News from the Board

FEBRUARY BOARD REPORT

February was a busy month for the AHSA Ltd Board, with a total of three meetings being held, covering a wide range of topics.

NSW Director Kerry Frame reported that she had finished the new 'front page' of the Youth section of our website, and asked that it be uploaded to the AHSA website. This was approved by the Board, and the new page has now been published.

Kerry also informed the Board that she had appointed two Youth Ambassadors, Skyla Parker from NSW and Makayla Hopwood from Vic. Kerry has put the word out for others and will follow up recommendations from other Directors for Youth Ambassadors in other states.

Registry issues took up quite an amount of Board time in February, with questions regarding transfers needing to be decided at Board level.

Teresa Edwards, our Registrar has asked that members be reminded that the Registration Amnesty will end in July of this year, so please be sure to submit all outstanding registrations as soon as possible.

With the Australian Arabian National Championships fast approaching, our extraordinarily hard working

AANC Chair gave an updated report.

Kerryn reported that our entries are up on last year – an extremely satisfying increase, especially when you consider that the Aussies are being held this year in Victoria and the general economic climate is not conducive to showing. It appears that much of the increase is due to the return of the smaller breeders to the show, something which can only benefit our breed.

Marian Duncan has again donated a beautiful piece of art to be auctioned. This piece will also grace the front cover of the catalogue. The Board of Directors wishes to thank Marian for her very generous donation. Marian has been a wonderful supporter of the Aussies over the years, and we would encourage you all to buy tickets for the painting, as there are only a limited number available.

The Board was also reminded of the ruling that sponsors who had committed to a sponsorship but had not fulfilled their payment needed to be sent invoices reminding them that if their pledged sponsorship was not paid they would be unable to exhibit at the show, and that all Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd transactions would be suspended.

On the Sunday following the show, there will be presentations given by our International Judges, together with Kym Dyball, who as many members know, is very experienced with hands on knowledge of competing and judging. Graham Smith, who has a wealth of knowledge in judging internationally as well as in Australia will also give a presentation.

The Board has committed to 26th – 29th March 2025 at SIEC for next year's Aussies, so those dates can be locked into your calendars now.

Qualifications for 2025 will be re-introduced and the Board is currently looking at what they will be. We will make sure that members are advised in plenty of time to fulfil them.

In other news, a new sub-committee has been formed for Endurance and Racing. Currently the Chair is Helen Rutland, together with Yvonne Downes. A Senior member of the AERA has also been approached to join us. It is hoped that this new group will continue to bring back more endurance riders into the membership and look at ways to get Arabian Racing up and running again in Australia.

Jill Willoughby, our WA Director, has been appointed the Society's Child Protection Officer, and will join Narelle Cribb, as Horse Welfare Officer in these important roles.

With three new Directors taking up their Board positions in April, the Board decided to introduce mandatory Governance training for all new Directors plus any current Directors who felt they needed to brush up on this. Vanessa Crosland, who has a wealth of experience in this area, has very kindly donated her time and expertise to run this for us, and the Board of Directors thanks her for this.

Disciplinary letters have been sent to two members for breaches of the social media policy.

The Annual Awards were voted on and will be presented to the winners at the Australian Arabian National Championships.

The recipients of our Annual Awards are as follows:

Distinguished Service Awards

- Phyllis Hopf
- Dana Russo

Life Membership

- TBA

WAHO Award

- Kyarnda Lodge Panache - S14804

  Owned by: Ian & Debra Watson and Bred By: Michelle Johnson

Arabian Ambassador Award

- Cartier FF - G28679

  Owned and Bred by: Doyle & Kate Dertell

Arabian Derivative Ambassador Award

- Crown of Gold – PF29832

  Owned by: Rebecca Lloyd and Bred By: Manuela Zehnder

Endurance Horse of the Year Award

- Tarnette – F26226

  Owned by: April Newman and Bred By: John Dawson

- Honey Bee – PF28402

  Owned by: Noni Seagram and Bred By: Margaret Wade

Endurance Sire and Dam of the Year Awards

- Dam – De-Sharvarll Eyelyka – F31104

  Owned by: Corinna Ozolins and Bred By: Peter Rutten

- Sire – Chip Chase Sadaqa - S3443

  Owned by: Peter Toft and Bred By: Pamela Roydhouse

Arabian Racehorse of the Year

No nominations received

Pony Club Horse of the Year

- Avondale Celeste – F29737

  Owned by: Helen Spencer and Bred By: Pamela Morris

- Kommence Mi – G28459

  Owned by: Paula and Sophia Minale and Bred By: Greg, Julie and Jane Farrell

- Shakeefa – F31104

  Owned by: Sally Gould-Hurst and Bred By: Ricky Brown

The Board decided that all three were worthy recipients of the award, so each horse has been awarded to encourage our youth.

The next Board meeting will be held after the Australian Arabian National Championships when there will

be a wrap up of the Aussies, finalisation of the audit and planning for the AGM, plus any other relevant items.

In summing up, I look forward to catching up with friends, members and fellow breeders at the Aussies. We will be live-streaming again on the Friday and Saturday. If you have any particular topic's you would like included in the livestream, please email me. Can't promise to include them, but we will do our best to accommodate and make everything work for the members, especially those who are unable to be there and our International Arabian community.

Helen Rutland
Senior Vice-Chair
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Registry and Housekeeping Matters from the Office

- **Do not post items to the Society street address AND DO NOT MAIL CASH**. Please only mail to the PO Box address which is listed on all paperwork. The street post box is small, not secure and not waterproof. We had another instance of cash arriving in the street mailbox, which is not secure. The AHSA Ltd will not be responsible if you post cash or paperwork and it fails to arrive.
- **Registry Amnesty**
  At the December Meeting of The Board of Directors, it was moved that "the Registration Amnesty end 31st July 2024".
  This Amnesty came into place in July 2019, continued through Covid and was extended indefinitely in 2021 (with no end date). The details were published on the website and appeared multiple times in Members Newsletters, however, for those that were unaware, the amnesty is copied below:
  The Board of Directors has resolved to put into place an Amnesty for any Applications for Registration of horses over 24months of age:
  ~ Registrations for Purebred Arabian Fillies/Mares and Stallions and any Derivative Stallions, received between 1st August 2019 and 31st December 2019, will only be charged the 18-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/7/2019.
  ~ Registrations for Derivative Fillies and Mare, received between 1st August 2019 and 31st December 2019, will only be charged the 12-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/7/2019.
  Any Member that is experiencing difficulty beyond the Amnesty should contact The Registrar to discuss.
  In order that you can take advantage of the amnesty before it ends, we would encourage all members to please complete and lodge all outstanding registrations for horses over two at your earliest convenience.
- **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.
- 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.
- Similarly, **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

AUSTRALIAN ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All is in readiness for the Championships next week in Werribee. Exhibitor notes, stable and camping allocations have now been emailed to all exhibitors. If you have not received the email please email Events.

The show's success requires the members support with entries and sponsorship so that Victoria can be included in the future rotation of the show. The old adage applies, if you don't use it, you will lose it.

All Championships Enquiries should be addressed to events@ahsa.asn.au

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

RAFFLE TICKETS

An original painting by internationally acclaimed artist, Marian Duncan.
'The Arabian Queen' is a paint pastel on paper 30" x 22" unframed.
Valued at $4,000

The Arabian Queen

Limited to 200 tickets.
One ticket $20, three tickets $50.
Tickets available at the show office or by returning the form below to
events@ahsa.asn.au

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM

Name(s):.....Membership No:.....

Address:..... State:.....Postcode:.....

Daytime Phone Number:..... Email: .....

Please debit the following items to my Credit Card	Fee
Total	$

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I hereby authorise the AHSA Ltd to debit the credit card noted for the amount listed. Additional fees to the value if $25 may be debited without referral where my calculation of fees required is incorrect in order to finalise the transaction applied for.

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