

REGISTRY REPORT

2017 Annual General Meeting of The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd.

The Registry Sub-Committee for 2017 consisted of myself, Allan Preston, Karen Fletcher-Grieve, Yvonne Downes and Leonie Williamson. These days very few items need to be referred to the Sub-Committee, members are obviously more organised and with the advent of parentage verification for all Purebreds these sort themselves out without Board intervention. Any item which is major or where the Sub-Committee do not unanimously agree is referred to the full Board for determination.

Phasing in of Genetic Testing for all Purebred Breeding stock born after 2000 is nearing completion, thank you to all members who have supported this initiative which was requested at a previous AGM. More and more members are requesting that the genetic test status be disclosed, whatever the result, which is a pleasing change of attitude.

As previously stated, the Society is moving more towards electronic communication and it is pleasing to see an increased number of members emailing their registration applications to the Society. To encourage this, it has recently been approved that emailed copies of service certificates will be accepted providing no details have been altered. The Society is also investigating a new tablet App which would enable breeders to complete their applications, including markings, and email them directly to the Society eliminating the need for tedious printing and scanning. Another new change to benefit members is the fact that registration certificates are no longer required when a lease is processed, the owner retains the original. A disturbing amount of certificates are going astray in the mail so it is felt that the less posting the better.

People seem to be able to find the documents and fees more easily on the new website, if you haven't had a look I would urge you too. There are only five working in the office and not all are full time so if you can source the information via the website rather than phoning on the already busy phones it would be appreciated.

During the past year, the DNA provider has unfortunately moved from the University of Queensland to Massey University in NZ. This move was out of our control, in fact we received notification at 5pm on a Friday night. We were promised a maximum ten-day turnaround, which was bad enough after the 2-3 days we were used to, but the reality is that the wait time is about 6 weeks. Additionally, we have so far not been able to get buffy coats processed with no explanation forthcoming. People with old Arabians are advised to ensure that they have hair stored at home as unfortunately we have lost confidence in the likelihood of buffy coats being activated or hair stored at the lab over the past years being processed. Please be patient as the delay is out of our control.

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