



AHSSA NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following Provincial Chairpersons who have recently been elected. The representatives will serve as Council members for the next two years. Kwa-Zulu Natal is the only province that did not elect a council representative. Thank you to all members who attended their respective regional meetings.

The provincial representatives are:

1. Western Cape – Mr Willie Brown
2. Eastern Cape – Mr Jaco Koen
3. Northern Cape – Mr Hennie Boshoff
4. Free State – Ms Gillian Oosthuysen
5. Gauteng – Mr Izak (Sakkie) Venter
6. North West – Mr Daan Broodryk
7. Mpumalanga – Dr Mahmood Jina
8. Limpopo – Mr Anmar Van Dyk

The first Council meeting took place on 20th July 2019 and a number of resolutions were taken by Council to address the current stagnant state of affairs within the Society.

Resolutions taken include:-

1. Moving the National Arab Championships back to Bloemfontein to coincide with the "Bloem Show"
2. Reconciling the number of active breeders of the Society, determined by way of our own internal audit, to ensure correct invoicing.
3. Taking appropriate actions to ensure acceptable levels of financial control within the Society.
4. Looking into an integrated invoicing system between the Society and Stud Book to ensure members receive only one combined invoice

WEBSITE

Members are invited to visit the Website for more information and contact details of the provincial representatives: <http://arabhorse.co.za/p11/the-society/arab-horse-society-of-south-africa-council-members.html>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Arab Horse Society was held on 24th August 2019 in Bloemfontein at the offices of SA Stud Book.

The meeting was well attended by members and I would like to thank all members who made the effort to attend this meeting and furthermore, for the positive and constructive manner in which the meeting was conducted.

Full minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all members in due course.

Mr Jaco Koen was elected as the new President of the Arab Horse Society and Ms Gillian Oosthuysen as the Vice-President.

It was unanimously agreed by all members at the AGM to move the **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** back to Bloemfontein. The provisional date for the show will be **29 and 30th April 2020**. It is possible that extra time may be negotiated with Bloem Show depending on availability and our show program.

With regards to **JUDGES** for the National Championship, members can submit their nominations for judges to Daleen at the Arab Society. Please note that all American nominated judges must have "Big R" qualifications and all ECAHO judges have "A List" judge qualifications.

***Nominations should be sent to the office by no later than 30th September 2019, following which we will determine who is available, before deciding on the final judges.**

Office email: admin@arabhorse.co.za

Mr Bulbulia addressed the AGM and presented information on **ARABIAN FLAT RACING** in South Africa. This certainly seems like a very positive avenue to broaden the Society's membership base and also create new markets for our Arabian Horses. Interested members can contact Mr Sammy Bulbulia on 082 787 2922 or e-mail on asamed83@gmail.com

It was agreed at the meeting that the format for the **CERTIFICATES** of all part-bred/anglo-arabs will be the same as that of the purebred horses, with the exception that word "Recording Certificate" will remain on the certificate.

From 1 January 2020, the **INVOICES** from SA Stud Book and the Society will be combined into one invoice. This will no doubt make it easier for members to pay invoices and to determine what members are paying for when services are rendered.

With regards to the **CEM** status of stallions, member are reminded that stallions have to be tested every 5 years. The Society is currently investigating the possibility of a reminder being sent to stallion owners when the CEM status is due to lapse.

***Members are reminded that all AI Donor Stallions have to be tested annually.**

A request was made to all members who are in possession of **FLOATING TROPHIES**, some of which may have been awarded years ago, to please return these to the Office. We can also arrange for these to be collected from you. We would like to continue the legacy of the donors of these trophies by awarding these to new winners at our National Championships next year.

Members are requested to submit their nominations for the annual **WAHO TROPHY** to the office. The award is given to any purebred Arabian horse that has made a meaningful contribution to the Arabian Breed the past year, by way of show achievement, endurance horse or any other discipline that the Arabian Horse may have competed in.

None of the **MOTIONS** put forward at the AGM passed.

The first motion (by Council) was withdrawn and motions 2 to 4 did not pass by way of vote.

SHOWS

1. The inaugural **Two Nations Cup Show** was held on 2-4 May 2019 and saw several studs from Namibia competing against South African studs in Upington. The result was a showdown of high quality horses.

Typical Northern Cape hospitality and good sportsmanship between competitors was the trademark of this show. We hope this was the start of much bigger things to come and certainly was a very good incentive between South Africa and our Namibian counterparts. We ask members to support this spectacle next year.

2. **Gauteng Championships** (Stokkiesdraai)

Unfortunately, this show was cancelled due to lack of entries. This was most unfortunate and once again emphasize the difficulties that we as a Society are facing.

3. **Cape Arabian Championship** (Stellenbosch)

This will be held from 11th – 13th October. All members are encouraged to participate at this event, alternatively to support the event.

4. **North West Summer Festival** (Stokkiesdraai)

This will be held from 5th – 7th December. All members are encourage to please participate and support the event.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

Members are reminded that annual membership fees have **to be paid by end of August 2019**. Please note that failure to pay this will result in membership being suspended by the Society. If you have not received your invoice from the Society, please contact the Office to determine if they have the correct address or email address on their system. (admin@arabhorse.co.za)

Please note that a penalty fee will be applicable to members who pay after the end of August and in order to active their membership again.

Thank you to all members who have paid their annual fees, your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

***“Everything that is wrong with America can be fixed
with everything that is right with America..... “***

To all our members, the above quote by Clinton seems appropriate to our Arab Horse Society today and I would therefore like to do the following adaptation:

Everything that is wrong with the Arab Horse Society can be repaired by everything that is right with the Arab Horse Society.

And what is right about our Society. Above all else, is our love for the Arabian Horse. It is this common love that binds us as fellow breeders and unites us as a Society. It is my sincere hope that we never forget this and that this be the attitude with which we conduct ourselves in our dealings amongst members, and further in our dealings with the Arab Horse Society.

We as a Society have come to a crossroad. The current economic climate, persistent droughts in large parts of the country and the current state of affairs within our Society the past year has not been conducive to a positive and prosperous Society. The alarming drop in membership numbers are a stance confirmation of this reality.

I would like to appeal to all members, in the interest of our wonderful breed, to unite as breeders and to stop the bickering and nit-picking that has plagued our Society over the past few years.

We as new Council will work tirelessly to create a positive atmosphere within our Society where the true camaraderie, friendship and cohesion between breeders will form the basis from which to promote and further to interest of the Arabian breed.

I invite all members, to be the change that we all hope and wish for within our Society.

***Mr Jaco Koen
President***