judging used to be under 25 but was now under 18.

Ms S Worsley-Deacon asked could the Judges age be reduced to 18.

Ms G Martini replied that it had been considered but it was felt that there would be too much pressure in the Show ring and therefore the age should stay as is.

Mr M Greene then congratulated Ms T Keller on her work on the Junior development.

It was then: _

Moved:- Ms T Keller

Seconded:- Ms G Martini

"That the Youth Sub committee report be accepted." Carried

Mr C Bilson then presented the Victorian Youth of the Year winner Adelle Mahoney with her sash.

MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE REPORT TO AGM 2014

During the year the committee has looked at Membership in detail and opportunities that may be available to encourage members. After a lot of discussion and debate the committee recommended to the Board that all owners of registered horses were to be members of the Society. This was adopted by the Board along with the possible introduction of the 'Associate' and 'Friends of the Arabian Horse' membership.

The premise behind introducing Associate Membership is to assist existing members and new members who have a Gelding and therefore have no transactions with the society other than a transfer. The committee decided that this will not be offered to owners of stallions or mares regardless of their likelihood to breed. This decision was not made lightly and took into consideration many scenarios.

The "Friends of the Arabian Horse" membership is intended for those people who would like to be a part of the Society but do not have horses. The AHN and Bulletin will keep them informed of what is happening around Australia.

During the year the committee conducted an audit the Articles of Association and the Memorandum of the Society. Through the quarterly reports the members were asked to put forward any thoughts regarding possible changes. No submissions were received from members. The committee identified a number of items that we felt needed updating and some possible items that are no longer relevant. Many of these require Legal advice which is forthcoming. The new memberships are to be added as per the Notice of Motion. We will continue to audit these documents and will be happy to receive ideas from members to be discussed though out the year.

L Williamson

Chairman

At this stage it was:-

Moved:- Mrs L Williamson

Seconded:- Ms K Fletcher-Grieve

"That the report of the Membership and Governance Sub-Committee be accepted." Carried

MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

In the last 12 months The Promotions Subcommittee has introduced several new and we believe exciting concepts to help make our society the 'go to' society that we want. The Riders Reward Bonus Scheme (ARABS), encouraging those non-competitive members to ride and participate on their Arab was introduced in August and a promotion plan formulated.

The Distance Arab Endurance Horse Reward is currently been run this year with a junior and senior section and will recognise those endurance horses that are registered with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia and the rider/owner are members

The Junior Development Levy will be introduced on 1st July 2014 This is a very important program to ensure the longevity of our society by encouraging our young owners and riders and creating a culture that is appealing and makes people want to stay with us.

The levy will be \$1 added on to membership, transfers, registrations and leases and will go into a separate account to be used only for junior development. Regular updates will be given as to the progress of the account and those that are benefiting. Individuals, groups and affiliates will be able to apply to the Board of the AHSA for grants to assist in junior development programs. The scope of this program is only limited by the applicant's imagination.

We were fortunate to have Peter Davies, a documentary producer, meet with the Board as a whole and spoke to us about funding that is available through Screen NSW. This money could be used to make a promotional video that would then be offered to various organisations such as airlines to use in flight. We need to understand the parameters that must be met to obtain funding and employ a professional to guide the project. This is a very exciting opportunity for us with negligible cost to the society. We would rely on our members to participate in these process by providing horses and of course themselves as Arabian owners. We continue to seek corporate sponsorship but this is very challenging as it is really a full time job to successfully do this. With out a full time staff member dedicated to promotions, we face problems of continuity, communications and time issues. These are problems that will continue and time issues will progressively worsen. The executive is exploring different options to combat this.

The next 12 months will continue to be challenging. The promotions committee will spend time consolidating the plans that we have put in place this year and will continue to embrace new and hopefully exciting ways of promoting our society and breed.

We need to continue to promote our Society as the 'go to' Society.

M Stuart-Smith

Chairman

At this stage it was:-

Moved:- Ms M Stuart-Smith

Seconded:- Mr. J Newton

"That the report of the Marketing and Promotions Sub-Committee be accepted." Carried

ARCHIVES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

Sub-Committee consists of Allan Preston, Bros. Peter McIntosh, Marjory Stuart-Smith, Virginia Dodsun, Gudrun Martini and John Newton (Chair).

Unfortunately time has been a limiting factor in our sub-committee meetings and we have only met on two occasions in the last year, with both meetings being relatively short.

The main topic has been the Quambi Book, unfortunately the progress has been slow and we are still waiting on two quotes for the publication of this book. Hopefully this matter will come to fruition this year (2014).

We have requested that Directors approach their State's Arabian Affiliates to encourage them to support Camille Alexander's 2015 Arabian Calendar. It was suggested that studs could join together to purchase a month in the calendar together with the associated photographs as this would reduce the overall cost to the individuals/studs. Proceeds of this calendar are donated by Camille to support the production of the Quambi book.

Any member who has items/articles/photographs that could assist the Archives to record the breeds history are encouraged to contact the Secretary or a member of the sub-committee so that collection and copying of this material can occur and be place with other Archive material.

An audit of archival material has commenced, and this has proved to be a huge task and will take some time to complete

Bro. Peter McIntosh has submitted an article (giving a summary of the Archive activities) hopefully this will be produced in an upcoming edition of the AHN.

John Newton
Chairman

Ms C Potts stated that she had previously told the office that she could obtain a quote to have the Quambi book printed. The Secretary apologised for this oversight and said he would the specifications to Ms Potts after the show

Mrs D Watson asked what do the Archives want in the way of material.

The Chairman responded that the Subcommittee was in the process of doing an inventory and when this was complete would issue a list of what was required.

Mr O Wagstaff suggested this should go on the website.

Ms V Crosland commented that it would be useful to put the Archives material on line.

The Chairman agreed and also the details on the library in the office should be on line.

At this stage it was:-

Moved:- Mr J Newton

Seconded:- Ms V Dodson

"That the report of the Archives Sub-Committee be accepted." Carried

SPECIAL RESOLUTION RE MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman then read the Motion regarding the Change of membership

To change clause 2 of the Articles Of Association to read:

The membership of the Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Life Members, Judges Members, Associate Members and Friends of the AHSA Members. An ordinary member shall be any Member who is not a Life Member, Judges Member, Associate Member or Friends of the AHSA Member. A Judges Member shall be a member who is a member of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd Judges Panel and who does not conduct any transactions other than membership with the Society. An Associate Member shall be a member who only has Gelding horses registered with the Society. Friends of the AHSA Member shall be a Member of the Society who does not have any transactions with the Society other than Membership and does not have voting rights.

Mr O Wagstaff then proposed the following amended motion

To change clause 2 of the Articles Of Association to read:

The membership of the Society shall consist of Full Members, Ordinary Members, Life Members, Judges Members, Associate Members and Friends of the AHSA Members.

A full member shall be any member who owns at least one Breedable Purebred Arabian and is accordingly eligible to be a member of the Board of the AHSA and is not an Ordinary Member, Life Member, Judges Member, Associate Member and Friends of the AHSA Member. A full member has all rights as determined by the AHSA Board from time to time.

An ordinary member shall be any Member who is not eligible a Full Member, Life Member, Judges Member, Associate Member or Friends of the AHSA Member. An Ordinary member has all rights as determined by the AHSA Board from time to time.

A Judges Member shall be a member who is a member of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd Judges Panel and who does not conduct any transactions other than membership with the Society. An Associate Member shall be a member who only has Gelding horses registered with the Society. Friends of the AHSA Member shall be a Member of the Society who does not have any transactions with the Society other than Membership and does not have voting rights. A Friends of the AHSA member has all rights as determined by the AHSA Board from time to time.

There was much discussion on Mr Wagstaff's motion with most people saying they did not see or understand the need for the amendments, in particular derivative owners who were members.

It was:-

Moved:- Mr O Wagstaff

"That the amended motion as put be accepted." Lost 4 for and 89 against

At this stage it was:-

Moved:- Mrs L Williamson

Seconded:- Ms T Keller

"That the original motion as put be accepted." Carried 90 for 3 against

Mrs P Tipping put a motion regarding information on the website disorders in Arabians

Mr M Greene congratulated the Society for its efforts in removing the stigma regarding these disorders. He also congratulated and thanked the Office staff for its willingness to assist members.

He also noted the problems involved with dealing with Vet Gen.

Mr P Hornby commented that a number of people put affected horses on a black list and that they needed educating on the issue.

The Chairman agreed education was needed

After brief discussion

It was:-

Moved:- Mrs P Tipping

Seconded:- Mr R Kloot

"Motion to update the AHSA website to include educational material about Severe Combine Immunodeficiency (SCID), Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) & Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) in Arabian and Arabian derivative horses, including information about what happens to foals affected by these disorders. Information to also include the percentage outcome results from breeding clear, carrier or affected horses together.

As DNA carrier tests become commercially available for Guttural Pouch Tympany (GPT), Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) and Juvenile Idiopathic Epilepsy (JIE)/Juvenile Epilepsy Syndrome (JES), information regarding these disorders to also be outlined on the website." Carried

Mrs P Tipping then introduced a motion regarding Genetic testing of Stallions

Mrs Tipping then spoke to the meeting regarding her opinion of the need for the mandatory testing.

There was then much discussion including the problem of deceased stallions and frozen semen, should the mare have to be tested also, the cost of testing, education needed, testing not required if both parents are clear, that the disorders will eventually be bred out, the testing of frozen semen is expensive, should derivative stallions be tested, select the oldest first and their progeny may be clear.

It was suggested and agreed to by Mrs P Tipping and Mr R Kloot that the motion be amended to change the word "active" to "living" and include the wording "that are not clear by parentage" after the words "or colts"

Mrs P Tipping then read the amended motion to the meeting.

It was:-

Moved:- Mr R Kloot

Seconded:- Mrs P Tipping

"Motion to introduce mandatory testing for Severe Combine Immunodeficiency (SCID), Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) & Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) for living breeding Arabian stallions or colts that do not are not clear by parentage. As DNA carrier tests become commercially available for Guttural Pouch Tympany (GPT), Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) and Juvenile Idiopathic Epilepsy (JIE)/Juvenile Epilepsy Syndrome (JES), mandatory testing of these diseases to also be required." Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr O Wagstaff then suggested that all test results should be shown in the Stud book. Mr Wagstaff was advised that this was against the rules of WAHO and that the Society would be making representation to this at this year's WAHO meeting.

Mr D Dertell then enquired whether the Society has approached China regarding doing their registry work. The Registrar replied that she had contacted them in the past with out success. Mr Dertell suggested try again to which the Registrar agreed.

At this stage Mr P O'Connor arrived at the meeting and distributed a list of his general business to the Board. The Board informed him that most of this had been dealt with earlier, including membership, election procedures, AO Classes, Championships.

Kristin Galea then suggested that the Voting Procedures for the Board elections should be on the website Mrs V Males then asked if the Board thought it wise to make all derivative owners become members as in her opinion we would lose registrations and transfers.

Mr M Greene said he believed it should be a user pays system.

Mrs V Males asked the registrar for the approximate number of derivative registrations to which the registrar replied 300.

Mrs K Edwards stated she had bred derivatives for 30 years and all other societies made membership compulsory

Mrs K Dertell also said they had 12 registries and they had to be a member of all. She suggested more promotion in moving forward.

Mrs D Bennett believed there would be a drop in registry income.

Ms S Worsley-Deacon stated the registrations of derivatives had halved since 2011

Mr M Greene congratulated the Chairman, the Board and the staff for the direction they are taking, and for having the AGM on a Friday night not a Tuesday, and again reiterated how helpful the office staff were.

Mrs V Males said if we think we should make derivative owners to be members then we should introduce at lower rates and maybe free membership for the first year.

At this stage Mr & Mrs Rutherford and Mr & Mrs Watson left the meeting.

Mr O Wagstaff stated the Board should look at the membership fee of \$130 and allow members to opt out of the magazine if multiple copies are sent to the same address. He also stated that in his opinion the website was not good.

Kristin Galea stated that people should realize that membership is only \$10.80 per month.

Mr P O'Conner asked the secretary if the work cover procedures in the office for attendances were correct and if not he had a software program for \$1 per month

The Secretary asked Mr O'Connor to forward the details

Mr O'Connor then said he would like to move a motion to end the restrictive barriers that candidates for the Board have to currently follow.

The Chairman informed him he could not as sufficient notice of such motion needed to be given

Mrs K Dertell then suggested that we need more events on a social level and have a think tank to gather peoples ideas, have dinners rotating in each state with seminars etc all away from competitions.

The Chairman replied that the Board would consider any proposal put forward

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.00pm

A Preston

Chairman

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