

Report – The Arabian Horse Judges & Officials Guild of Australia Ltd

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Since its inception The Arabian Horse Judges & Officials Guild of Australia Ltd (known as the Guild) has been progressing smoothly and conducting regular monthly council meetings. The main focal point of the Guild is training and licensing of Arabian Horse Judges, ensuring that our Australian Judges are acknowledged and recognised as being as well trained and as thoroughly assessed as any Arabian horse judge world wide.

The Guild conducts an annual two day Judges Congress with high profiled informative speakers covering a host of topics. The Congress is designed to be a cost neutral event to produce and host. Last years event was held in Melbourne with 53 judges in attendance, plans are well underway for this years congress to be held in Brisbane. This is a highly beneficial and necessary weekend for judge development.

The Guild has welcomed several new judges into our ranks as well as conducting several workshops and exam days. The council continues to develop ways to create a keen interest in new judge candidates undergoing judge training. Looking forward, the Guild intends to hold certificate courses in things like Ring Stewarding, Show Management, Marshalling, Show Programming etc .

The Guild currently has \$15,610.93 in the bank with \$15,000 of this being a set up grant from the AHSA. These funds will be utilised to help develop online training systems, online record keeping, hold training days, seminars, exam days and to develop a host of learning information for judges & event officials. In all sports today judges and officials are expected to be well trained and credentialed. Judge accountability is viewed as the foundation of all fair play in sport and with this in mind the Guild continues to work with procedures and protocols to regulate judges and judging procedures thus helping to ensure honest and fair judging at all Australian Arabian horse shows.

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