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BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS' BULLETIN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is twelve months since Black Saturday in Victoria and the reports plastered across televisions marking the anniversary, are both a terrifying reminder and inspirational. We can only have admiration for the strength, determination and courage of many of those people affected, as they go about rebuilding their lives and communities. The money donated to our Bush-fire Appeal, through the generosity of so many of our members, has been distributed to people connected with the Arabian breed that we were aware had suffered serious losses.

The core business of the AHSA is to protect and maintain the purity of the Stud Book. It is therefore extremely disturbing for the Board to learn of several instances of unregistered horses being exhibited in the show ring. This is not acceptable and has resulted in several new Rules and Regulations, which will be effective as of 31st March 2010.

1. All Affiliates conducting shows must abide by the AHSA Rule Book. The only exception shall be for "special" classes such as Commemorative awards, where approval shall be required from the Board. The Rule currently stating "that the Rules of the Show, if any, take precedence" over the AHSA Rule Book has been revoked.
2. All horses must be registered with the AHSA and issued with a registration number by the closing date of entries.
3. Undernocircumstances "registration pending" acceptable.
4. The owners of mares at the time of foaling are responsible for the registration of the foals and all applicable fees.

To all Affiliates, I extend a reminder of Affiliation Agreement changes and the importance of prompt renewal. It has been alarming to discover that an Affiliate, through not complying with the Regulations, has placed their members and ours at risk at events, by not providing insurance coverage through tardy renewal.

Included in this AHN you will find the 2009 Financial Report. You will notice a \$48,000 deficit and several factors contributing to this - registry income being down, a reduction in interest because of falling interest rates, an increase in marketing and promotional expenses and a loss on the Australian Championships, which occurred as a result of difficulties with venue management at the eleventh hour. The effect of EI was always going to be a factor. The hardest thing was to predict just how significant the effect would be and I suspect we haven't seen the last of the ramifications from EI. This of course was followed by the global financial crisis, which has left a lot of uncertainty. We have another difficult year ahead and are mindful of the need to curtail operating expenses, however it is the Board's opinion

that marketing and promotion should continue to push the Arabian breed forward. On a positive note our membership has increased, when making a comparison to this time last year.

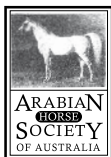
A recent report from the Australian Horse Industry Council indicates that the AHIC does not support the use of vaccine as a routine method of mitigating a new occurrence of the Equine Influenza virus. As a result of the Callinan and Beale reports improvements have been made to bio-security and quarantine protocols have been strengthened, which should reduce the likelihood of EI entering Australia. It is the AHIC's belief that a move to vaccinating for EI will increase the risk of it becoming endemic, due to the recognition of the disease in vaccinated horses being reduced. It is the failure to detect the presence of the virus in the early stages that will lead to its widespread distribution and increased chances of it becoming endemic. It is for these reasons that the AHIC does not support special registration of EI vaccine in the absence of EI virus in Australia.

Currently there is an amnesty {until March 31st} providing an opportunity for endurance horses with incorrect details in logbooks to be corrected. We hope this may help to rectify some of the problems endurance organisers and the AHSA have experienced.

The AHSA is now producing passports for all horses being exported overseas. Both the Secretary, Harold Williamson and our Registrar Helen Dohan are to be congratulated for the very professional article they have managed to produce within the office.

The AHSA currently has an exciting project in progress and that is the publishing of Peter Clarke's book on the Quambi stud, the first recognised Arabian stud in Australia for the breeding of Purebred Arabian horses. Peter had laid the foundations for the publishing of this book before his death in 2006, having completed the writing and collection of photographs, despite it existing in manuscript form. He left instructions to his partner Robert Jones that his works should be burnt upon his death, however Robert approached the AHSA to see if we would be interested in publishing Peter's book, as he felt this important history should be shared. Coralie Gordon has done a fabulous job compiling and typing the notes, the book has now reached the proof reading stage. We are hoping this will be published and released by Christmas. I extend special thanks to Robert for allowing us this unique opportunity and to Coralie for undertaking this project and enabling these wonderful records of history to be shared.

A Judges Seminar was recently conducted at Glenys Lilley's Foxwood Farm Café near Mudgee and was well attended by twenty five people. Special thanks must go to Glenys for her kind hospitality (Narelle Kinnear informs me that



you have the best scones and coffee available!) and to Br Peter McIntosh and Narelle Kinnear for organising the day. While on the subject of Judges Seminars & Workshops, a new W.A. Arabian Judges Council is in the process of being formed by National Panel Judge, Karen Fletcher-Grieve. Karen already has some dates in the diary and we hope all Judges' and interested parties in W.A. will be making themselves available to help this new endeavor along.

Could members please check the Stud Directory on the AHSA website and notify the office with any corrections to addresses, email etc. We would also be very glad of any appealing photos (not advertising) to keep the website looking fresh.

We are in the final stages of preparation for the Aussie Championships. Entries are again extremely pleasing with 524 horses entered. I thank all owners and exhibitors of horses, our generous sponsors, judges and volunteers who assist us in the running of this show, for the support they have given. As we are running back to back with the East Coast Championships, it promises to be an extremely full ten days showcasing the Arabian horse. I would like to remind you of the AHSA's Awards Presentation and dinner on Friday evening featuring entertainer Kate Cook and our BBQ as closure to the show on Sunday. We look forward to meeting with you.

In conclusion; I should take this opportunity to thank Val Males and Br Peter McIntosh {who did not seek re election as Directors} for the contribution they have made to the AHSA over many years. Both have provided tremendous service to the Judge's Executive Committee in particular, and their commitment to the training of our judges, examining, Rule Book and all matters pertaining to the JEC will be sorely missed. We welcome Narelle Kinnear and Carolyn Potts to the Board. Both Narelle and Carolyn are National Panel Judges and are heavily involved in the training of judges in their respective States; Narelle also officiates as one of our Examiners. We look forward to their input.

Kate Luckock
Chairman

Derivative Registries - Change of Minimum Percentages

After consideration of the Derivative Survey Results at the December Board meeting it was decided:

"That we introduce the Minimum 12.5% Arabian blood across our Derivative Registries immediately while at the same time Derivative Breeders can continue to register lower percentage horses that comply with the present Regulations. All Derivative horses registered after 1st August 2012 must comply with the new Regulations in order to be registered"

This will not affect horses of a lower percentage already registered however any future breeding of those horses will need to be in line with the new Regulations. The Board is mindful of the adjustments some Derivative breeders may need to make to their breeding programs to comply, hence the time period given.

2010 BOARD MEETING DATES

MAY

Subcommittees Monday 10th
Board Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th

AUGUST

Subcommittees Monday 23rd
Board Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th

NOVEMBER

Subcommittees Monday 22nd
Board Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th

EQUITANA 2010 NOVEMBER

18th to 21st at Melbourne Showgrounds
Volunteers needed to "man" the Stand
Registered horses needed for Breeders Village
Contact the office for more details

REGISTRY REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD

For Foals born after 1st August 2010 no service certificate will be required if the Stallion owner/lessee at the time of the service is the same as mare owner/lessee at time of birth. There will be a new scale fees from 1st August 2010.

Breeders and/or owners are responsible for transferring horses that they sell.

Owners of mares at the time of Foaling are responsible for the registration of the foals and all applicable fees.

As from 31st March 2010 there is no such term as "Registration Pending" for all Affiliated Arabian Shows.

Horses can only be shown if they have a registration number by closing date of entries.

All Sections of the Registration & Transfer forms must be completed correctly, signed and where applicable witnessed.

DON'T FORGET

You are able to lodge your Annual Stud Return on line. The Stallion Return will soon be available on line. Watch the Website for details

2011 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Will be held at the Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre in Tamworth.

From March 16th to March 20th