

Archive Committee Report.

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Where has the last twelve months gone ? We, as the AHSA Board, seem to have been busier than ever. The Archive Committee – Scott Benjamin, Heath Rowbottom, myself and Leonie Williamson (as Society Chair) have had very limited time or opportunity to meet or provide any **major** outcomes in the past 12 months, partly because our meetings have been so full on with other, more important business, and partly because not all of the meetings have been at the society's office. A considerable part of our work is done via phone hook up meetings, which means we are not "in office" – where the archive material is stored.

I need to thank Carolyn Potts for sourcing the DVDs of the old movie "The Proud Breed" for us. They are now at the society's office and are available for loan. I have to make a bigger effort to try to source "I Just Like To Ride Horses" from the ABC. This was a one hour episode which showed a little bit about different horse breeds and which featured Arabians. It included some very famous people including Ron and Val Males and Gloria Lanigan.

Heath and Scott, although new to our archive team, have both shown an active interest and enthusiasm for our Arabian history which is great for our small team. Hopefully we can continue to monitor, gather and eventually display a rotating selection of archives items in their glory at the Society's premises, for all members and visitors to appreciate and enjoy.

The WAHO convention was a great opportunity to display the posters we made up last year of our previous WAHO Horse of the year winners, and I'm sure was appreciated by the many international visitors as well as the proud owners of the horses.

The archive committee also made a small contribution to the lovely new book "Hoofprints In History", in providing some information, photos and background before it was so beautifully woven together and written up by Coralie Gordon and illustrated with a fantastic array of photos put together by Sharon Meyers. I would suggest that anyone who hasn't yet got a copy of the book to make sure you purchase one here at the AGM because the price will go up after today.

Finally, I hope that in the next twelve months we will be able to achieve a clearly visible result, instead of "working in the background" as we have been doing over the past year or two in trying to collate, itemise and safely store the archival material at the office.

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