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# BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS'

# BULLETIN

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board of Directors met at Windsor on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of May, following the Society's AGM on Saturday 30th April. We were welcoming three new Directors – an old friend Virginia Dodson from NSW, and two “newies”, Gudrun Martini from Victoria and Karen Fletcher-Grieve from Western Australia. Outgoing Chairman Kate Luckock of Victoria's chair at the board table was going to be very hard to fill and we owe her a great deal as she has been a tireless worker for the Society, much of it under the radar, and we are about to find out just how much she did as we start our new year.

The election of office-bearers for 2011/2012 resulted in the following: Chairman – Coralie Gordon / Snr Vice-Chairman – Lorraine Currie / Vice-Chairman – Selina Ahel / Treasurer – Allan Preston. The Chairs of the sub-committees are – Narelle Kinnear [JEC], Gudrun Martini [Championships], Carolyn Potts [Marketing and Promotion], Karen Fletcher-Grieve [Youth], Brother Peter McIntosh [Archives], Selina Ahel [Membership]. All agreed there was a great deal to do this year, and were enthusiastic about getting going.

Already the 2011 Australian National Championship show is behind us. The move to Tamworth was an enormous success in almost every possible way. This large country town welcomed us, and the staff of AELEC looked after us better than those at any other venue we use. Nothing was too much trouble. The integration of the Saturday evening endurance ride into the Championships week added to the atmosphere, especially on the Sunday morning when the indoor arena was filled with the endurance competitors and their horses, to receive the trophy buckles we had specially designed and made for the event. The crowd that gathered was the largest for the whole Championships. The Queensland and Victorian floods had understandably affected numbers over-all, but not the quality of the exhibits and certainly not the high spirits of the competitors. The annual Awards Dinner on the Friday evening was one of our most enjoyable yet. The effervescent and talented Yvonne Barlow entertained us, prolific new author Carmel Rowley launched her third and latest novel with the help of fellow Arabian breeder Greg Egan, and the annual awards were presented. The Society also launched its latest publication, “The Arabian Horse in Australia and New Zealand” Volume VII, a magnificent book featuring versatile Purebred stallion Snow N Fire on the cover.

During the board meeting the decision was made to take the 2012 Aussies back to SIEC in Sydney, in the spirit of rotating the show, but a return to AELEC in the near future is certainly on the cards. The dates for the 2012 event will be March 15th 18th. A number of other venues were considered but set aside for the present, in many cases on the basis of the hiring costs. The days when we could afford Royal Showgrounds for instance, are long past, and in some States these venues are no longer horse-friendly anyway. Proximity to a large horse-owning population is a consideration, along with ample accommodation options, ease of accessing the venue, numbers of permanent stables and exercise areas,

the presence of an indoor arena in case of inclement weather, etc. A long and very thoughtful letter was received from a new member in the Tamworth area who has been involved with another breed. It contained lots of suggestions for adding to the excitement and promotional benefits of the Championships, especially at Tamworth. We took this away for consideration at our next meeting.

Equitana is coming to Sydney for the first time ever in November 2011 – from the 10th to the 13th. Once again the Society will have a presence, and we have been approached by Mr Tony Warren, Promotions Officer of the NSW Endurance Riders Association, with a view to pooling resources in a booth. We have booked a booth in the Breeders Village where we will have a display and “patting” horses and we are looking for some versatile Arabians in the Sydney area whose owners are willing to exhibit them. The venue is the Sydney Showgrounds at Homebush. Equitana is such an exciting event for the horse enthusiast, jam-packed with displays, clinics, shows and demonstrations, all the latest in horse products, and of course all that amazing shopping! Visitors fly in from all over the Asia-Pacific. If you'd like to help, do please contact the Society office. Many hands are needed to work the booth and pack those endless sample bags!

All eyes will be on Toorbul, Queensland, for another equally exciting Arabian event, the FEI Australian Endurance Championships and Endurance Festival being staged by the Queensland endurance club Oz Endurance on the Queen's Birthday long week-end, June 11th, 12th and 13th. The cream of Australian and overseas riders will be competing, with lots of endurance riding on all three days of the week-end. The Festival is very spectator-friendly, combined with a Conference in the city, with the ride base being a large coastal venue that is very close to the Bruce Highway north of Brisbane, and to Queensland's huge natural boating and fishing playground of Moreton Bay to the east. There will be a commercial display area, featuring a huge video screen so those back at base can see the riders out on track working their hardest. No doubt some top Australian-bred Arabian horses will change hands during the week-end as well.

The new Rule Books are currently being printed, while a copy can be checked out or downloaded from the website. Every exhibitor should have one! We have re-visited the Youth Handler rules as these were still not as clear as they could be. We also spent a considerable amount of time at the JEC meeting on show gradings and the requirements for AA, A, and B Class shows.

At the AGM the topic of Amateurs and the Amateur definition received some attention. Attendees requested a change to the Rules that would allow Arabian owners to loan horses to interested amateurs who did not own their own horses but were keen to participate in the showing. On the surface this sounds like a wonderful idea, and could certainly introduce new people to the breed. We did spend considerable time at the JEC meeting re-writing the Amateur Rules into the new Rule Book, however these were met by such a backlash of opinion that we decided to postpone any changes until we have consulted with stakeholders and considered the matter further.



You can visit my statement on the matter on the Society's website. In the meantime, the Amateur rules remain as they were in the 2007 rule book.

The AHSA has made a decision to re-join the Australian Horse Industry Council and will send our Victorian Director Jill Bromley to the meeting at Flemington on June 17th. One of the issues we will be taking to the meeting will be the issue of branding. The Victorian State Government has passed legislation demanding that fire-branding cease, and Equestrian Victoria is now implementing compulsory micro-chipping for all its performance horses. We understand that freeze-branding is still allowed. This legislation obviously has implications for our current regulations and clashes with legislation in other States which demand branding of some sort for visual ID. It could also have implications for our Affiliates and ourselves in organizing our Shows, where we could be forced to own scanners and scan exhibits at shows, as FEI competitors must do at endurance rides. This is all bound to cause some heated arguments between proponents of this or that method. All sensible, brief opinions are welcome before our next meeting. A brilliant promotional opportunity was realized on Saturday April 9th with the running of a race for Purebred Arabians at the world-class Caulfield Racecourse. NARA, and particularly Maureen Milburn and Virginia Dodson, are to be congratulated on bringing this to fruition after many years of sheer hard work and never-ending optimism. The Shadwell Arabian Mile was sponsored by HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, with the \$20,000 race being won, most fittingly I felt, by Virginia Dodson's very fast 14-year-old ex-endurance gelding Franshar Park K Shar. Many Arabian owners came along to witness the race and enjoy the spectacular displays of Arab culture including dancing and Middle Eastern food. I understand there will be more racing opportunities to come, with great opportunities for more members to become involved. Read the report in this edition of the AHN.

One of the more difficult issues we had to grapple with at the meeting was the fact the increasing numbers of members who export horses overseas are not fulfilling their obligations to the AHSA and therefore WAHO, by transferring those horses and completing their paperwork PRIOR to their exportation. This has been a problem with endurance horses for many years, but it is now becoming a problem with halter and breeding animals being sent overseas, in some cases by prominent breeders. The registering authorities will not accept those horses without their correct documentation including DNA. What is happening now is that all members of our Society are forced to share the costs of horses being exported by a few, through the Registry, as we are a non-profit organization, as the new overseas owners and registering authorities DO come looking for that authentication. We have been forced to put a new regulation in place that compels the actual exporter to meet those [definitely not exorbitant] costs. It is purely a user-pays situation. And we can provide Passports for horses going overseas, just as the EA does for its horses. We even feel ours are better!

Here we are in winter, in the midst of our show season [in some States], with our endurance season in full swing, plus clinics and seminars in some States. Check out the rest of the Bulletin, and have a wonderful winter season with your Arabians!

Best regards,  
CORALIE GORDON  
Chairman AHSA

## WANTED Jewelry Designer

The AHSA wishes to produce a line of high quality, but affordable jewelry depicting the Arabian horse. If you are an artist or a designer (or know of one) and can oversee the production of a range of jewelry, please submit an expression of interest and sample designs to the Office.

### Office Window Display

**The Office is in a high traffic area of Windsor, and now you can use the windows to promote your stud, business or up coming event.**

**The Windows can be booked for a 3 month period by individuals, studs, affiliates or stud marketing groups, on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$250 per quarter. The display needs to be professional, attractive and eye catching. Please contact Teresa at the Office for more information.**

### Prizes and Promotions

AHSA has many copies of Arabian Horse in Australia Volume VI available for promotional purposes. With a retail value of \$40, they would make great prizes for Arabian classes at Agricultural shows and Pony Club competitions. We encourage members to get one or two to give to your local school library or local library. Please contact Teresa at the Office.

### Amateur Classes

At the recent AGM of the Society, questions were raised about the Amateur Classes, and the Board was asked to consider changes that would allow Arabian owners to loan horses to interested amateurs who did not own their own horses but were keen to participate in Arabian showing. It was the consensus of those present at the meeting that this would be an ideal way to introduce newcomers to the breed at a time when we really need to attract new people. As a result, the current rules were studied at the May board meeting and altered to reflect the motion passed at the meeting. We felt pleased to be doing something proactive that hopefully could make newcomers decide that they would like to own their own Arabians, which can only be beneficial for the breed. Unfortunately the changes meant that possible inconsistencies in both rules and intent were brought to our attention, and that it has been decided that we will revert to the rule printed in the 2007 Rule Book for a further twelve months while we canvass opinion on the proposed changes from our members and adjust out application forms, etc. The show season is already well under way in some States which makes this decision imperative. Comments and suggestions are invited from members by mail or email to the Secretary.

C Gordon  
Chairman



## EXPORT OF ARABIANS & ARABIAN DERIVATIVES

A number of vendors (owners/agents) have been exporting registered Arabians & Arabian Derivatives without completing export documentation. This has resulted in the overseas purchasers being required to pay additional fees and complete the requirements and the Society spending vast amounts of time chasing documentation, including registration certificates, which have been sent overseas.

As from 1st June 2011 the Regulations have been amended so that the vendor, whether that is the recorded owner or export agent, shall be responsible for completion of all export requirements and payment of all fees. Failure to comply will result in the Society imposing a \$500 fine per horse where export requirements have not been completed. No further transactions will be carried out by the Society on behalf of the vendor until the export documentation has been completed and any fines paid. Fines will be allocated from fees received by the vendor until any outstanding fines have been paid.

It is suggested that vendors incorporate the export and transfer fees into the sale price in order to allow for this.

Export requirements are:

- DNA of horse to be exported and sire & dam where possible to be on file with the Society. Fees for additional DNA typing required for export will be absorbed by the Society once export fees have been paid
- Horse must be transferred to new overseas purchaser. The form does not need to be signed by the purchaser but the last recorded owner must have signed the Vendor/Purchaser Warranty as well as the Transferors Section and all blank areas must be completed including transfer date and witness sections.
- Certificate of Registration to be returned to the Society. The Certificate belongs to the Society and must not be sent overseas by the vendor.
- Advice if the horse is microchipped and what the number is. Microchipping is not compulsory but must be noted on export documentation.
- If the horse is foal recorded it must be fully registered as a stallion or gelding in the usual manner. Fees pertaining to each horse can be found on the reverse of the Foal Recording certificate
- Export photos where horse is held on a firm surface so hooves can be seen. Photos required are face front on + lip/chin area and legs & hooves from each side, front & rear. If the horse is grey pink skin must be seen or drawn on the photos. Do not send artistic photos of the horse galloping across the paddock.
- If mare has been served this must be noted and the service certificate sent to the Society with the paperwork & photos
- Fees
  - o adult registration if the horse was only foal recorded
  - o transfer fee as per scale of fees (Purebred Stallion or Mare or Derivative Stallion \$50, All Geldings and Derivative Mares \$25)
  - o Export fees of \$220 for Purebred Stallions & Mares or \$100 for all geldings & derivatives. Where 3 or more horses are being exported at the same time and all paperwork is sent to the Society at one discounted export fees of \$110 per horse (excluding transfer & adult registration fees) will apply.
- Export date to be advised

## Annual Stud Returns

The Annual Stud returns are available on line this year. This will save manual entering of details and will allow access to horse registration numbers via a search facility. It will also reduce the need to duplicate records if the Stallion Return has already been completed

<http://www.ahsa.asn.au/hotnews.html>

Printed copies for manual completion are included with this AHN as usual, as we realise that not all our members have access to or wish to use the Internet.

## Equitana 2011

November 10th to 13th at Sydney Showgrounds

Volunteers needed to "man" the Stand

Registered horses needed for Breeders Village

Contact the office for more details

## 2011 Board Meeting Dates

July Subcommittees Monday 25th

Board Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th

November Subcommittees Monday 14th

Board Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th

At the Board meeting following the AGM the following Directors were elected to the Executive and Subcommittees

### Executive

Chairman	Mrs. Coralie Gordon
Senior Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Lorraine Currie
Vice-Chairman	Ms Selina Ahel
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Allan Preston

### Sub-Committees of the Board 2011

Management	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie, Mr A Preston and the Secretary.
JEC	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs N Kinnear, Ms S Ahel, Mr A Preston, Ms C Potts, Ms G Martini, Ms K Fletcher-Grieve and one Non-Board member.
Championships	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs J Bromley, Mrs L Currie, Ms S Ahel, Ms C Potts, Mr A Preston, Ms G Martini and Ms K Fletcher-Grieve.
Registry	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie, Mr A Preston and Ms V Dodson.
Junior Development	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie, Mrs J Bromley and Ms K Fletcher-Grieve.
Archives	Mrs C Gordon, Mr A Preston, Mrs N Kinnear, Ms S Ahel, Ms G Martini, Ms V Dodson and one Non-Board member.
Promotions	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs J Bromley, Ms C Potts and Ms V Dodson.
News	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie, Mr A Preston and the Secretary.
Website	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie and the Secretary.
Membership & Affiliates	Mrs C Gordon, Mrs L Currie, Mrs N Kinnear, Ms S Ahel, Ms K Fletcher-Grieve and Ms V Dodson.

# NOTES FROM THE BOARD TABLE . .

## **RULE BOOK:**

Members are advised that the 2011 Rule Book is now available on our website, downloading the Rule Book is free or you may request a hard copy of the new Rule Book for a fee of \$3.30 by contacting the AHSA offices.

There were several comments made regarding the changes to the Amateur Owner Rules and these Rules have now reverted back to the original wording. Members are advised that if they wish to voice any opinion regarding this issue, they should send any comments, in writing, to the AHSA Secretary via post or email.

Members are requested to keep an eye on Graded Agricultural Shows. If a Graded show is not appointing a Judge from the AHSA Panel of Judges, that show may lose its grading and members will be disadvantaged by not receiving AAROM points or qualifications for the Australian Championships. Judge's Booklets will be available shortly, free of charge from the AHSA Office and Judge's details are available for download from our website. Members could perhaps direct show secretaries to these facts as keeping tabs on every show in the country is simply impossible!

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Past Purebred Champions May Return:

The Championships Committee has made the decision to allow past Purebred Australian Champions to return to the ring in future. Following overwhelming encouragement by members, these horses will now be eligible to compete in future "Aussie's" to contest the Titles again. We hope this decision will provide some stimulating competition!

### **Qualifying:**

Please remember that it is now a requirement to obtain at least one of your qualifications at an Agricultural show. Our members need to support these shows before classes are lost forever. The qualification period for the 2011 Aussie's is 01/01/2009 – 31/12/2011 inclusive.

### **Outdoor Aussie's in Sydney!**

It has been decided that, with our return to SIEC, we will undertake to hold the Aussie's outdoors in 2012. The set up will be similar to that used in 2010 however some of the issues encountered then will be addressed and made more user friendly.

### **Dates for Aussie's:**

The Australian National Arabian Championships for 2012 will be held at Sydney International Equestrian Centre March 15-18 inclusive and yes, we are hoping to hold a four day show.

### **Pay Now – Compete Later!**

Did you know that your AHSA Membership has its own personal account on our database? The Arabian Horse Society understands that some members competing at the Australian National Arabian Championships would like to be able to pay off their entries over a period of time. With this in mind, we are happy for members to send in payments for their 2012 entries which will be placed in your account & will be earmarked for the 2012 Aussie's.

## **REGISTRY:**

Believe it or not, your Office staff are not mind readers, nor do they like repeating themselves regarding your paperwork but we again ask. . . When completing your Transfer & Lease Applications and Registration Applications, please, please ensure you have filled in ALL the blanks. These forms MUST be completed correctly, signed, witnessed (where applicable) and for Rego's, markings, brands etc must be drawn.

Please keep an eye on our website for upcoming announcements regarding alternative DNA testing.

Please help your Society to be more efficient by getting your paperwork in order before sending it in. Incorrect applications account for most delays. If you're not sure of something, send an email to the relevant staff member or a quick phone call will answer most questions.

## *Disaster Relief Funds*

Following the very successful on-line Auction Appeal and generous cash donations received, the Society is trying to made decisions for distributing this money in the fairest and most equitable way possible.

To date, we have not been made aware of very many affected members so if you are aware of anyone who suffered in the Floods, Fire or Cyclones earlier this year, please send the details to the office so a list may be compiled & the funds distributed. We have found that many people will not come forward themselves so any information you can supply will be greatly appreciated!

We ask that details be forwarded by no later than 30th September 2011

