

News from the Board

AUSTRALIAN HORSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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Dear Members,

Since the last Newsletter, the AHSA Board has met on five occasions, so September was a very busy month.

Our normal Board meeting was held on 12th September, 2024, and we have held three AANC meetings to put the framework in place for our 2025 Australian Championships, plus a special meeting to ratify urgent business.

AANC.

The Championship judges have accepted, their details are on the [website](#) and have been announced on both our Members Facebook Group and The AANC Facebook Page.

The Show Committee is now looking to formalise class entries, finalise any rule changes and the schedule of fees, which will be presented at our October Board meeting, so we can have the information out to members as soon as possible.

Members may also remember that we requested feedback regarding the points system of judging Vs comparative system for purebreds and a decision as to which system will be used this year will also be made prior to the October meeting.

The Show Committee is also looking at qualifications for 2025, and encouraging members, wherever possible to enter their local Agricultural shows that have Arabian breed classes. This has eventuated due to the airing of the media report on Channel 9, on which neither the NSW Association, nor AHSA were able to comment due to confidentiality, as the issue was due to be heard before the Tribunal in October. As a result of the death threats, abusive emails and phone calls received, NSW Association have now cancelled two of their shows, and at the time of writing have not confirmed whether The East Coast Championships will go ahead. This is extremely disappointing for members and the Arabian community.

In the light of the recent cancellation of shows and difficulties of members being able to qualify for the Championships, the Show Committee will discuss the waiving of qualifications, for 2025 only. A decision on this matter will be made in October.

The office staff and Directors of AHSA have also been targeted with similar abusive calls, and emails, and again, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is never OK for anyone to engage in such behaviour.

Social Media Breaches

The Board will strictly enforce its social media policy for any member who has been deemed to have breached it.

Registry

In news from the Registry, our Registrar wishes to advise that while we have registered many endurance horses under the current Endurance Amnesty, we have an important reminder for all Endurance Breeders/Riders.

We are noticing many breeders are not AHSA registering their horse until they become breeding stock or successful endurance horses. This is fine as we still have our Endurance Amnesty in place to reduce the registration fees for you, **BUT** as some of these horses are quite old by the time they are registered with us, we are finding that many of their dams have passed away without being DNA typed. Please ensure that if you have a registered (or to date unregistered) purebred mare or any stallion that you have bred from and may in the future wish to AHSA register progeny of, then please either apply for their DNA typing with us now OR take a hair sample from them (30 hairs pulled from the mane and placed in a clip locked plastic bag clearly labelled with the horses name) and keep it in a safe dry place or send it into us to store for you.

Planning Meeting

On Friday 20th September 2024, the Finance committee, together with our Registrar, Teresa Edwards, Adam King and Vanessa Crosland, held an 'all day' meeting in the office. We were able to connect with Carolyn Potts via Zoom and, our Treasurer, Kevin Howard was able to be contacted via phone for his invaluable input.

This was a far-reaching meeting, with many matters as to how best to give more benefits to members, whilst making sure that the Society's bottom line remains stable, and many very valuable ideas were brought forward. These will go to the Board for discussion and then members will be advised.

Whilst our membership has remained stable and we are doing better than most breed society's, with a loss of less than 3% in membership, our registrations will be down this year, and this reflects the general economic outlook as much as anything. The amnesty for endurance registrations has helped in this regard.

We are very conscious of not wanting to add to any more financial burdens for members, so will look at ways that we can utilise current assets and possibly charge a fee for their use by non-members, similar to the AHA.

Again, these discussions will go before the Board before being ratified and passed onto members.

Financially, the structures set by Kevin Howard continue to do well, and are showing a healthy profit, which leaves the Society in a sound financial state currently.

Endurance

At the Board meeting in September 2024, a motion was passed to offer two complimentary junior memberships to the AHSA for the two Juniors who successfully completed Shahzada 400km. At the time of writing, one Junior has replied, and we are delighted to welcome Emerald Rigby as our newest Junior member.

Awards

Nominations are due to open for our annual Awards, with details and forms on the [website](#). The Awards are the same as in previous years, and there will be a decision made at the next Board meeting as to whether to resurrect a previous Award of 'Best Arabian competing in Open Company' and Best Arabian Derivative competing in Open Company.' To qualify for any of the annual Awards, the owner of the horse must be a financial member of the AHSA and the horse must be registered and in Australia.

Director Nominations

Members are advised that Nominations for Election to The Board of Directors are now open for positions for Directors with expiring terms. All information is now available on the [website](#).

Helen Rutland

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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. The AHSA Ltd will not be responsible if you post cash and it fails to arrive (believe us, it does still happen!).
- **Registry Amnesty**
As per our previous Newsletter, the **Registration Amnesty was extended until 31st July 2025**, with one change. The Amnesty is now for horses five years and over.
 - *Registrations for Purebred Arabian Fillies/Mares and Stallions and any Derivative Stallions five years and over, received between 1st August 2024 and 31st July 2025, will only be charged the 18-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/1/2022.*
 - *Registrations for Derivative Fillies and Mares five years and over, received between 1st August 2024 and 31st July 2025, will only be charged the 12-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/1/2022.*

Any Member that is experiencing difficulty beyond the Amnesty should contact The Registrar to discuss.

- 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 very possible 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 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
- **Affiliates** – We now have our new Calendar Plugin on the website and I have spent some considerable time loading logos, adding your events and where possible, adding links to your schedules and such. Please if there is something that I have missed or if your Events Calendar had dates marked TBA, then send me an email on general@ahsa.asn.au with all the details and I will gladly add or update your events.

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

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