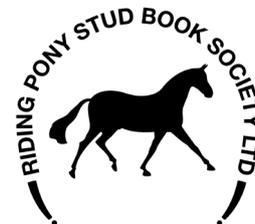


RPSBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27th June, 2020

Zoom Webinar



MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael Smith, Jessica Campbell, Robert Cockram, Maryanne Bullpitt, Helen Dohan, Kerry Dunstan, Teresa Edwards, Alyson Emery, Elizabeth Francis, Eleanor Gerry, Greg Gerry, Amanda Gilberd, Andrew Hunt, Sandra James, Diane Jose, Rosie Metherall, Maryjane Mitton, Kristi Moy, Kathryn Thomas, Peter Thomas, Leonie Walsh.

The Chairman, Michael Smith, welcomed all members present and declared the meeting open at 1.00 pm. Mike Smith advised that the meeting was called in accordance with the Constitution of The RPSBS Ltd and the Corporations Act as the 2020 Annual General meeting of The RPSBS Ltd. Mike Smith introduced himself as current Chairperson of The RPSBS Ltd Board of Directors. Mike referred to Clause 41 of The Constitution and of The Corporations Act as chairperson of the meeting, Mike is responsible for the general conduct of the meeting. As for Clause 57 of The Constitution, the quorum for a meeting is ten members and at this present time we have 16 members present. Mike asked for all attendees to ensure their phones are off or on silent and that zoom be on mute until directed by the Chair to speak. Mike advised that the meeting is being recorded for record keeping purposes only and that should any attendee not wish to continue to participate you are free to leave the meeting. The facilitation of a meeting of RPSBS members using electronic means is allowed under Clause 55 of The Constitution. Mike advised that the meeting will conclude promptly at 2.00pm. Cognisant of the fact that members must have sufficient time at the end of a meeting to raise questions or issue, the various reports will not be read in full as the reports have been published on the RPSBS website. A PowerPoint Presentation will highlight the essential data and information in the reports. Questions pertaining to the reports will be taken before the reports are accepted. Only matters as noted on the Agenda will be discussed during the meeting, other questions may be asked in question time at the end and may be taken on notice with a formal response provided after the board meeting. Members can speak by using the Raise Your Hand Tool or by posting the Questions on the chat section. Members were asked to submit questions prior to the Meeting so that the Board could make a fully informed response and address any concerns. Only one member took advantage of that offer and the Board responses to that members questions and suggestions are on the website.

APOLOGIES: Sue de Crespigny (Vic), Sandra Donovan (Vic), Marlene Hart (Vic), Tania Hay (Tas), Tara Kirk (Vic), Paul Morath (Vic), Susanne Wiklund (Vic).

MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM MEETING

The minutes have been presented and published on the website. Mike asked that if there were no questions, that a member present at the meeting please move that the minutes presented be approved.

Sandra James moved that they be approved, however, as Sandra was not at the meeting that was not possible.

MOTION: That the minutes of the AGM held 8th June 2019 be approved as an accurate record.

Moved: Robert Cockram **Seconded:** Helen Dohan **All in favour, no objections, motion carried.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Michael Smith started the PowerPoint Presentation and presented the Chair Report which was published for all Members to review. Essential Data and Information from the Report was displayed in a PowerPoint Presentation during the meeting.

There was some connection issues which led to Mikes audio being inaudible for approximately four to five minutes, therefore, although Mike was only presenting what was on the PowerPoint and being displayed, Mike stopped screen sharing and the role was passed to The Secretary. The presentation then continued whilst the Presentation was setup and shared by The Secretary.

Chairman's Report presented in full:

It is my honour to present the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Board of Directors' Chair Report for 2019 – 20.

In Memoriam: Riding Pony members that passed away in 2019 - 2020: Foundation member and breeder Sarah Redpath (Chippenham Stud, Vic), Geoff Beard (Member, Vic), Robert & Patrick Salway (Wilgo Stud, NSW); Carole Smith (Tanglewood Stud, Vic), Sandra Smith (Birdwood Stud, NSW) and Laura Thomas (Member, Vic).

The RPSBS Board changes for 2019 - 2020. Alyson Emery, Director elected by SA replaced by Dr. Andrew Hunt; Eileen Morris (WA) replaced by Kathryn Thomas; Ashley Cooper (NSW) resigned in April 2020 with Sandra James then elected as Director. Helen Dohan was replaced by Teresa Edwards as the Board Minute Secretary and Debra Watson replaced Christine Gibbons as Company Secretary.

State Committees: A very special thank you must go to all State Riding Pony Committee members. I cannot overestimate the importance of maintaining a state committee in each state. In many cases it's the determination of just a couple of members' that keeps their state committee operating. As the number of breeders and enthusiasts decline, it has become increasingly challenging for our committees in the smaller states and developing partnerships with other breed societies has become essential.

The Board continues to support the state committees by preparing and submitting the state Business Activity Statements at no cost to the states. The Company Treasurer assists the states with the annual audits and has significantly reduced the cost of those audits to \$100 or \$150 depending on the size of the state. States are no longer required to design, support and pay for their web sites. Smaller states receive higher rates of member rebates. States have had funds made available for shows, and youth clinics. In the cases of the South Australian and Western Australia RPSBS Ltd State Committees having been in administration for a short period of time, all costs associated with the administration and establishment of the new state committees have been borne by the National Board.

State Committees can effectively communicate with their members through their Facebook page, their state web site and the monthly Information Bulletin.

State Committee Changes: With RPSBS Ltd South Australia Committee having fewer than three (3) elected members after their State Annual Meeting in 2019, the SA committee was put into Administration until a special meeting of SA members could be called for the purpose of electing a new committee. On 17th September 2019 a special meeting of SA members was held at which a new committee was formed. At the election of office bearers meeting held after the special meeting, Dr. Andrew Hunt was elected as the SA Chair, Publicity Officer and Director, Tamara Cooper Vice Chair and Greg Crocker Secretary and Treasurer.

In December 2019, the RPSBS Ltd Western Australia Committee was put into Administration upon the resignation of all the WA state committee members. A new WA committee was formed at a special meeting of WA members on 26th February 2020 with Helen Ransome elected Chair and Kathryn Thomas, Vice Chair and Director, Amanda Gilbert Secretary and Peter Thomas Treasurer and Publicity Officer.

With seven (7) nominations for four (4) positions, an election was required to form the 2020 RPSBS Ltd Victoria Committee. With only 12 members not providing an email address, the ballot was conducted online with ballots being posted to those few members not having email access.

State Annual Meetings: Face-to-face State Annual Meetings and Election of Office Bearers' Meetings have not been possible in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. All the information normally provided at the State Annual Meetings is accessible via the state web sites. The 2020 office bearers will be elected as soon as restrictions have lifted sufficiently for states to convene meetings.

Contracts: The contract with the Arabian Horse Society to provide our registry and secretariat services is due for renewal in October 2020. The RPSBS Board thanks Helen Dohan, Teresa Edwards and the office staff for their services to our Society and the Arabian Horse Society Board for their support.

The contract with Show Pony Graphics Pty. Ltd. for the provision of Publicity and Marketing Services to the Society was re-negotiated for a three-year period in September 2019 to include editorial services for The Riding Pony Annual. Despina Mitrakis provides the Editorial and Production Services for our Riding Pony Annual. Her responsibilities include the design and maintenance of the RPSBS national and state Facebook pages and web sites; the Leader Board competition; publishing the monthly Information Bulletins; organising the online competitions in addition to all aspects of the Society's publicity and marketing.

The **2019 Annual General Meeting** was held in East Fremantle, Western Australia, on 16th June 2019 together with a members' forum and Judges' seminar. The audited financial statements for the national body and all states, together with the AGM Chair Report are available on the RPSBS web site. The major points of discussion at the forum were how the Society can benefit from the emergence of German Riding Ponies in Australia and that the problem with communication is that many members are not accessing web sites, Facebook or reading the monthly bulletins. It is also important the members ensure their contact details, especially email addresses, are kept up to date.

Governance: The Board is committed to continued sound governance including scheduled reviews of all RPSBS Policies and Procedures.

The Society's Risk Management Policy had undergone a major review. It and its associated forms are now available on the RPSBS web site for states to access when planning and conducting events.

Behavioural expectations for Directors and State Committee members have been clearly outlined in an Ethics Policy. An Advisory Panel of professionals has been formed to assist the Board with policy decisions and deal with any disciplinary issues that may arise. A disciplinary procedures policy is currently being formulated.

The RPSBS Advisory Panel to the Board comprises:

- Dr. Nigel Nichols – Veterinarian with expertise in corporate and disciplinary matters;
- Dr. Amanda Jefferys – Psychologist and breeder (Willowcroft Stud);
- Linden Hearn - OAM, Educationalist, Breeder, Judge;
- Aaron Schmidt – Solicitor, contractual advice; and
- Tegan Schmidt – Solicitor, commercial advice.

The Society is most grateful to these talented people for volunteering their services.

Highlights of the 2019 - 2020 year include:

- The Victorian Committee conducted a most successful youth clinic. Special thanks must go to the organiser Tara Kirk;
- The new South Australian committee is to be commended for ensuring that the RPSBS sponsored All Breeds Show went ahead despite being in Administration before the event;
- With over \$9,000 in sponsorship the New South Wales committee were able to conduct a spectacular show in November with UK judges and over \$7,000 in prize money, garlands and rugs;
- Decision to recognise the breeders of ponies winning major awards in the open ring;
- The Leader Board competition prize pool by RPSBS Ltd. have been increased by \$1,200 so that the highest point scorer in each state receives a cash prize of \$200. This ensures there is at least one winner from each state. A special thank you to the sponsors of this competition. Total value of prize money and trophies for the competition is over \$6,000

RPSBS Annual: With a number of major shows being cancelled this year more pages have been made available for articles and for members' photographs and information. Special mention must be made of the editor, Despina Mitrakis for the over 50% reduction in costs despite a decrease in advertising and sponsorship.

Members are able to lodge their own photos and information on their animal's successes via the web site. State Publicity Officers provide Despina with photos and results of shows as they happen. Together, these initiatives have saved time that had previously been spent chasing photos and results as the annual deadline approached.

Finances: RPSBS Ltd. as other breed societies has not escaped the financial effects of the drought with both membership and registration income down significantly. This combined with the widespread, devastating bushfires during the summer followed by a significant economic downturn thanks to the COVID-19 virus will have a major impact on the Society's revenue for this financial year.

In the 2019 – 2020 financial year, membership income was down 15.1% with registration income down 11.3%. Overall, our income fell 15.5% short of budget estimates.

With the significant decrease in expenditure that has been achieved over the past three (3) years, finding additional cost savings will be difficult. The Society was able to reduce expenditure in the 19 - 20 financial year in spite of the extra costs incurred in re-establishing the South Australia and Western Australia committees. The 6% decrease in expenditure this past year was primarily due to the significant reduction in the cost of producing the Annual.

As of the April 2020, 15% of the member rebate payments are being diverted to assist with the funding of the \$1200 in prize monies being awarded to the six (6) state Leader Board competition winners. For the foreseeable future, sponsorship monies to states for shows and other events will only be made when states can demonstrate sound fiscal management and financial hardship. In 2019 – 20 every state received \$1,000 in sponsorship from the Society.

In spite of the financial downturn, the Board continues to provide further incentives for members and breeders. The Board is committed to being proactive and innovative whilst carefully managing its expenditure in what is most likely to be the most challenging year for our Society. A budget surplus for 2020 – 2021 is extremely unlikely. The challenge for the Board and State Committees more than ever before will be to provide as many benefits as possible to our members and breeders whilst conserving cash reserves as much as possible.

The Company Treasurer will provide a comprehensive breakdown of our finances in the audit figures.

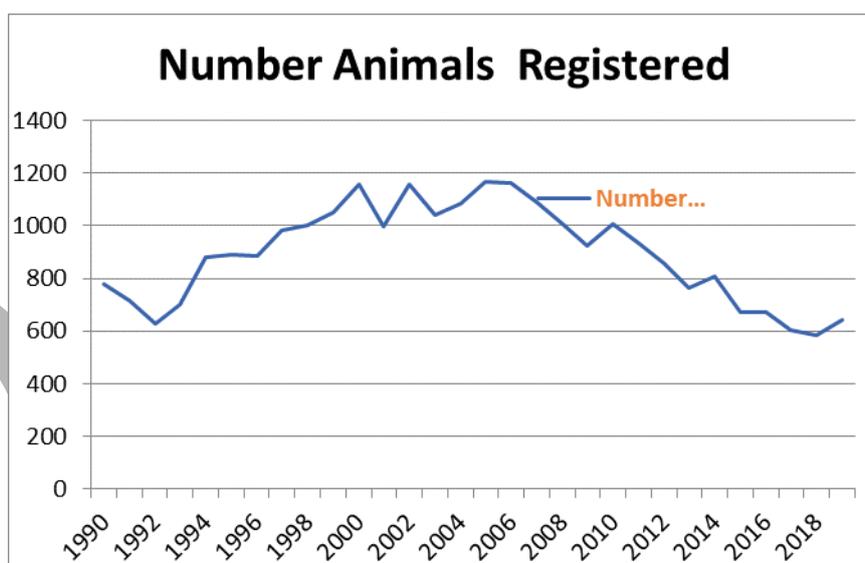
RPSBS Membership Data as a April 1:

STATE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NSW/ACT	494	568	524	478	464
QLD	249	254	250	251	220
SA	125	133	146	126	100

TAS	48	68	58	45	47
VIC	464	492	498	431	364
WA	167	165	142	135	113
OTHER				7	3
TOTALS	1547	1680	1618	1474	1311

RPSBS Registration/Transfer data (April - March):

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Registrations	651	685	579	552	624
Transfers	777	780	651	587	446



The first objective of RPSBS Ltd. as laid down by the constitution is to maintain an accurate and comprehensive register of Riding Ponies in Australia. It is imperative for the integrity of the stud book that the animals bred are registered.

The increase in animal registrations in 2019 – 2020 must be attributed to the constant messaging to owners and breeders to register their animals while there is a moratorium on the extra charges for animals being registered after their year of birth.

One contributing factor in the decline in transfers and memberships is that a significant number of competitors that are purchasing Riding Ponies for open competition purposes see no need for RPSBS memberships or registration papers.

Concerns over the falling registrations have been raised at Annual Meetings for the last ten years. Many events, beyond our control, such as the Equine Influenza epidemic, Hendra Virus, prolonged droughts and rising costs have contributed to the decline in breeding of leisure horses and, in particular, the decline in the show horse industry.

Comparing the number registrations from January to June gives a very clear picture of how the Society is being impacted this year relative to the last few years.

RPSBS Animals registered January 1 to June 1

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Animals Registered	276	275	262	233	117

In 2020, 24% fewer animals were registered between 1st January and 1st June than in 2019 and a massive 59 % fewer than in 2018.

These statistics do highlight that our Society is now operating in challenging and highly competitive conditions. Your Board of Directors is acutely aware of the difficulties being faced by our members and State Committees. Maintaining relevance in this modern, rapidly changing technological society is a task faced by all Company Directors no matter what the company business. We are looking for new ideas and ways to keep our members and entice those, who have left, to return.

For years committees have attempted to run foal and young stock shows with little success. With far fewer foals being bred there are few opportunities for breeders to showcase their foals. A National Online Foal Competition being judged by international judges is but one example of how our Society is adapting how services are delivered to our members. As I have previously mentioned, there is a feedback sheet for members to share their ideas, thoughts, problems etc available on the RPSBS web site. We encourage our members to give us feedback and share their ideas.

Risk factors: Obviously, the pandemic has taken a significant toll on the economy and the Riding Pony Stud Book Society has not be immune from the effects of the economic downturn as I outlined in the registration figures. There is also a real risk of the show horse industry continuing to decline at the expenses of the performance horse industry, particularly when there is controversy surrounding the sport's administration. The only certainty is that there are real challenges ahead and that being able to quickly adapt to the changing environment will be imperative.

Technology: 2020, the year of the bushfires and COVID-19 has certainly changed our Society. There is no doubt the Riding Pony Stud Book Society will be smaller but this pandemic has forced the world to find innovative solutions through technology.

Some examples of how the Riding Pony Stud Book Society has adapted to this new world:

- The office staff have adapted to work from home during the lockdown;
- Board Meetings and this AGM have been made possible by video conferencing technology;
- A National Online Foal Competition has become possible through technology;
- The online colouring competition was well supported by our children; and
- The Victorian State Committee election was most cost effective and efficient using online voting.

I conclude my report by thanking my fellow directors, the office staff, our state committee members and all RPSBS Ltd. members for your efforts and dedication to our beautiful Riding Ponies and, on behalf of the competitors, a special thanks to the Australian Riding Pony breeders for providing us with world class ponies.

Thank you
Mike Smith
National Chair

There were no questions from attendees of the meeting.

It was moved that: The Chairmans Report be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Andrew Hunt

Seconded: Robert Cockram

Report is accepted

2. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, Debra Watson, advised that her Treasurers Report had been published on the website. Explained that with the current situation here and worldwide, The RPSBS Ltd does have a downturn but that we are fortunate to present a \$400 profit this year overall. In addition it should be noted that Profit is actually greater because we have do pre-payments for Meetings and the AGM which had to be postponed due to Covid. These funds are being held in credit by The Motel for future bookings and AGM when travel restrictions are lifted. Debra pointed out that all States other than Victoria actually made a loss this year and the National Office was also in profit, this gives an overall small profit. The current available funds as reported in the Audited Financial Accounts are \$429 735 as at 31st March 2020. Debra reminded everyone that the full Audited Financial Reports were available on the website.

Treasurer's Report presented in full:

The contract with the Arabian Horse Society office is continuing to provide all members and states where applicable with the professional and timely attention to registry and member enquiries. This contract is due for renegotiation later this year and the board will ensure that the exemplary service and record keeping will continue in a fiscally efficient way. The Board has negotiated the services of online meetings via Zoom as a necessity during the COVID-19 lockdown and will investigate the opportunity to continue this at least a couple of times a year to reduce travel and board meeting costs. This will by no means replace face to face board meetings but may perhaps reduce the reliance on every meeting being face to face.

The AHSA Registrar, Helen Dohan, the Company Secretary Teresa Edwards and the staff of the Society continue to provide the members and the board with exceptional service and handle all registry and member issues in a respectful and timely manner and in a very professional way. The Board thanks them and the staff for their contributions throughout the year.

Unfortunately, this year saw some issues necessitate the administration by the federal board of both South Australia from August, 2019 and Western Australia from December, 2019. Special Meetings were held in each state and new committees were formed. The funds were transferred to the federal bank account while under administration, however, South Australia now has their funds transferred back to their account and federal is awaiting new account details from the Western Australian committee, which has been delayed with COVID-19 restrictions.

This year all income streams were below budget, and also below the previous year's figures, however due to the issues the East Coast and now whole of the Australia and the world is experiencing, this is disappointing but not surprising. Across all state and federal branches there has been a downturn in income and each state branch except Qld and South Australia has seen an increase in expenditure. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown etc it would not be prudent to expect this to be any different in the next financial year. It is therefore even more essential to ensure that each activity is making some profit or, at the very least, cost neutral. It is envisaged that this situation will continue for some time and all predictions suggest that it will reach far into the future and have long term consequences.

How can members help? By continuing to breed and register the foals, maintain society memberships and support the branches and their shows in every way possible. Sponsorship, donations or just making time available to volunteer by contacting committee members in each state, contact details are noted on the society website.

Overall, we have a small profit this year of \$4,322 across all states and federal which is welcome and while the board repeatedly discusses new ways to reduce costs and increase revenue, all board members would welcome any constructive and creative suggestions from members either by email or phone call at any time.

The Society is in a healthy Net Asset position with enough working capital to meet their financial responsibilities.

*Deb Watson
Honorary Treasurer*

The Treasurer thanked the attendees for their time and asked if there were any questions she could help anyone with. There were no questions from the attendees.

It was moved that: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Debra Watson Seconded: Kathryn Thomas All in favour, Report is accepted

The Treasurer, Debra Watson, suggested that the current auditors, Galpins, be reappointed for the coming year. Debra stated they have been doing an excellent job, in particular this year where we have had some challenges.

MOTION: That Galpins be re-appointed as Auditors for 2020-21.

Moved: Debra Watson Seconded: Sandra James All in favour, Motion carried

EDITING

Andrew Hunt advised that the Editing Report is on the website. Andrew stated that The RPSBS Ltd had tried to keep their fees down as much as possible, advised that there were some changes to make matters easier for Stallions to be registered and reducing the fees to DNA costs to basically cover the cost to the organisation as presented on the powerpoint presentation.

Editing Report presented in full:

Committee Members:

Andrew Hunt, Robert Cockram and Tanya Hay

All things were running smoothly at the office with no significant problems apart from members affected by Fire, Flood and now the Corona Virus19 outbreak, which will of course have a knock-on affect with registrations and transfers etc. in the foreseeable future.

We thank the office staff for their pleasantry on the phone and in person to members, and the quick turn around of information that has been requested.

Registration fee's have stayed stable and over the past few years. Some expenses have decreased to accommodate the hardship members are feeling.

For example:

- *DNA is now no longer required for Geldings from AI with chilled semen, saving \$70 for members;*
- *The DNA fee was reduced to \$70*

- No DNA is required if AI is done in house on the stud where the stallion and mare are resident, using fresh semen;
- Registration of Section A colts by 31st July in year of birth was in use in 2003 and late fees were comparatively higher.
- Approved Stallion fee have also been reduced.
- The moratorium for registrations has been extended due to the current situation with covid-19 etc.

We have to ask ourselves as breeding members what we want from this society. Are we true to the breed and what we breed? Do we have faith in what we breed? The cost of registering a pony is so small when compared with the overall cost of producing that pony.

Benefits include:

- Vouchers presented at EA Nationals, Grand Nationals; to the value of \$3,200
- Sponsorship through Federal at EA Nationals, and recognition of registered stock.
- Young stock incentive payments. In 2017 \$1,500 payments were made to each state to distribute over its young stock classes. Members and owners of registered stock only benefited.
- Breeders, Stallion and Mare owners are recognised in the Stud Book.
- Instant look up of pedigree on the studbook.
- Recognition on our web sites State and National.
- Inclusion into the Annual at our own run shows.
- Leaderboard for registered animals with prize monies available etc.
- Showing at RPSBS shows and agricultural shows if RP classes put on.

We wish everyone the best through this tough time and hope you will continue to support the society and provide feedback through the office of any changes you think would benefit the society.

It is our responsibility to ensure that Riding Ponies bred in Australia are registered and recorded. Far too many of our Riding Ponies bred have not been registered in the past. Registering our ponies in the year of birth will help remedy this situation.

*Thank you.
Andrew Hunt*

Andrew called for any questions in regard to the Editing Report. No questions were asked.

It was moved that: The Editing Report be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Andrew Hunt

Seconded: Sandra James

All in favour, report is accepted

PUBLICITY

The Publicity report was formally tabled. Mike Smith advised this was not normally done but that Despina Mitrakas did present and publish a Publicity Report and Mike Smith stated that if there were any questions that they should be put to The Board in writing and that they would certainly be answered.

This year has been a challenging one with COVID-19 disrupting many of our competitions. Despite this we have been able to come through with some innovative ideas to keep moral high during this time.

2019 EA Nationals

The RPSBS Ltd once again supported the EA Nationals with sponsorship and awarded medallions to registered riding ponies and current financial owners. It was wonderful to see how many Riding Ponies competed in the various classes and did so well.

2019-20 High Point Competition

Once again, this initiative was well supported by members and we saw new members participate in the competition. This year saw the inclusion of the Junior Rider / Handler awards to recognise our younger riders.

We also introduced the State Awards which is supported by the State Committees. State Committees contributed to the additional prize of \$200 to their highest place member in each state. This initiative did work well in the fact that most of

the winners, were not necessarily winners on the overall board. This gives recognition to those especially in the smaller states with less competitions a chance to be recognised.

The competition this year was supported by Barastoc, Supreme Horseware, Duncan Equine and Hufglocken.

The High Point for 2020 – 2021 has been postponed due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of shows. We hope to start the High Point once competitions resume for 2020-2021. The dates will be announced once the situation becomes clear

COVID-19 Initiatives

Colouring Competition

Due to competitions being abruptly stopped we decided to run a Colouring competition that was graciously supported by Hygain. This competition was very well supported with 30 entries with a lot of positive feedback. We hope to run another competition next year.

Online Foal Competition

Again, due to shows being cancelled we decided to try an online foal competition. This initially began with the idea of videoing foals so our online Judges would be able to see their movement much like a show situation.

This competition has been generously supported by Astral Park, the RPSBS Ltd Victorian Committee and DQ Saddlery.

However, we found that this event was not as well supported as we anticipated, due to the amount of work involved plaiting, prepping and filming the foal, so we have opened it up to allow photo submissions as well. This competition is currently in progress as this report has been written.

Communication

This year saw the continuation of monthly newsletters to convey information to all members. All members should make sure they read this monthly newsletter (that is also published on the website) as it contains a lot of important information from the Office and the Board.

It's important to note as we as a society continue to move into the digital age, that this will be the way forward when it comes to communication. It's imperative you have your current and correct email address listed with the society.

2020 RPSBS Annual

As I write this report, the Annual is nearly complete. We have some fantastic articles submitted by members and lots of photos from shows from the past year.

Thank you to the members and businesses that have supported the Annual and the Society during these tough times of drought and now a pandemic. This year we introduced a foal gallery as an extra incentive for breeders, which was well received.

It's important to note when it comes to photo submissions, that I check every pony against the studbook to check that its details are correct, the owner is the same as the person submitting the photo, and that the member is a current financial member. It's so important for the integrity of the studbook that you keep these details up to date.

The annual will be in members mailboxes in August.

2021 RPSBS Annual

We are already looking forward to next year knowing with the lack of events, we will be short on photos. Planning is already being undertaken for some interesting articles to be featured. We welcome member submissions if you have a special story to share, please contact me at annual@rpsbs.com.au

Social Media

We always welcome, current members to send us in photos to our social media accounts to share. These accounts are for the members, so please share with us your fun photos and successes no matter how small or large they may be.

As of June 1st 2020 we have: 3,651 followers on Facebook 1,246 followers on Instagram

Despina Mitrakas

Publicity Officer

That concludes the major part of The AGM.

2021 AGM

The 2021 AGM is scheduled for Saturday July 3rd 2021, commencing at 4.00pm at the Holiday Inn Sydney Airport.

General Questions

Mike Smith tabled the slide of comparative figures obtained from various Society websites to demonstrate how the downturn is affecting those societies also.

Amanda Gilberd asked "for those of us interstate, can the next AGM be broadcasted via something like zoom?". Mike advised that while we have the AGM in Sydney it gives us plenty of time to look at the technology and in this day and

age surely we should be able to have people come in. So yes, we would definitely try our very best and hopefully we have better internet connections than I have had today.

Mike apologised to everyone attending for his connection issues.

Sandra James – If at the Holiday Inn, Could Teresa check out the audio visual capabilities so that if the committee is there running the AGM, that people can dial in via zoom so that they can actually see the meeting and participate. Mike stated that that was the idea. Sandra said that would need to be done earlier than later.

Mike thanked all those that had attended the meeting and hoped that there was valuable information provided to them. Mike stated that he felt it was not all doom and gloom and that we would all get through it. We all have a role to play, The Board definitely has a role to play, the role of The State Committees is absolutely essential in that they provide the reason for the members to renew their membership with activities. The online foal show was disappointing, the colouring in competition was exciting and well supported. If we are all positively working for The Society together, we will get through this whole economic downturn without a problem. Thanked everyone once again and concluded the Annual General meeting for the Riding Pony Stud Book Society at 1.34pm

Mike Smith

Meeting closed at 1.34pm

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