

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2021

The Board has been meeting regularly via Zoom, one small benefit of Covid-19 was the Society's introduction to this valuable meeting platform. Zoom meetings give the Board the opportunity to discuss matters in a more timely manner and without the expense of travel and accommodation for Directors to attend meetings. The Board does believe that face-to-face meetings are important but hopes to reduce these to one or two a year.

- It was hoped to be able to conduct the Annual General Meeting of the Society in Sydney at a physical meeting but the recent events in Victoria have confirmed how unstable the Covid-19 situation still is in Australia. It is essential that every member has an equal opportunity to attend the AGM. The meeting will still be held on Saturday 17th April 2021 but will be conducted using the Zoom platform in the same way as last year. All members will receive official notice together with the link to register.
- At the Society AGM last year, the members approved a change of auditor to Bradfield Partners Pty Ltd. The audit commenced in the first week in January and I am pleased to advise has already been finalised and can be found on the Society website. Two other reports, supplied by the Treasurer Kevin Howard, can be found with the Financial Statements. As previously advised, the Board were anticipating a financial loss in 2020 and are working towards increased financial stability. Some initiatives undertaken so far are the planned Think Tank/Workshop, reduction of one staff member, reduction in the amount of physical Board meetings and continuation of the popular registration amnesty. The annual membership and registration report for 2020 is also published on the website and it is pleasing to see that registry transactions have remained consistent.
- An updated Competition Rule Book has been published on the website. Please familiarise yourself with this document. The requirements for membership at events have reverted to those in place some years ago (refer 5.1). If a person owns or leases an Arabian Derivative or Purebred stallion/colt or an Arabian mare then membership needs to be maintained at all times. People wishing to show a horse recorded in the API, any gelding or a Derivative mare need to be a member of either AHSA Ltd or an Affiliate unless they also own an Arabian Derivative or Purebred stallion/colt or Arabian mare as well, in that case AHSA Ltd membership is required. Owners of all horses competing at a show run by the Society i.e. Australian Arabian National Championships or Australian Arabian Youth Championships require membership with AHSA Ltd.
- As staffing levels have been reduced, I would ask that wherever possible members email the Society rather than phone. Please refer to the website first as many queries can be answered there. The Society receives a lot of emails and phone calls from members wishing to know the fee to register or transfer a horse, all fees and forms are on the website.
- OAAM testing is now available in Australia. Although not compulsory, it is recommended that breeders consider adding this to their list of genetic tests when testing for SCID, CA & LFS. Although thought to be relatively uncommon, a surprising number have been identified in Australia. Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) causes a compression of the upper portion of the cervical spinal cord, resulting in damage. Clinical signs range from mild progressive incoordination and weakness of the limbs which can progress to the inability to stand.
- A few housekeeping requests from the office please:
 - Do not post items to the Society street address, only the PO Box address which is listed on all paperwork. The street post box is small, not secure and not waterproof.
 - Transfers – please post original registration certificates with the transfer to the Society rather than emailing. The certificate is required to be returned as it is essential that no more than one is in circulation at any time.

- When emailing paperwork to the office please do not email and then post the same document. The Society receives a large amount of paperwork and it is likely that your credit card will be debited twice if you do this.
- When emailing paperwork to the office please attach any documents as files, please do not take photos and embed the document in the emails. Diagrams of horse markings are scanned onto the registration certificates; they need to be received full size and not crumpled on the email if emailed.
- When corresponding with a staff member about an issue please ensure that you return any relevant paperwork to that person. A large amount of time is taken in asking which staff member is waiting for a random form that is emailed to the secretary email address.
 - Lindy Stewart – sendbacks@ahsa.asn.au
 - Juliet Burnett – breeding@ahsa.asn.au
 - Teresa Edwards – general@ahsa.asn.au
 - Helen Dohan – secretary@ahsa.asn.au
- This newsletter contains a brief profile of relatively new Board member, Kerryn Aldridge (Victoria) and retiring, after 10 years, Board member Karen Fletcher-Grieve.
- The end of 2020 and beginning of 2021 has been a very bad time for the members of the Society. Apart from Covid-19, a number of members and breeders have lost their lives. It is hoped that profiles will be submitted to the Australian Arabian Horse News but the Board wishes to express sincere condolences to the families of Hal Archer (Jayhal), Ron Bond (Chaswyck), Nicholas Bynres (Paywit), Carole Hore (Coolinda Park), Trevor Patrick (Redwood Lodge), Josie Potts (Revlis) and Paul Walker (Bluegrass).
- AHSA and WAHO annual awards are usually announced at the Annual General Meeting each year. As the meeting will be conducted via Zoom again, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the winners here:
 - 2021 WAHO Award – Bremervale Charmed (F25308) (Desperado x Bremervale Spellbound), bred by Jill Toft and owned by Doyle & Kate Dertell
 - 2020 AHSA Endurance Horse of the Year – Littlebanks Troubadour (S26293) (Chip Chase Sadaqa x Hillbrook Desert Silver), bred by Frank Mollema and owned by Angie Clark
 - 2020 Arabian Racehorse of the Year was not awarded due to Covid-19 cancelling racing
 - 2021 Arabian Ambassador – Marbling Nouvelle (F28580) (Marbling Star of the East x Marbling N'shala, breeder the late Nola Cameron, owner Pam Smit & Chloe Scardetta
 - 2021 Arabian Derivative – Gleniph Tiramisu (PF29607) (Craveff x Gleniph Bombe Alaska), bred by Richard & Kerry Chapman and owned by Sable Farm Pty Ltd
 - AHSA Lifetime Achievement Award Endurance – Sahala Astronomer (G21554) (Poesie De Maarouk x Sahala Bright Astra), bred by Judy & the late Martin Penfound and owned by Michelle Chapman
 - Arabian Lifetime Achievement Award – Acaciavej Shadowy Prince (S24078) (Arundel House Bey Rashan x Capleach Shadowy Lustre), bred & Owned by Adam & Tracy Nutting
- The Board is also pleased to announce the introduction of a Pony Club Arabian/Arabian Derivative of the Year Award to commence this year.
- Finally, at the 2020 AGM members requested that the Society change to an Australian hosted website. The Board considered several options and engaged the services of Show Pony Graphics to design and host a new website. I am very pleased to announce that, following some final proofreading, the website will soon be live. I wish to thank

Despina Mitrakas from Show Pony Graphics for her professionalism and assistance in designing this new platform.

Kind regards
Greg Liddle
Chairman

MEET THE BOARD – KERRY ALDRIDGE

Growing up on a farm on the outskirts of Lavington I was lucky enough to have a riding school leasing part of our property where I was able to learn to ride and spent most of my time when not at school. Even though quite young, I eventually took clients out on their paid trail rides using many different types of horses available. My Pony Club days commenced at around the age of 10 with a borrowed pony until the riding school purchased a horse for me on behalf of my parents. This purchase was a very young freshly broken Arabian mare (Unregistered) who I adored and taught so many people to ride. She was such a handy horse and mastered everything we put her to. I guess this was my first “known” interest in the breed.

My Mother was good friends with a girl whose parents owned an Arabian stud around two hours from our property (which was a long way away back then). In any case, we would visit a few times a year where I could view the beautiful Arabians and if lucky would also have a ride on one out in the bush.

From there we leased our first registered Arabian from, our now family friends, an Arabian Pony called Faraway Lutana. We then went on to lease then own Faraway Daalko. Both these mares were excellent representatives of the Arabian breed. Both did Pony Club and beat the pants off many other breeds from Novelties to show jumping and rider classes. These mares were also successful endurance horses when leased back to their breeder whilst I had my first child.

Prior to having my children, riding was extremely enjoyable along with owning quite a few horses. My career was important in being able to fund my Arabian habit. Unfortunately it has progressively taken me away from riding and spending the required time to successfully prepare and compete to the level required nowadays. As I head towards retirement age and try to obtain work-life balance I am slowly returning to preparing a couple of our horses myself.

Together with my husband Peter, we have had some amazing times with our Arabians over the years and have met some wonderful people, some are now very close friends. We have been very lucky in being able to travel to quite a few stud farms around the world viewing many different “types” however all Arabians are beautiful no matter their heritage.

We've had a couple of highlights in our breed involvement with one being the purchase of Fairview Exclusive who we took to Champion Stallion at the East Coast Championships in 2003. We prepared Ex ourselves over a 3 month period (I took long service leave from work) Another fantastic time was breeding Kafenthal Shalina who was sold to Vietnam after a very short successful show career just after Equine Influenza hit Australia. Our most recent highlight was breeding our current stallion KA Shahal who obtained 3 National Championships in 2015 after much success from limited shows from the time he was a yearling.

My vision for the AHSA is that members are kept informed and consulted on all changes that may have an impact on them as well as keeping things open and honest with no hidden agendas. The ongoing financial viability of the Society is a major concern when the income

is totally derived from memberships, registrations and managing another breed registry. With numbers reducing each year and costs going up this will need to be a strong focus in the near future.

I'm very happy to speak with any member on any issue via phone or email and if anyone has suggestions and ideas they will be listened to.

MEET THE BOARD – KAREN FLETCHER GRIEVE

I was lucky to obtain my first horse with Arabian blood in 1980, when I was a kid - a part bred gelding named Smart Simi (Saudi Riker x Scarface).

He and I did everything, from dressage to show jumping, eventing, showing, and I can't even imagine how many, many hours bush riding!

Over the next forty years or so, I continued to use the lessons Smarty had taught me, with many other Arabians and derivatives.

These days, I only have one horse. My AWB gelding, Talquah Zillionaire is now 28, and living his best life in retirement. The grand old gent came into my life twenty five years ago from Mrs Hilary Nichol, and I cherish the many incredible experiences and memories he has afforded me over the years.

I have enjoyed supporting AHSA and its affiliates for decades, and still enjoy helping to run shows and liaising with judges.

Apart from that, my days are taken up with teaching young children - a career I have enjoyed for over thirty years. I also love drawing, playing music raising my teenage son, having a laugh with friends, and spending time with my animals.

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Greg Liddle	Yvonne Downes
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