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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I must begin my first Chairman's Report by sincerely thanking Coralie Gordon for the three year term she has just completed as Chairman. Coralie provides years of experience to the Board and makes an enormous contribution to the AHSA in promoting the Arabian breed through her writing. I am sure we are all guilty of taking this for granted sometimes, but I can assure you that Coralie puts in an immense amount of time researching and writing for the breed. On behalf of your fellow Directors and the office staff, may I thank you Coralie for the leadership and time you have given.

The Australian Championships held at Werribee Park proved to be a very successful show. With the rotation of the show to other states, the venues and extra activities organized provide some unique variants for each show. This sets each show apart which is an important factor for the state hosting them. An outdoor show was conducted following the success of the one in Toowoomba and once again it worked extremely well. The new judging and scoring system was trialed and was generally well accepted. The Board has received some good positive suggestions for areas which may be improved. Whilst there were some flaws apparent this year, the system undeniably achieved some of the Board's aims. It was felt to be a major contributing factor to the pleasant and relaxed atmosphere of the show and there appeared to be far less pressure placed on horses, handlers, riders and stewards.

Our Annual General Meeting was held during the show and was felt to be a most constructive meeting. We thank those members who did attend for their valuable input and suggestions. Furthering this, the Board are prepared to receive ideas and liaise with a properly formed Show Horse Committee composed of members from the various states.

On Thursday evening Cindy Reich, our USA judge, presented a seminar on past, present and future methods of artificial reproduction. Cindy is a gifted speaker with a wealth of knowledge and her presentation was extremely informative. Semen can now be collected from deceased stallions and foals can be conceived from the mere scraping of a straw, which makes it possible to produce more foals from limited and highly valuable frozen semen of long departed stallions.

This year our Awards dinner was held in conjunction with a concert given by James Blundell. We were delighted to have 360 people in attendance and I once again thank the Victorian Arabian Youth Group for their mighty effort in raising the sponsorship for James' performance. The evening was deemed to be a huge success. Due to EI causing the cancellation of last years show we did not present any breeder or sire of the year awards. We did however award Distinguished Service Awards to Katherine McMahon, Carole Rose, Ruth Liddell, Virginia Dodson, Sherrie

Fenton, Penny Jenkins and John Newton. Congratulations to all of these recipients. It was well deserved recognition for the contribution given to the breed over many years by each of these people. Retiring Tasmanian Director Laurie Nicolle was presented with Life Membership. Laurie served as a Director for ten years and decided not to seek re-election so that he could devote more time to pursuing his passion for endurance riding. He had a wonderful commonsense and practical solution to so many of the problems that crossed the Board table and he will be sorely missed for that, as well as his tremendous enthusiasm for endurance and his sense of humour.

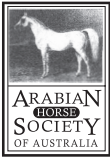
During the dinner an auction was held to raise money for our Bushfire Appeal. Thank you so much to Tess Hutchinson for the tremendous job she did organizing this and to Jenni Ogden for her help promoting the Appeal. The generosity from people donating articles and the spirit in which they were purchased was amazing. Owing to the extensive list of articles donated and lack of time during the evening, a silent auction was conducted for the remaining articles. We managed to raise a little in excess of \$20,000 from the auctions, raffle and donations, which was a terrific effort and I thank you all for your support. We still have auctions running for our three Purebred Geldings Kindly donated by Leigh Jamieson of Seven Oaks Arabians and also the fabulous authentic brass halter plaque of Aladdin kindly donated by Cindy Reich.

In concluding my summary of the Aussie Champs it would be remiss of me not to thank our judges and all the volunteers who helped us. We had a fabulous team and without their help the show could not have run as efficiently as it did. I extend a special thank you to Harold Williamson and Laura Smith from the office, for going beyond the call of duty this year. I won't pretend to say it was the easiest show we have conducted, in fact quite the contrary. The venue management set some fairly large fences to jump, but somehow we managed to clear them all and enjoy a great show.

The Board met on the 17th, 18th & 19th May and it was decided to offer the same division of classes at the Australian Championships next year. We are watching the Derivative classes closely and I invite members and non members to assist us with the sponsorship of these classes. If the entries do not improve and some help with sponsorship is not forthcoming they will be combined. Please contact either Harold Williamson or myself if you would like to sponsor an event.

The next Board meeting will be held in Tamworth so that the Directors, Harold and Laura may inspect the facilities with a view to holding the Aussie Champs there in 2011. Next years show will be held in Sydney from 17th- 21st March.

The NSW Directors are planning a trip to the Cowra, Bathurst



and Mudgee area to meet members for a social gathering. Any members interested in further details of this visit should contact the office.

Book VII of the Arabian Horse in Australasia has been contracted to Vink Publishing. Coralie Gordon and Sharon Meyers have already commenced work on this. Anyone wishing to book advertising space should contact Sharon.

WAHO has accepted our proposal to register horses in Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Brunei and Vietnam. We are currently awaiting some computer programming changes and the design of new registration certificates before this can commence.

Our Secretary / Manager, Harold Williamson, attended an Australian Horse Industry Council meeting during April. Items discussed included levy bills, membership structure, National Animal Welfare Code for horses, property identification codes, micro-chipping and a national horse database. The AHSA has contributed funding to the public consultation process for the National Code of Welfare of Horses. It is planned this public consultation shall be completed during the 2009 - 2010 year.

Our thoughts are with Meg Wade, her family and husband Chris Gates at this time. Meg suffered a fall during an endurance ride five weeks ago and has suffered some severe injuries. Meg is a wonderful ambassador for the Arabian breed and we wish her all the best for a good and speedy recovery. I am sure her extreme fitness and tremendous determination will assist her recovery.

We congratulate Peter Toft on being elected Chairman of the Queensland EFA committee. Peter is a great worker and I am sure will make an enormous contribution.

A reminder to all that the Tom Quilty Gold Cup endurance ride shall be held in Victoria this year at Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre, Victoria on 14th - 21st September.

This year a team of Arabians competed at Sydney Royal in Team Penning! The team was organized by Amanda Riordan and we were delighted to hear that they placed sixth from thirty three teams competing. Congratulations to the team from us all.

The AHSA would be very appreciative of any memorabilia members may wish to give to the AHSA Board room and archives. The Board room is currently undergoing some rearrangement and if anyone had anything they wished to contribute and place on display, we would be most grateful.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome our new Tasmanian Director, Selina Ahel. Selina brings a wealth of knowledge to the table and we look forward to working with her in the future.

Until next time. . .
Kate Luckock
Chairman



Registry

Rush Fees

There are an increasing number of registration applications being received with requests for priority processing to enable the horse being shown at forthcoming shows etc.

In fairness to all members it has been decided to introduce a surcharge for any registrations that require such priority.

While we aim for a 2 week turn around in peak periods this cannot be achieved, in the majority of cases registrations are processed within 2-3 days of receipt. Please realise that paying with a credit card will delay your application by a day or two. If the horse requires DNA or hair storage time must be allocated by the applicant for these, the turnaround time at the laboratory is out of the Society's control and varies according to the time of the year.

In order to guarantee priority of processing your application the following fees will apply:

Processing within 2 weeks of receipt - \$50

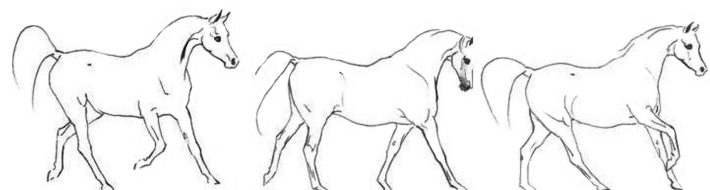
Processing within 1 weeks of receipt - \$100

This will ensure attention to the initial application, any further delays due to incorrect submission are not guaranteed.

Gelding Amnesty

There will be an amnesty for the registration of Geldings until the 30th September 2009.

All geldings will be registered at minimum fees where applications are received between June 1st and September 30th 2009.



Annual Stud Returns

The Annual Stud returns will be available on line this year. This will save manually entering 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.

Watch for the link on our Website in the coming weeks.

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.