

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD  
HELD ON SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023  
Via ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM**

**PRESENT:** -

Kerryn & Peter Aldridge, Olivia Cleary, Cheryl Clegg, Maria Daraio, Yvonne Downes, Kristin Galea, Sharyn Hungerford, Adam King (Chair), Greg Liddle, Glenys Lilley, Gudrun Martini, Maureen Milburn, Carolyn Potts, Colleen & Doug Rutherford, Richard Shipton, Jill Willoughby, Helen Rutland, Kate Dertell, Narelle Kinnear, Dana Russo, Judith Meade, Tanya Hosking, Nadine Frampton, Marie Hutchinson, Laurie Taylor, Teresa Edwards, Lorraine Currie, Jody Pickering, Norman & Nancy Wall

**PROXIES:** - Kevin Howard, Helen Dohan, Karen Allen, Graham Smith, Vanessa Crossland, Chris Ross

The Chairman, Adam King, declared the meeting open at 7.05pm AEST pm and welcomed the members attending. Members were advised that the zoom meeting was being recorded for minute taking and archival purposes.

The Secretary, Richard Shipton, explained how the meeting would be conducted and advised that 6 proxy forms had been received. He explained that all voting would be by a show of hands and, although he hadn't done it before, would attempt to set up voting using the Poll facility to enable a clearer vote record. Caroline Payne requested voting be via the chat function rather than show of hands. Meeting decided that voting would be via chat as a record.

Adam King called for apologies.

**APOLOGIES:** - Helen Dohan, Kevin Howard, Karen Allan, Graham Smith, Vanessa Crossland, Chris Ross, Kerry Frame

**MINUTES:** -

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM had previously been circulated.

***Moved:*** Jill Willoughby, seconded Kerryn Aldridge "That the Minutes of the 2022 AGM be approved." **Carried**  
*For record the Secretary initiated the 'Poll' Function as a voting record to add in with the other voting capabilities*

**RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Adam King reported that all positions for the Election were uncontested, and no election was necessary so Elections Australia

Adam King welcomed Helen Rutland as the new incoming Board members required from NSW,

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF HORSE AWARDS:**

Adam King 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 Marbelling Novelle

The 2021 Endurance Horse of the Year was awarded to Halo Rhapsody in Blue

The 2022 Arabian Ambassador was Mia Bella MA

The 2022 Arabian Derivative Ambassador was awarded Kizashi

The Pony Club Horse of the Year received a dual winner with an award presented to Westacres Glamour and Sunland Amber Diamond

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:**

Adam King announced that it gave him great pleasure to announce that Distinguished Service Awards have been granted to Catherine Brown and Carol Huxtable

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:**

Adam King announced that it gave him great pleasure to award an Honorary Life Membership to Graham Smith.

Adam King announced that another Honorary Life Membership was being bestowed on Douglas Rutherford

## **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. No one attending the meeting had any questions relating to the reports.

*Motion "That the Chairmans report be accepted" Moved Doug Rutherford, seconded Yvonne Downs  
Carried*

*Motion "That the Secretaries report be accepted" Moved Sharyn Hungerford, seconded Caroline Payne  
Carried*

*Motion "That the Treasurers report be accepted" Moved Jody Pickering, seconded Jill Willoughby  
Carried*

## **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Adam King advised that the Annual Report had been published on the Society website and 2 questions from Kevin Howard had been submitted relating to it.

Question 1 related to a transfer form file to PDF resulting in several formatting changes resulting in the deletion of a single digit in several the sums reported, that error was resolved, and a corrected version prepared and replaced on the website.

Question 2 referred to a difference between the net profit figure in the financial report and in the Auditors report. A report provided by the treasurer prior to the Auditors report had been mistakenly uploaded to the website. Error was noted and the corrected report uploaded.

*Moved Doug Rutherford, seconded Gudrun Martini "That the Treasurers Report be approved." Carried*

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS 2023**

*Moved Yvonne Downs, seconded Doug Rutherford "That Bradfield Partners Pty Ltd be appointed Auditor of the Company for 2023." 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.

*Motion 'That the Sub committee reports be accepted' Moved Sharyn Hungerford Seconded Yvonne Downes  
Carried*

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**Members were reminded that for these motions to be carried a figure of 75% of the members attending must vote in favour.**

The Secretary explained that the directors have recommended the following rule change to our constitution because they find it increasingly difficult to act on what is (in some cases) rather simple, cut and dried issues with various complaints relating to members and memberships.

As per the constitution, we are currently obligated to direct all member requests, complaints, and other related issues to the disciplinary committee.

One of the issues with the disciplinary committee is this process is not very simple to arrange because the disciplinary committee have their own lives and activities, they're not always immediately available to become involved in what, could be deemed by them to be minor issues that the board could have already resolved.

The board has taken a fair bit of time reviewing the current clause and believe that this new revision will enable the directors to decide on various issues as they arise.

If they are severe, they will of course be passed onto a disciplinary committee, and obviously as per the wording of the clause if they relate to an actual director then that would automatically mean that the complaint or query would be forwarded to a disciplinary committee.

*Motion "That a motion for the proposed constitutional change to clause 7.8 (c) "Conduct & Discipline of Members" be submitted to members to vote on at the 2023 AGM.*

*Moved – Doug Rutherford Seconded – Yvonne Downes. Not Carried less than 75% votes in Favour*

Gudrun Martini Explained that in our current constitution Arabian Bred Horses means Arabian and Arabian Derivative horses and for the purpose of this Constitution shall include Arabian Performance Index.

The words (*and for the purpose of this Constitution shall include Arabian Performance Index*) needs to be removed.

This goes against our show rules where we have separated the APIS. Also, with such a low percentage of Arabian blood they cannot be called Arabian Bred.

Another reason, under Eligibility of Directors 13.3 (d) it has the words owned an Arabian Bred Horse meaning under this current terminology a member who only owns (as example) an Arabian Performance Index Gelding can nominate and be elected for the Board of Directors

The primary clause that needs changing editing is as follows.

Preliminary

1. Defined terms

### **1.1 Defined terms and definitions**

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

Annual General Meeting means the annual general meeting.

Arabian means a horse of pure Arabian lineage, as accepted by the Society, and registered or recorded in the Stud Book pursuant to the Regulations or any purebred Arabian studbook or register listed by WAHO as acceptable.

Arabian Bred Horses means Arabian and Arabian Derivative horses *and for the purposes of this Constitution shall include Arabian Performance Index horses.*

Arabian Derivative means a horse registered or recorded in the Register as an Anglo Arabian, Arabian Pony, Arabian Warmblood, Arabian Riding Pony, Part Bred Arabian, Quarab, Arabian Stock Horse or Half Arabian pursuant to the Regulations and any other Register as may be approved by the Board. Arabian Performance Index means an index held by the Society in which horses of Arabian breeding, that are not eligible for registration as an Arabian or Arabian Derivative Horse, are recorded pursuant to the Regulations.

*Motion "That the wording of the proposed constitutional change relating to API in "1.1 Defined Terms" be submitted for the members to vote on at the 2023 AGM.*

*Moved - Gudrun Martini Seconded – Yvonne Downes. Approved by 75% majority.*

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Carolyn Potts reported that information was sent to the Secretary regarding Arabian Derivative success in SA, but nothing appeared. The secretary advised the info was passed on but did not get posted.
- Maria Dario supporting Carolyn's comment we should be interested in activities of horses representing Arabians in open company.

- Caroline Payne suggested that members should promote as efficiently as the AHSA should its up to the members as much as the Society.
- Danna Russo also suggested that the ASHA promotion should include members and nonmembers alike if the horses are registered.

The Secretary thanked Carolyn for her comment and suggested that one area needing vast improvement is the AHSA and its Promotion and Publicity which the entire board recognizes.

- Maureen Milburn wants to know if the Society has a horse welfare policy for horses going through the kill sales, Chair advised that the Society does not. He suggested that though we have limited control in those areas we could look into way ways and means of putting forward ideas and or controls to the groups involved but must remind members that we are not a legislative body and as such has limited ability to enforce this type of thing.
- Maureen also elaborated on the rescue of horses from Kill pens and being able to transfer ownership into the rescuers name which is currently difficult to do with the AHSA. Maureen believes it should be easier to transfer ownership if a horse is bought at a Sale and the owner refuses to sign transfer forms.  
The Chair outlines that there are many legal reasons the Society cannot act in this basis and generally only follows through on instruction from a court order the power is with the person to go to the court on their own basis and get an order to allow the transfer.
- Marie Hutchinson when entries come in to via nominate for the AANC the entries membership is checked via the Societies portal is this option available to other affiliates. The Secretary was to investigate the probability that this facility will be made available to all affiliates.
- Nadine Frampton disagrees with Promotions and Publicity report and in its format, it should not have been approved. Nadine believes that the Promotions and Publicity need to be drastically improved, and the Chair agrees with her.
- Greg Liddle, further to Nadine the new promotions group outlines to members what their plans and idea are for this year and ask for assistance and ideas. Dana Russo suggest people want to help but are not necessarily given the opportunity.
- The Secretary suggests that this year its likely the subcommittees will consist of more external members rather than the usual collection of board members as a way of improving communication.
- Carolyn Potts wants to know if the Society has a strategic plan for marketing and promotion.
- Laurie Taylor wants to know what the society is doing to promote youth. The Chair suggests this should be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Jill Willoughby suggests that members put these ideas in writing and send to the society.

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

*Adam King*