

Events Committee

AGM Report 2021

Events Sub Committee

The Events Committee comprises Katherine McMahon (Chair), Jayne Bellchambers (Vice Chair) and Kerri Hill. Sally Harvey resigned in October 2020. Wayne Beasley was the nominated Board Representative until December 2020 when he resigned his position on the Board. He was replaced by Sharyn Hungerford. Greg Liddle is Ex Officio. The AHSA Board also had an overruling role in decision making this year.

AANC Team

Katherine McMahon, Jayne Bellchambers, Kerri Hill, Kay Edward, Sheila Jones, and Cathy Padgen.

Australian Arabian National Championships

The team has been advised that the AHSA was again answerable for the running of the show and that the team would be the facilitators for the delivery of the event. The Board has taken back the responsibility and accountability seemingly in response to the many concerned members perceptions voiced to the Board and relayed to the AANC Team.

The Board were concerned about running the show in this current environment, there were questions raised about finances, entries and Covid management. The concerned members of the AHSA sent their anxieties regarding financial losses, being sued for Covid, about Covid management and liability to some members of the Board and these were forwarded to the AANC Team. At the Board's request an additional \$5000 was spent on Covid management for the show. Judges and volunteers declined appointments because of concerns regarding health and being locked down.

Once the Board advised all members by email that the Board would not be responsible if cancellation of the show occurred because of a Covid enforced shut down and that the team was now fully responsible for the decision to progress with the show, a frantic three weeks ensued to tick all the boxes for organising the show and to rustle up some volunteers. The Board asked for self-funding volunteers to man the show this year and that was the hardest of all the Board requests to achieve and there was some backlash regarding conflicts of interest from the concerned members about some of our volunteers. An agreement and guidelines will be established by the AHSA for the events committee to work to going forward.

The show was held outdoors at Boneo Park in Victoria this year. A beautiful venue with the most helpful of staff and all was very well received by the competitors. As 18 Youth classes were added this year, incorporating an extra eight hours of judging, classes ran much later than usual. Despite the cool evenings everything went well. The lighting was not ideal but was adequate to ensure safety and only the photographers had issue with it. Perhaps more could have been spent on overhead arena lighting. The revamped dressage program was very well supported with a 400% increase in entries. 221 horses were entered and a quarter of these came from interstate. We are thankful to the interstaters for their faith and tenacity.

Financially the show is on target to profit between \$10,000 and \$15,000 dollars for the Societies account though at this time not all invoices and expenses have been paid. \$142,856.25 was raised. \$73,649.40 in entry fees, an increase on 2020 figures for the Sydney show. The residual \$69,206.85 was raised through fund raising and sponsorship. A further \$25,000 was donated by way of merchandise, product, catering, and services provided for the enhancement of the show. This Events committee has always enjoyed a very positive backing from the donors and sponsors to AANC. In the seven shows managed by this team since 2015 all have had financial credibility with a total profit realised well exceeding \$100,000 in that time.

Two members of the current Board, Greg Liddle and Kevin Howard assisted at the show together with five previous Board members who offered and provided voluntary services at the show. The committee was grateful to have this support.

There were no accidents or incidents reported.

Next year will be the 40th anniversary of AANC, the Events committee has placed a booking with SIEC as is normal practice and was agreed this was the best venue to host the 40th show however it has been advised that the Board will be deciding on the venue for this event.

Australian Arabian Youth National Championships

AAYNC Team

Due to the circumstances with COVID 19, a decision was taken to not run this show in 2020. There were 18 Youth classes offered at AANC 2021 to compensate for this decision. The costs involved were absorbed by AANC. The 2021 has been booked for October at K Ranch.

Katherine McMahon

Chair

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