

**MINUTES OF 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD
HELD ON SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022
Via ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM**

PRESENT:-

Kerryn Aldridge, Catherine Brown, Olivia Cleary, Cheryl Clegg, Vanessa Crosland, Kim Cox, Maria Daraio, Helen Dohan, Yvonne Downes, Karen Fletcher-Grieve, Kerry Frame, Kristin Galea, Meghan Garzaniti, Kevin Howard, Sharyn Hungerford, Adam King (Chair), Darryl King, Greg Liddle, Glenys Lilley, Gudrun Martini, Maureen Milburn, Carolyn Potts, Kerry Rogers, Colleen Rutherford, Doug Rutherford, Richard Shipton, Graham Smith, Jill Willoughby

PROXIES:- Nil

The Chairman, Adam King, declared the meeting open at 7.35 pm and welcomed the members attending.

The Secretary, Helen Dohan, explained how the meeting would be conducted and advised that no proxy forms had been received. She explained the icons that members were able to utilise in order to vote and indicate when they wanted to speak, those that were having problems with the icons could send a text or wave their hand to attract attention.

Adam King called for apologies.

APOLOGIES:- Helen Rutland

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM had previously been circulated. (Appendix A)

Moved Jill Willoughby, seconded Karen Fletcher-Grieve "That the Minutes of the 2021 AGM be approved."
Carried

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Helen Dohan read the results from the report of the Returning Officer, Elections Australia (Appendix B).

Adam King welcomed the new incoming Board members, Glenys Lilley & Richard Shipton and thanked the retiring Board members Kevin Howard and Greg Liddle for the work they had done for the Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HORSE AWARDS:

Helen Dohan noted that most of the recipients would be attending the Australian Arabian National Championships in order to be presented with their awards.

The WAHO Award for 2022 was awarded to Arfaja Alexi, a 10 year old Arabian stallion. He is owned by Fiona Seymore and was bred by Ronald Ryan. He has been a successful show horse and sire and is competing very successfully in open dressage.

The 2021 Endurance Horse of the Year was awarded to the 12 year old Arabian gelding Marbling Galaxy. He is owned by Siobhan Darlow and was bred by the late Nola Cameron. The current Quilty winner, he has been a consistently successful endurance competitor.

The 2021 Arabian Racehorse of the Year was not awarded this year as there was very little racing conducted due to Covid-19.

Helen Dohan explained that on occasion the Board awarded Lifetime Achievement awards to horses who have displayed consistent excellence and achievement over a number of years.

A Lifetime Achievement Award in Endurance was awarded to James Bonn, a 13 year old Arabian gelding owned by Darryl & Stephanie King and bred by Anne Maher. James Bonn has been a consistently successful endurance competitor for a number of year.

Helen Dohan advised that the Arabian and Arabian Derivative Ambassador awards are for horses flying the Arabian flag in Open competition.

The 2022 Arabian Ambassador was awarded to the 17 year old Arabian gelding Shadz of Wentworth owned by Fiona Seymore and bred by Jennifer Hawkins & the late John Stewart. He has been a very successful Arabian show competitor but has in the last few years been a very successful Dressage competitor in open company.

The 2022 Arabian Derivative Ambassador was awarded to the very versatile 11 year old Partbred Arabian mare Jindalla Park All That Glitters owned by Sharon Barry and bred by Amanda & Peter Riordan. Apart from competing with great success in all disciplines in the Arabian world she is also a very successful competitor in open working events such as campdrafting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:

Adam King announced that it gave him great pleasure to announce that Distinguished Service Awards have been granted to Jim and Mary Triggs from Aloha Stud. Jim & Mary have been breeding for 50 years and have put a lot of work and time into the Society and they will be attending the Championships to receive their awards.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

Adam King announced that it gave him great pleasure to award an Honorary Life Membership to Gudrun Martini. Gudrun has been a tireless worker for the Society, she is always there with common sense answers and concerns about how decisions would affect everyone.

Adam King announced that another Honorary Life Membership was being bestowed on Greg Liddle. Greg has been an indispensable asset to the Society over the last 10 years.

REPORTS:-

The Chairman noted that all Reports (Appendix C) had been on the Society website for several weeks and that no questions had been received relating to them. Noone attending the meeting had any questions relating to the reports.

Moved Doug Rutherford, seconded Kevin Howard "That all Reports be accepted as read." Carried

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Adam King advised that the Annual Report (Appendix D) had been published on the Society website and no questions had been submitted relating to it.

Kevin Howard noted that the Society had received considerable financial assistance in the way of Covid-19 grants from the government and that this would not occur again. The advised that the Society would be facing tough times in the future and that tough decisions would need to be made.

Moved Doug Rutherford, seconded Kerryn Aldridge "That the Treasurers Report be approved." Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS 2022

Moved Kevin Howard, seconded Doug Rutherford "That Bradfield Partners Pty Ltd be appointed Auditor of the Company for 2022." Carried

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adam King advised that the Sub-Committee Reports had been on the website and that no questions had been received relating to them. (Appendix E)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Graham Smith queried why the Think Tank has not been organized and requested that the Board reach out to all members for suggestions. He felt it important to engage with members. Adam King advised that the Board had introduced a number of measures in order to increase income, they included arranging to lease the top floor of the office building, a slight increase in membership fees, having more fundraising auctions and events, reduction of a staff member. He advised that many suggestions had been received as a result of the survey conducted and that plans for the Think Tank were still underway. He was hoping that post-Covid it would be possible to develop a realistic 5-year business plan and budget. Helen Dohan reminded the meeting that there was a Suggestion Form in the member section of the website for members to complete and submit.
- Carolyn Potts asked what benefits people receive for being a member, she suggested that a fee should be applicable for non-members to access the online studbook. Helen Dohan explained that only the ASB in Australia charged for the use of their online studbook, none of the other breed Societies in Australia do. The Board had spent considerable time educating people to research the studbook and to restrict it would drive people away and increase workload for the office answering queries. Adam King advised that the Board had considered the option but felt that at the cost to set up the restriction coupled with other disadvantages made it not feasible at the moment.
- Carolyn Potts queried why members were allowed to withhold even their name as owner of a horse on the online studbook. This is a privacy issue, breeders are noted but owners have the right to withhold those details as per legal advice previously received. Legal advice to be sought as to whether the Society could release the names of owners without other details.
- Karen Fletcher-Grieve suggested that the Board outsource the position of Treasurer. If the Board kept the Treasurer position in-house there would be considerable fees to be paid to source the expert accounting advice required. The Board felt that they had been very lucky to have had the expertise of Kevin.
- Doug Rutherford suggested that concerns expressed by members should be put in writing and submitted for the Board to consider.
- Adam King advised that he would ensure that more regular newsletters were forthcoming.
- Graham Smith requested information regarding the Share investments. Kevin Howard explained that they were High Yield/High Growth shares with some in Australia and some Overseas. The aim was for 8% return plus capital growth.
- Maureen Milburn asked if the Society had a policy regarding Horse Welfare.
- Maureen Milburn noted that she felt that the Board should be transfer horses in the absence of transfer documentation when they had been bought from the knackery.
- Carolyn Potts suggested that the Society organize a Group Tour for the 2022 WAHO Conference.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.23 pm