

Events Committee

AGM Report

July 2020

Team

The Events Committee comprises Katherine McMahon (Chair), Jayne Bellchambers (Vice Chair), Sally Harvey and Kerri Hill.

Wayne Beasley is the nominated Board Representative and Greg Liddle is Ex Officio

Scott Benjamin and Deb Hatherall resigned after the 2020 show. This is a huge loss to the committee, the show and its management and we wish to express our appreciation for their invaluable input over the last few years.

AANC Team

Katherine McMahon, Jayne Bellchambers, Sally Harvey, Kerri Hill, Kay Edward, Sheila Jones, Wayne Beasley, Greg Liddle and joining us this year is Cathy Padgen.

2020 Australian Arabian National Championships

The show ran very successfully across all fronts. The weather was the only glitch in the plans and somewhat dampened the enthusiasm for the participants in the dressage. 233 horses were entered for Sydney this year, down on Melbourne from the previous year but on par for Sydney entries. This year we are happy to report an incident free show!

The ring crew was the best yet. Leonie Williamson as the Ring Co-ordinator controlled the ring with her usual good humour and authority. Bryan Geoghegan and Deb Hatherall were as always, proficient and engaging and worked as the ring stewards for the duration of the show. Scott Benjamin, Kristen Galea, Ian Watson and Greg Liddle did an exemplary job in the marshalling area and comments back from competitors have supported this. Several of these people have been doing this job for quite a few years and this ring crew ran like a machine. The ring decorations were amazing. Scott Benjamin and Bryan Geoghegan, together with a very few helpers took 2 full days to do the set up ensuring a most remarkable backdrop to highlight the horses and contestants attending.

Selina Ahel once more took on the exhausting responsibility of stable monitor and worked very long days for the entire week to ensure all competitors were happy and compliant. Bob Krog managed the camping and gopher role again this year and provided many services including parking floats and caravans, fixing power issues and changing tyres. He and Selina are both genuinely appreciated by the competitors.

Teresa Edwards and Lindy Stewart were an asset in the show office and their presence also gave the opportunity for them to meet the many competitors the girls deal with over the phone and by email throughout the year. All the girls in the AHSA office always provide a remarkable back up and are very helpful with competitors and their issues.

Cathy Padgen acted as both the Judges Advocate and the dressage co-ordinator. All flights, accommodation, external meals, pick up and drop offs were arranged via Cathy. Cathy did secure a great rate for the judges' hotel costings this year and we appreciate her time and effort in providing such a thorough service to our judges.

Katherine McMahon managed the show entries, timetabling and catalogue.

Sheila Jones and Katherine McMahon did the show catering.

Kay Edward dealt with ribbons and trophies.

Jayne Bellchambers ran the online auction and secured many products and services to assist the fund raising required to maintain this show. She raised over \$11,000 and further provided ongoing publicity for all donors and sponsors via the Facebook page in the months leading up to the show. We have a great sponsor commitment to this show with over \$25K raised through the generosity of many of our competitors. Our sponsors go above and beyond to ensure the prestige of the show can be continued and many have been loyal supporters for a vast number of years.

Fine tuning the format of the show over the last few years has the program just about right. Our exhibitor poll has provided some suggestions which are being considered by the team.

Financially the show managed to cover costs due to our great sponsor base, fund raising and our choice of doing inhouse catering which saves a substantial amount of money. The show had a \$0 starting point this year and happily we have made a small profit to kick start the planning for 2021.

2021 planning is going ahead with judges confirmed. The schedule of classes is available on the website.

All updates and information regarding the show can be found at <http://www.arabianchampionships.com/>

COVID 19 ensures that only forecasting is taking place at this stage. We envisage a decision on the running of the show will be made by November.

Australian Arabian National Youth Championships

AANYC Team

Katherine McMahon, Jayne Bellchambers, Sally Harvey, Kerri Hill, Miranda Beasley, Jacqui Langfield, Wayne Beasley and Greg Liddle

Due to the circumstances we are currently facing with COVID 19, a decision was taken to not run this show in 2020. There will be Youth classes offered at AANC 2021 to compensate for this decision.

Competitors Poll

463 competitors from AANC and AA Affiliated shows were canvassed for their thoughts regarding the AANC. 136 responded. The invitation to participate indicated that if competitors were happy with the status quo they did not need to respond. An evaluation of the responses has been conducted by the AANC Team and some of the many suggestions have been incorporated into the 2021 program.

Katherine McMahon

Chair

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