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BOARD REPORT

The September Board meeting took place on 14th September, with eight (8) Directors being present, together with the Treasurer, Jodi Pickering. Apologies were received from Jill Willoughby who was away. The meeting commenced at 8pm via Zoom.

As the role of Company Secretary remains undelegated, Adam King, Chair, has undertaken the role of Secretary in the interim. Adam will undertake to fulfil all the current necessary ASIC requirements, together with general correspondence. Adam King and Treasurer Jodi Pickering will do the ASIC annual return.

The Board has accepted Glenys Lilly's resignation due to personal and family reasons, and thank her for her contribution and wish her well for the future. The Board welcomes Kerry Frame who has filled the casual vacancy for NSW.

The Board also welcomes Narelle Cribb who will take up the position of Horse Welfare Officer for the AHSA. Narelle has a wide breadth of experience and her expertise in this role will be invaluable.

As nominations for Directors are now due, and are to be sent to the Secretary, as per the Constitution, Adam, since he is standing for re-election, in order to avoid any conflict of interest, will delegate Kerry Aldridge as receiving officer, to receive all Director nominations. There will be five board vacancies; Doug

Rutherford, (Qld), Adam King, (NSW), Gudrun Martini, (Vic) and Richard Shipton, (SA) and now Kerry Frame (NSW). Nominations from any interested members are to be received by 4pm, 31st October 2023. [All Nomination for Election information is on the website](#). Members are reminded that they will need both a Director's ID and WWCC to hold a Board position.

Treasurer, Jodi Pickering, presented her report, and stated that the AHSA Ltd are in a good financial position, and whilst the Society has made a profit, income overall has still decreased from previous years. Adam King will arrange a new investment term deposit for the Society, as approved by the Board.

The Registry reported that new requests for registrations have been processed, with one sent back to the breeder for further information. It is to be noted, that wherever possible, both the Registrar and the Board will endeavour to help members transfer and register horses as long as it remains within the confines of the Regulations and Rules of the Society to do so.

Kerryn Aldridge reported that the AANC preparations are on track. This season, certificates are to be sent to donors and sponsors. Judge's profiles, schedules and sponsorship forms are all online. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out should contact Kerryn, as volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Please be reminded about the Qualifications and qualifying period for AANC: Entrants are to have attended at least one AHSA Ltd Affiliate show or an Agricultural show in the last three (3) years (this will be very flexible for 2024). Any shows that have met the criteria of the JOC/AHSA and have obtained/updated their show grading after 1st October 2023 are also eligible. Yearlings are not required to obtain a qualification.

The JOC sub-committee reported that the draft judges contract has now been approved and is ready to be sent out to Judges. Judge's seminars are being held regularly in each state. The JOC now has its own email, and can be contacted on joc@ahsa.asn.au

The Promotions committee met on 13th September 2023, and reported that they have been working on the Cowgirl event for 2024 – more to follow on this. New Promotions member, Narelle Cribb offered to contact Adult Riding Clubs to promote the breed. The Promotions group are to write an article for Horse Deals for the January 2024 Issue which will be an Arabian Feature.

There was no meeting or report from the Youth Sub-Committee.

The Affiliation sub-committee met and are working on a plan to attract the non-affiliates back. The sub-committee was to remind all Affiliates that Directors/Committee members etc, where they have Junior Memberships, must have a current WWCC as a regulatory requirement. Similarly, Affiliates are to be reminded of the tactile hair rule change.

The Board dealt with a significant amount of correspondence – and some matters currently under discussion include: rules regarding side-saddle and competition in open classes, a donation from the family of The Late Cathy Padgen was received via her mother and the board discussed how best to acknowledge this most gracious gift, discussion around non-affiliates being allowed to operate under AHSA rules if they so choose and more clarification on the tactile hair rule.

Further to the tactile hair rule, the Board has decided to allow a 'settling in period', whereby warnings will be issued until 1/1/2024, as it was acknowledged, that some horses currently competing would have been clipped out, and their whiskers would be growing back, so they should not be penalised.

Similarly, there is a period of grace for the requirement for WWCC as long as the member requiring one, can show evidence that they have applied.

Adam King has organised registration for all states for the AHSA Ltd to be listed as a voluntary organisation, so applications for WWCC's should now be straightforward.

The AHSA Ltd will compile a register of all accredited Professional Riders, Trainers and Handlers who have fulfilled the requirements of the Society re: insurance, WWCC etc. This will be available for show committees and members to access on the web-site, and in time, it is hoped that it will be linked to other organisations and Societies, such as Pony Club, EA etc, which will also work as a promotional tool for the AHSA.

The Society will also appoint a Child Protection Officer. This will be addressed at the October meeting.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Helen Rutland
Senior Vice-Chair.

Arabian Horse Awards

A reminder to Everyone that nominations for our annual awards are open, however, they do close on the 30th of November 2023

The awards are:

- Distinguished Service Award
- WAHO Trophy Award
- Arabian and Arabian Derivative Ambassador Award
- Endurance Horse of the Year
- Arabian Racehorse of the Year
- Pony Club Horse of the Year

[Award Nomination Forms can be found on the website.](#)

Registry and Housekeeping Matters from the Office

- The new season is well underway, so it is time to Nominate your Stallions. Please ensure your stallion meets all the requirements to Nominate prior to lodging the **Notification of Intention to Use a Stallion**. Requirements are listed on the form.
- **IMPORTANT** - Before lodging any Registration Application, please ensure that not only the new application is complete and correct, but that both the sire and dams registration (including registered ownership) and all breeding requirements are complete and in order. Our Scale Of Fees allows for a ***Requisition Fee of \$20.00 to be imposed for incomplete and/or incorrect paperwork that needs to be returned to the applicant and it will soon be imposed if necessary.***
- Markings - if ever you are unsure about markings, then please simply take a good set of clear photos of your horses "washed" legs from all sides (front, back, each side, front of back legs and back of front legs) and face, lips and chin. We are only too glad to draw your markings if you have supplied good photographs. Remember, your markings are described and published on the horses certificate so MUST to be accurate.
- 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. Also, please **DO NOT SEND CASH** (yes, it still happens).
- Almost all paperwork can be emailed to the Society, including Transfers and Leases. There is a requirement of returning the original hardcopy registration certificate with all Transfers, however, post-covid, this can now 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 do 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.
 - Admin – office@ahsa.asn.au
 - Juliet Burnett – breeding@ahsa.asn.au
 - Teresa Edwards – general@ahsa.asn.au

Introducing Kerry Frame

Kerry is an Arabian Owner, Breeder and Exhibitor with over 50 years experience she has held many senior positions including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer on numerous Arabian Affiliated and non Affiliated groups.

Kerry has been involved on show committees for 45 years running some of Australia's Premier Arabian and mixed breed shows.

Professionally, Kerry is an Equine Photographer with over 37 years experience. She has also studied at the ANU (Canberra) Bachelor Of Arts and holds a Certificate IV in Advanced Business Management and Certificate IV in Design and Media.

Kerry has indicated how honoured she is to be asked to take up the vacant position on the Board for NSW. She hopes to be a voice for the members. She wants to encourage our youth and introduce new members to experience the beauty and intelligence that the Arabian Horse offers along with their versatility in all Equestrian fields.

She truly hopes that her knowledge, passion and expertise will assist her to be an asset to the The AHSA Ltd Board and in particular to the membership itself making decisions that will help us grow and move forward with a positive and healthy future.



A full list of your current AHSA Ltd Board of Directors, their profiles and contacts can be found here:

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6-9th March 2024

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre



LARGE YOUTH PROGRAM

Youth classes being held on the 9th of March.

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