

DIRECTOR REPORTS - 2020/2021

CAROL RICKETTS - Portfolio: President

The AQHA has returned a profit of \$73,490 for the 2019 2020 financial year. This profit does include job keeper supplement of \$54,000.

Covid 19 affected the showing season and it was cut short by 3 months Registrations and memberships are down slightly But we feel that this will rebuild over the next 24 months.

Carol Ricketts - Presidents Report

TRISH WETTENHALL - Portfolio: Honorary Treasurer, Amateur

Dear members,

For all members, I'm sure the first half of the year was Normal. Unfortunately when Corona Virus hit, we all felt the punch. Financially the association is in a strong position, due to diligent work buy the Manager Gemma Clarke, President Carol Ricketts and the Board. We have moved through this time with caution, to ensure stability. The Financial report shows a good result in very insecure times.

Trish Wettenhall - AQHA Treasurer

KIM JOHNSON - Portfolio: Vice President, Studbook, International AmQHA Oceania

International Report

Due to the Covid virus, the cancellation of the AmQHA 2020 convention was hard for all international countries. All submissions have been dealt with via Zoom meeting and all task forces have connected the same way.

AmQHA has keep all countries informed of changes and I have been present at all meetings. All outcomes have gone to the relevant portfolio holders and any changes are on the Website for the members to read. I would like to thank all the Board of Directors for their support/input into this portfolio and thank all our members.

I look forward to 2021, stay safe Thank you

Kim Johnson - International Director

Stud Book Report

The Stud Book committee has an ongoing commitment to maintaining the integrity of our Breed. We have held many Zoom meetings over past 12 months looking to the future to implement easier & cost efficient ways to maintain our commitment to the Australian Quarter Horse.

We have been working on end of year Breeders awards and incentives to develop recognition for our breeders. We are hoping to have these in place by 2021. Our restraints have been costs of new program to calculate these points for breeders. We ask every breeder if you have any input please email me.

The AQHA are looking to develop more online services which will make it easier for both stallion owners and breeders to do their paperwork. I would like to thank the AQHA Stud Book committee for all their hard work.

Kim Johnson - Stud Book Director

KYLE MOBBERLEY - Portfolio: Professional Horsemen, National Show

Unfortunately our Professional Horsemen activities have been limited due to the impacts of Covid- 19. The negative flow on effects to showing and training is a challenge that we are working with and hope for a more positive environment in the not too distant future.

The decision to cancel our AQHA National Show, Q20 was one we hoped to avoid. Though again, our responsibility to our members and your safety will always come first. With the support of one another, we will get through this and with great enthusiasm I look forward to Q21 and furthering the success of our Professional Horseman network.

Kyle Mobberley

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RICKY GLEN - Portfolio: Cattle & Timed Events, Hall of Fame

Cattle and Timed Event.

Dear AQHA members, it's again with pleasure that I present to you my report and it's with dismay that, as you all know, so many events were cancelled in this trying time.

Like many of you, I wish 2020 would just end and let's start afresh but it's with great confidence to see members who participate in this portfolio show resistance to throwing the towel in and ready to get back into the show pen or arena to show their AQHA registered horses again. As you know, some states are back showing and with the border restrictions in place, it places a great burden on our members to do so.

The AQHA has sanctioned incentive payouts for my portfolio were as members owning or showing registered Quarter Horses can claim incentives if their horses get up and win or are the highest placing Quarter Horse in some of the leading event during the year.

The budget for the past year was \$35,000.00 for incentive payouts for this portfolio but sadly due to many events being cancelled, this was not paid out in full. In the previous several years, this plus more each year has been awarded to members who show Cattle and Timed Event horses and own or have bred them.

This portfolio recognises the significance of this side of our industry and the AQHA will continue to support the members and breeders who compete in these areas. I am a great believer in this portfolio and I hope to see the next few years get bigger and better for our members, I recognise the struggle that this pandemic has brought to our members but rest assured that the AQHA will continue to support you in these events and I wish you a better 2021 to come. I wish to thank my sub committee, Kim Johnson, Phil Webb and Rob Leach for their input into these areas and to Gemma Clarke and also to the board of the AQHA who supports this portfolio.

With Thanks,
Ricky Glen (Cattle and Timed Events Chairperson)

Hall Of Fame.

Dear AQHA members, again it with much pride to submit my report for the Hall of Fame portfolio for the AQHA.

Due to there not being an annual dinner in 2020, there will be no presentation of Hall of Fame recipient's but this will be held over to the 2021 AQHA dinner. Likewise, the nominations for inductees received for consideration for 2020 will be held over till the closing date of January, 2021 and the new recipients, along with those who have been held over from the previous year, will be honoured at the dinner listed above.

To be an AQHA Hall of Fame recipient, is one of the greatest honours the AQHA can bestow on a person or a horse and it shows the industries appreciation for the services or contributions these people or horses have made to make the AQHA into one of the leading breed associations that it is today.

Owners of horses can also be awarded the Medal of Esteem or Excellence which similar to the HOF, recognises them for their contribution to the breed. As always, I urge people who have had an association with an early member or horse not to discard anything that maybe considered history to the AQHA and to donate these items or allow the AQHA to be a care taker to ensure our history is preserved. We have many items on display in our office which has been donated to the AQHA which present members can see to appreciate our past and also many items in our archives which will one day be part of future Hall of Fame displays at the AQHA offices.

I would like to thank my sub committee, Kim Johnson, Karen Thrun and Sue Williams for their input into this portfolio and also to Marg Hausfeld who many of you would know from the office who collates the information we need to research HOF nominees. I also would like to thank the board of the AQHA for their support in this portfolio.

With Thanks,
Ricky Glen (Hall of Fame Chairperson)

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JOANNE GREGORY - Portfolio: Judging

We have seen major changes come into effect this year with the judging portfolio. We have introduced on-line judging refreshers for our existing judges rather than them having to attend seminars that are often far away from their home towns and can be quite expensive to attend.

We have also introduced the on-line judges testing for applicant judges where they can complete their theory and video exams on line in their own homes then they are required to co judge three shows with an existing judge to complete their testing. I feel that this is a huge step forward for the association and moves us into the world of technology and convenience and hope we get more people wishing to sit for their AQHA judging accreditation. I would like to thank the office staff, Carol Ricketts and my judging subcommittee, Lee Ann Hall and Shane Massingham for their assistance in getting this project off the ground.

Please feel free to talk to me if you require more information on this new initiative.

Joanne Gregory

LORELEI PAYNE - Portfolio: Non Traditional

The year that was.

Due to the Australian Hardship of Drought and then COVID hit with a punch..! It's has been a very hard year for everyone trying to just get out to show their horses.

The Non Traditional Sub Committee and I have been working hard to produce a new Non Traditional video combining footage from Q19 and extra vision at Q21 to show the different between Hacks and Show Hunters. Covering the difference in attire, presentation of the horses, workouts and much more. The video will be a great asset to have for all the finer details of these non traditional classes.

Let's hope the 2021 is great.

Lorelei Payne

NICOLE DAVISON - Portfolio: Youth

I'm sure you will all agree that this has been a year like no other that we have experienced. But I am proud to say that our members, including our youth have been able to adapt to many challenges and changes that have been faced over the last 12 months.

Unfortunately our Youth team selected to represent Australia at the Youth World Cup were unable to compete due to the COVID breakout, which was extremely disappointing for them all, but our focus is on the future now and plans are underway for our Trans-tasman event next year. I would like to congratulate all of our High Point competitors for this year, and acknowledge the time, effort and sacrifice that comes along with it. With events in some states beginning again, it has been great to see the number of youth attending and we appreciate the support of their families during these tough times.

I would also like to make special mention that it is lovely to see so many of our more seasoned youth welcoming new members and representing our Association and being great role-models for the younger members coming through the ranks. Thank you to all of our youth for your dedication to your sport and this wonderful breed, and we look forward to seeing you all in a much brighter season in 2021.

Nicole Davison

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SHANE MASSINGHAM - Portfolio: Affiliates

As the past year has been a very trying time for all of us, we hopefully will look back on Covid -19 as something that has made us all appreciate our hobby and our friends!

During my first 12 months on the board, I have been busy piecing together the Affiliates Practices and Procedures Document to help all Affiliates understand their responsibilities and the procedures required to have shows run smoothly. We have also begun creating an Affiliates Incentive program to reward Affiliates who are busy in their promotion of our Australian Quarter Horse activities. We hope to have this completed ready for January when we all hope to be out and about more.

Once again, our Victorian Affiliates got together in February and worked out their busy show year dates and unopposed dates. Unfortunately, it was to be in vain this year with the shows grinding to a halt mid-March for all of the country. During the last 12 months we have had 1 new Affiliate join our ranks and congratulations and welcome go to the committee of the Hastings Performance and Quarter Horse Club Inc.

With many affiliate events cancelled we saw State Shows in Victoria, NSW, WA, Tas & NT go ahead with SA & Qld being postponed from original dates and rescheduled in the new extended season beyond August 1st. SA chose early in August to cancel with the Qld State Show still yet to run September 22-25.

I had hoped to get to contact more affiliates online during this year, but with Covid affecting us all in different ways I will certainly endeavour to do so if I retain this portfolio. We wish all affiliates the very best and we will all come out of this in the end if we stay strong.

Shane Massingham

PAUL LORIMER - Portfolio: Show & Performance

As we all know the 2019/2020 show season has been a struggle in many ways Covid-19 has been the biggest impact as many shows have not been able to run. We are beginning to see AQHA shows and Barrel Races again as committees come to grips with COVID Safe Plans.

The drought has been another major hurdle for events such as campdrafting, cutting and Team Penning because cattle were very hard to source. The drought is still causing us all difficulties as all forms of Hay are probably the dearest they have ever been in most areas. I hope everyone of our members can stay positive as there is a light at the end of this tunnel and it will soon shine bright on all forms of AQHA competition.

As of 1s August a new rule book was released and which will be current for the next two years. The only major change in show and performance section was the introduction of compulsory wearing of Approved safety helmets in English classes at AQHA approved shows.

The Rule Book was produced as a book and also as an App for both Iphones and Android phones. Please submit any thoughts you have on the App compared to the printed style. The Rule Book should be a fluid document so that it can respond to the member's needs.

I would like thank the members who sent in suggestions for rule changes and I hope members will continue to send into the AQHA their thoughts and any changes they would like the Show & Performance Subcommittee and Board consider for the next rule book.

Paul Lorimer

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