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Welcome to our New Look Newsletter

It has been a busy few months and we are pleased to be bringing you our new look Members Newsletter. We hope to deliver news and important information to you directly via the newsletter and appreciate all feedback.

A number of the Society policies, procedures, rules and regulations have undergone reviews and are now updated and available on the website:

- Constitution - updated in accordance with the special resolution at the recent AGM
- Regulations - updated in accordance with recent Board decisions
- Rulebook - Revised and Amalgamated

All AHSA Ltd Policies and By-laws can be found here: [ahsa-policies-by-laws](#)

As you are all aware, staffing levels have been significantly reduced, therefore, we 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 large number of emails and phone calls from members wishing to know the fee to register or transfer a horse, all fees and forms are available on the website AND are linked to the top of this newsletter.

A few housekeeping requests from the office please:

- Do not post items to the Society street address, only mail to the PO Box address which is listed on all paperwork. The street post box is small, not secure and not waterproof.
- Almost all paperwork can be emailed to the Society, including Transfers and Leases. Pre-covid, there was a requirement of returning the original hardcopy registration certificate, however, this can be handled via email. Please email the transfer and the front of the certificate and await further instructions from the staff. This is an important detail as we need to be assured that there is no more than one certificate 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.
- Like the above, when emailing paperwork to the office, DO NOT email the same paperwork to multiple staff members as they do not have time to check every submission with each other before beginning the process and again it is likely that your credit card will be debited twice if you do this.
- Please ensure that all attachments are indeed attached, not embedded and LEGIBLE. Diagrams of horse markings are scanned onto the registration certificates; they need to be received full size and not crumpled, illegible or in your shadow. The markings on your certificate are only as good as the diagrams you submit.
- 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.
 - Kelly Anscombe – office@ahsa.asn.au
 - Juliet Burnett – breeding@ahsa.asn.au
 - Teresa Edwards – general@ahsa.asn.au

Brief Report on The AHSA Ltd Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the AHSA was held on 21st May 2023 via a Zoom link previously sent to registered members.

There were 28 members present, and some apologies, together with a number of proxy votes received.

Chair, Adam King opened the meeting, and it then commenced with the minutes of the AGM 2022 being passed.

Helen Rutland, new Director from NSW was welcomed, and the Annual Awards ([which can be found on the AHSA website](#) here) were announced.

Reports from the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor were presented and carried, and again, copies of these are on the website for those interested in following up. It was noted that the Society again made a profit, and membership numbers have also increased.

Voting then took place on the special resolutions, with the changes to the Constitution regarding the proposed changes to the Disciplinary Committee being defeated, whilst the changes to the Arabian Bred Horse definition being accepted by the members. The new definition now reads: "Arabian Bred Horses means Arabian and Arabian Derivative horses."

General Business saw a number of questions and discussions from the floor regarding:

- Promotion of Derivatives competing in open Company
- Horse Welfare policy regarding horses sent through the saleyards, particularly those without papers,

but who have been registered in the past

- The venue for the 2025 Aussie Champs
- Discussions regarding promotions and where the Society could improve in this area.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm and was followed by a Board Meeting to elect the new office bearers.

They are as follows:

- Chair – Adam King
- Senior Vice-Chair – Helen Rutland
- Junior Vice-Chair – Kerryn Aldridge
- Treasurer – Jodie Pickering
- Secretary – held vacant until the Board appoints a qualified Company Secretary
- Promotions and Publicity – Richard Shipton
- Chair of the JOC – Sharyn Hungerford
- Finance Committee – Jodie Pickering
- Events and ANC – Kerryn Aldridge
- Youth – Richard Shipton authorised to outsource.
- Registry – Gudrun Martini and Teresa Edwards
- Affiliates sub-committee – Richard Shipton.

It was suggested, that as we have a number of members who are skilled in a number of areas, that we look to engaging with them as a means of getting further expertise for the Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, 22nd June, 2023.

Helen Rutland
Senior Vice Chair AHSA



Dear Valued Members,

Australian Arabian National Championships (AAA)

Save the Date

6th - 9th March, 2024

Werribee Park Equestrian Centre, Melbourne Victoria will be hosting The 42nd Australian Arabian National Championships. We look forward to seeing you all at the Show!

The AANC team have put together our official Auction, with all funds raised going to fund the Australian Arabian National Championships AAA Class premier show of the season. A number of members have come forward to donate products and services and we welcome you all to take part in the Auction to boost the 2024 Championships! Once the auction is open for the commencement of bidding, advice will be provided on the AANC Facebook page and our website.

The AANC team is always eager to accept volunteers. If you would like to be part of the Team at the show and can spare time to pencil, steward, Marshal, assist catering and many other roles please email events@ahsa.asn.au

Pictured: Ron Males with Ralvon Mark

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