2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AHSA LTD

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR REPORT

Well we thought that 2021 was a difficult year, little did we know that 2022 would be worse. The ever-increasing Covid numbers coupled with Government requirements meant that the office staff have done shifts in the office in order to ensure that members would not be impacted should someone catch Covid. I would like to sincerely thank the staff for working so diligently under such difficult and ever-changing circumstances.

The Annual Statistics are attached to this report, like other horse societies the AHSA has suffered the effects of Covid with reduced transactions noted but now that events are starting again we are seeing an increase in registrations and transfers being submitted.

The Board has conducted all business via Zoom in 2021. It was hoped to hold a face-to-face AGM this year but the Omicron variant and concerns about encouraging people to travel put an end to that.

One thing that is of increasing concern is the negative perception about the AHSA among the general horse population. Members blame the Board for all things wrong and air these views on social media often thinking that they are being constructive. Unfortunately, the constructive comments often degenerate into negative comments which reflect adversely on the Society. Numerous people no longer wish to have anything to do with the negativity that they perceive as being throughout the industry. Members need to be aware that they and not the Board are responsible for much that needs to be improved. Every year at the AGM the same discussions emerge, the Board is supposed to resolve all woes but the reality is that without member support nothing can change. Last year there was considerable discussion about gaining Arabian classes at Sydney Royal, the Society worked hard to gain classes at Canberra Royal and they were poorly supported. Youth is always another topic of discussion and the Board introduced a Pony Club award which was extensively promoted within Pony Club ranks. There were no nominations received for the award. Instead of criticising the Board and advising what they should do I would suggest that it is the responsibility of every member to ensure that the Society and our Arabians are always viewed in a positive light. Before putting fingers to the keyboard please consider how your post may appear to the non-Arabian audience in social media land.

The Society has returned a small profit in 2021 and I would like to thank Kevin Howard for his foresight in changing the investment strategy of the Board to achieve this and for his assistance and education during the past two years. The Board has worked hard in 2021 attempting to develop incentives that are within a realistic Society budget.

The statistics for 2021 are attached below for your information:

Registry Data

As at 31/12/2021

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total registration
Purebred							
Mares	309	311	248	231	282	217	34276
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	268	246	216	190	212	161	28816
Foal Record	115	122	98	89	99	66	9136
Partbred							
Mares	120	120	104	89	85	87	30746
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	136	117	113	88	80	55	25706
Foal Record	43	51	26	34	21	18	2329
Anglo							
Mares	51	44	43	39	30	29	4569
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	29	27	35	27	27	24	3954
Foal Record	20	10	11	12	11	9	1016
Arabian Pony							
Mares	74	54	46	61	36	31	4500
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	49	51	39	24	27	34	3363
Foal Record	36	28	28	17	18	14	1321
Arabian Riding Pony							
Mares	88	57	61	41	49	30	2704
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	76	72	37	48	27	39	2388
Foal Record	35	19	15	11	10	10	954
Warmblood							
Mares	24	22	26	10	23	13	1174
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	24	21	25	24	15	23	996
Foal Record	17	5	13	5	9	10	464
Quarab							
Mares	13	3	8	2	6	4	224
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	11	6	3	3	7	2	148
Foal Record	4	0	0	0	1	0	78
Stockhorse							
Mares	13	13	10	12	7	12	316
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	10	7	4	9	8	14	224
Foal Record	1	3	7	6	6	1	104
Half Arabian							
Mares	28	20	21	19	41	17	130
Stallions/Geldings (incl colt to adult)	16	14	22	16	33	8	95
Foal Record	9	3	5	4	7	5	29
Performance Index							
Stallion/Mare/Gelding	74	37	74	92	146	91	437
Foal Record						7	7
Total	1693	1483	1338	1203	1323	1092	
Horses DNA typed	651	613	540	728	563	436	
Transfers	1655	1409	1312	1105	1170	1168	
Leases	211	194	136	131	129	86	
Exports processed	67	46	16	27	29	42	
Imports processed	8	7	2	10	6	26	
Stud Prefixes	63	50	36	35	35	28	
Stallion Nominations	877	701	618	557	523	395	
Embryo Transfer Applications	17	7	15	12	11	20	

Membership Data

As at 31/12/2021

Membership	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	3003 (3360)	3289	3417	3389	3075	2951	2596	2022	1997
Life	27	30	28	28	30	29	30	31	30
Full	2806	3071	3174	3142	2788	2656	2414	1847	1812
-Ordinary	(3155)	*2737*	*2484*	*2425*	*2170*	1975	1721	1401	1369
- Company		*26*	*27*	*24*	*20*	24	18	15	16
-Overseas		*24*	*17*	*15*	*12*	12	14	8	5
-Associate		*208*	*454*	*495*	*420*	473	410	291	285
-Pension		*76*	*192*	*183*	*166*	172	158	132	137
Junior	170 (205)	175	192	201	159	154	140	81	88
Panel Judge		11	15	12	8	9	8	6	9
Friends Of		2	8	6	5	6	3	2	3
Participant					85	97	93	55	55

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