

SAQHA

South African Quarter Horse Association

SAQHA Annual General Meeting - 2014



The Annual General Meeting of SAQHA will be held at a venue to be advised, based on your vote, from 10h00 on Saturday 15 March 2014 .

Members are invited to submit, to the Secretary in writing, any matter for discussion at the AGM no later than 35 days before the date of the AGM i.e. 7 February 2014.

As all documents to be discussed at the AGM may be supplied to members prior to the meeting, so as to cut down time spent perusing documents thus enabling more time for discussion at the AGM, please supply the Secretary with your correct e mail/ postal details that these documents are with you timeously.

INTERESTING POINTS FOR YOU TO REMEMBER

- Horse of the Year 2014 15 February at KEP, Gauteg
- SAQHA - AGM 15 March 2014
- AQHA Show May 2014 in Natal
- Waiver on late registration

TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE 2014 AGM EACH INDIVIDUAL PRESENT MUST HAVE PAID HIS/HER 2014 DUES AND ANY OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS OWED TO SAQHA IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE AGM. SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE RECEIVED YOUR 2014 ACCOUNT PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

IN TERMS OF THE SAQHA CONSTITUTION

13.3 General Meetings

13.3.1 A general meeting of SAQHA to be known as the Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.

13.3.2 At such Annual General Meeting, the Board shall submit its annual report, together with a duly audited balance sheet and statement of the financial affairs of SAQHA as at the end of the previous financial year.

13.3.4 Not less than 60 days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting a preliminary notice of the time, date and place of the meeting shall be posted by the Secretary to every member. Any member intending to put forward any matter for discussion at the Annual General Meeting shall give written notice thereof to reach the Secretary not less than 35 days prior to the holding of the meeting. No subject put forward by any member shall be put on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting unless the requisite notice of motion has been given in terms of this subclause.

13.3.5 Not less than 30 days prior to the holding of any general meeting a final notice of the time, date and place of such meeting together with the agenda of such meeting shall be posted to each member of SAQHA.

13.3.6 No resolution shall be taken at a general meeting in respect of any matter unless notice thereof

appears in the agenda sent to the members with the notice calling the meeting, unless such meeting agrees by two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote that any matter not specifically on the agenda, shall be discussed and voted upon.

13.3.7 Any general meeting may be adjourned by a two-thirds majority of the members present thereat and entitled to vote.

13.4 Chairperson The President or Vice-President, in this order, shall preside at all meetings and should all these office-bearers be absent from any meeting, the members present thereat shall elect another member to preside at such meeting, and any person so elected shall in relation to that meeting, have all the powers and fulfil all the duties of the President: Provided that in the event of the death of the President, the Vice-President shall act as President until the next Annual General Meeting of SAQHA.

13.5 Voting Procedures All matters submitted to any meeting shall, save as is otherwise provided, be decided by the votes of the majority of those members present and entitled to vote and in the event of an equality of votes, the President presiding at the meeting shall have the casting vote as well as a deliberative vote. Subject to the provisions of Clause 11, voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands, unless voting by ballot is demanded by two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote in which event voting shall be by secret ballot.

13.6 Non-receipt of Notices No business otherwise properly and constitutionally transacted at any meeting shall be invalidated by reason only of the non-receipt by any member of the notice required to be given to such person in terms of the Constitution.

13.7 Quorums 13.7.1 Six members of SAQHA personally present at the commencement of any general meeting and entitled to vote shall form a quorum for such meeting and four Board members personally present at any Board meeting and entitled to vote shall form a quorum for such Board meeting.

13.7.3 If at any meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time (not being less than 21 days and not more than 30 days thereafter) and place determined by the members actually present, and at such adjourned meeting the members present shall form a quorum: Provided that any meeting at which the President or Vice-President is present shall, if there is no quorum, stand adjourned for half an hour. The members then present shall form a quorum for the disposal of such business (other than any amendment to the Constitution) as the presiding member may declare to be of an urgent nature, and such adjournment for half and hour shall be without prejudice to the rights of the meeting after dealing with such urgent business to adjourn to a time, date and place as herein provided.

The constitution is available on the website. www.saqha.co.za

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AQHA and SAQHA: How SAQHA Remains an AQHA International Affiliate, How SAQHA Receives Funding from AQHA, and How SAQHA used AQHA Funds from 2011 through 2013



“These two obligations must be met by SAQHA, regardless of the amount of funding allocated to SAQHA by AQHA, in order for SAQHA to remain an International Affiliate in Good Standing.”



SAQHA is an International Affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). To maintain its status as an International Affiliate, SAQHA has to do the following:

1. Hold one AQHA approved show every year with the Judge hired by the AQHA International Department.
2. Submit an Annual Report to AQHA, including the President's Report and the International Director's Report, by 31 August of each year.
3. Submit a "business plan" to AQHA by 31 August of each year.
4. Sign and submit the AQHA Affiliate Agreement and provide the names and contact details for the SAQHA President, Vice President, Board Members, and International Director by 31 August of each year.
5. Send the International Director to the AQHA Convention every two years.

When SAQHA meets these obligations, AQHA affirms the fact that SAQHA is in good standing and SAQHA is then eligible to receive funding from AQHA on a fiscal year basis. The AQHA fiscal year runs from 1 September through 31 August each year [the fiscal year was adjusted in 2012].

Because SAQHA has less than 1000 registered Quarter Horses, it is only eligible for the minimum amount of money allocated for International Affiliates. The amount AQHA sets aside for International Affiliates varies from year to year but is always based upon a formulae that takes the number of Quarter Horses registered with each

Affiliate into consideration.

SAQHA has traditionally used the annual allocation from AQHA to pay for the Judge for the mandatory, annual AQHA show and to send the International Director to the AQHA Convention every two years.

SAQHA has met the obligation to hold AQHA approved shows in 2011, 2012, and 2013 thanks to the allocations provided by AQHA.

SAQHA was scheduled to send the International Director to the 2012 AQHA Convention. Due to circumstances beyond SAQHA's control, there was no International Director available to attend the 2012 Convention.

AQHA had officially requested Past President Basil Butler to attend the 2012 AQHA Convention so that he could address the Registration Committee to explain a Rule Change submitted by SAQHA. Basil could not obtain a Visa in time to attend the AQHA Convention so he delegated the task to Past Vice President Deborah Ann Buchan, who, as an American Citizen, was able to attend at the last minute. That official trip was paid from the 2011/2012 SAQHA funding provided by AQHA in 2011.

Because no International Director attended the AQHA Convention in either 2011 or 2012, SAQHA was obligated to send an International Director to the 2013 AQHA Convention in order to remain an International Affiliate in Good Standing. Deborah Ann was the appointed International Director and did attend that Convention,

thus keeping SAQHA in good standing with AQHA. That official trip was paid from the 2012/2013 SAQHA funding provided by AQHA on 1 September 2012.

At the March 2013 AQHA Convention, David Avery, head of the AQHA International Office, told the International Directors that funding for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year, (1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014) for International Affiliates in Good Standing, could be significantly less than in previous years. David said that AQHA's income was down because less Quarter Horses were being registered and expenses had increased because AQHA was spending large sums of money in a major legal battle to prevent registration of cloned foals.

According to the SAQHA Show Committee Chair, SAQHA has already used the 2013/2014 AQHA allocation awarded on 1 September 2013 to pay for the Judge for the AQHA Spring Fling and Versatility Ranch Horse shows in November 2013. SAQHA therefore met its obligation to hold an AQHA approved show in 2013.

As explained above, SAQHA is required to hold an AQHA approved show in 2014 currently scheduled for May as part of its International Affiliate Agreement. SAQHA will also be required to send the International Director to the March 2015 AQHA Convention as part of its obligation as an AQHA International Affiliate to meet its obligations as an AQHA International Affiliate in Good Standing.

Showing Horses in South Africa—SAEF Rulings

There is a great deal of misunderstanding among all Disciplines and Breed Organizations regarding the new “rules” governing showing horses in South Africa. It seems that everyone is confused, regardless of Breed or Discipline. In addition certain individuals are alleged to be telling breeders and potential buyers of Quarter Horses that the only market for the Quarter Horse is in Reining so to be able to market or resell a Quarter Horse the breeder or owner must be a member of Western Dressage, Performance, and Reining SA. The SAQHA Board cannot substantiate the allegations but feels that SAQHA Breeder, General, and Youth Members are entitled to the facts.

Traditionally there have been two types of horse shows in South Africa, now there are three:

1. Traditional Breed shows held by Breed Societies/Associations that require horses to be registered with the Breed organization and for Owners (and sometimes riders/handlers) to be members of the organization. Breed shows hold classes that encompass every discipline for which the Breed is known to participate. For registered Quarter Horses those classes could include Halter (in hand), Western and English Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Over Fences, Jumping, Driving, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Cutting, Reining, Working Ranch Horse, etc. Participants in Breed shows earn points and awards from the Breed Society and are not required to belong to a specific Discipline in order to compete.

2. Traditional Discipline Shows held under the auspices of specific Discipline organizations that report directly or indirectly to the South African Equestrian Federation (SAEF) which is the Equestrian arm of the South African Sports Commission and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). Basically, under the new rules, any rider who wishes to compete on any breed of horse or pony must belong to each Discipline Organization in which the rider wishes to compete to earn Discipline Points and Awards. For example, a Quarter Horse owner might want to compete in All Breed Jumping, Showing, or Dressage shows or classes that are sanctioned by each of those disciplines. To compete in these events, the rider would have to register the horse with SAEF, obtain a SAEF Passport, and then join Jumping, Showing, and Dressage as specific Disciplines. Points earned from competing in these events would count toward Discipline awards/standings but would not count toward SAQHA or AQHA awards.

3. Club shows which are a result of SAEF asking each approved show holding body to form a Club. In addition to holding pointed Discipline shows which require SAEF registration of the horse, a Club may hold its own non-graded or training shows. For these shows, no SAEF horse registration is needed, only an up to date passport issued by a Breeder, Studbook, Veterinarian, Breed Society, or SAEF and the owner/rider must be a member of a Club (example: Kyalami Equestrian Club) to compete.

Although not strictly necessary, the South African Studbook is working directly with SAEF to create a Showing Body to coordinate Breed shows held under Breed Society rules. A Committee appointed by Breeders from several Breed Societies has been working with SAEF for almost a year to assure that there is no conflict between Breed Shows where all disciplines might be represented and Discipline Shows/Classes held under SAEF rules. There is a moratorium for all breeds enabling them to hold Breed Specific shows without interference from any SAEF discipline, through the end of April so any SAQHA/AQHA member may compete in Horse of the Year Quarter Horse (and other Breed) competitions without jeopardizing his/her standing in any Discipline organization.

More information will be forthcoming when the Studbook Showing Body is formally established. However, the facts are clear: Breeders and owners of Quarter Horses registered with SAQHA (and AQHA) DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO ANY DISCIPLINE OR REGISTER THEIR HORSES WITH SAEF as long as they only compete in SAQHA or AQHA shows. In addition, no one has to join a specific Discipline in order to breed, train, and sell Quarter Horses. Quarter Horses excel in Jumping, Cutting, Games, Reining, and many other disciplines world wide. The Breed is not just for Western or Cutting or Reining.

If anyone has any questions about information they have received from a source which contradicts this information or is outside SAQHA, please feel free to contact the Secretary at secretary@saqha.co.za She will refer you to the Board Member or Studbook Committee Member who can best answer the questions and who has the most up to date information on the new Studbook Show Holding Body.

New Stud on The Block - Imported Stallion

Mountneys Reining Stud welcomes 'Topsail Gun' (Gunna)

The Ward family have been Western riding enthusiasts for many years, going to their first competition at Nasrec in 1998.

Their competitive spirit sparked an intense interest in performance blood lines, as a natural progression towards the need for a competitive equine partner to complement the demanding discipline of Reining.

For many months they have been looking for a stallion prospect, and have been embarking on a worldwide search.

They were delighted when, 3 months ago, they found exactly what they had been looking for.

They wanted it allthe strong physique of the quarter horse, teamed with a great mind and incredible athletic ability.

They are very excited about the arrival of their stallion 'Gunna', and are thrilled to

add to the growing list of imported performance horses already in South Africa.

This long awaited 5 year old stallion is imported from Europe, and is the son of the legendary 'Colonels Smoking Gun' x 'Mackie Whiz' (Daughter of 'Topsail Whiz') and will be based in KZN, just outside Pietermaritzburg.

With these exceptional sires in his pedigree, the Ward family are confident that 'Gunna' will pass these performance traits onto his offspring, and he is certain to be a great asset to their stud and to the Quarter horse industry in general. He will be available at stud from the 20th December 2013.

Reference:

His Sire 'Colonels Smoking Gun' (fondly known as 'Gunner'), is a NRHA Hall of Fame inductee, and was the NRHA Futurity Reserve Champion in 1996.

He also went on to win the USET Reining Championship

in 2001. His outstanding offspring include 'Gunnatrashya', 'Americasnextgunmodel', 'Gunnars Tinseltown', 'Customized Gunner'.

Gunner has also sired 'Gunnars Special Nite', winner of the individual Gold medal at the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

'Colonels Smoking Gun' soared from NRHA Four to Five Million Dollar Sire status in nine months due to the overwhelming success of his progeny at the 2013 NRBC.

Dams Sire 'Topsail Whiz' is in the NRHA hall of fame. This well known sire has produced many champions and derby winners including 'Walla Walla Whiz' & 'Whiz n Tag Chex'

To find out more about this exceptional stallion contact Jill Ward on : 0825747987, or email : jillward0@gmail.com



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PSSM Testing

There are at least 3 different types of PSSM. PSSM1 is easily tested by pulling tail hairs (40) and sending those hairs into a licensed facility for testing. PSSM2 can only be diagnosed through a biopsy and it apparently does not affect Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, and American Paints.

At least 33 different breeds of horses carry some form of PSSM. These breeds include the Thoroughbred, which is a recognized outcross breed for Quarter Horses, Appaloosas and

Paints. Therefore, making it mandatory for any Thoroughbred to be listed with SAQHA as an outcross be tested and proven negative/negative for PSSM1 would be an excellent step in assuring that Thoroughbreds would not introduce PSSM1 into the gene pool beyond where it might be already.

Animal Genetics, Inc., <http://www.animalgenetics.us/> is the most reliable, quickest way to have equine genetic testing done. It is comparable in price to Ondesterpoort and less expensive than any

other USA laboratory PLUS there is no problem sending hairs to the USA. Animal Genetics, Inc., will provide the results of testing within 7 working days after receiving the hairs which should be sent in a plastic sandwich bag or zip lock bag. The laboratory can test for a variety of genetic conditions, including but not limited to PSSM1, MH, HYPP, HERDA, and GBED, as well as colour testing from the same hair sample.

Results are provided only to the person who submits the sample and are sent by email first, then a hard copy follows.

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STALLIONS - MENACE OR PLEASURE



Owning and breeding a stallion requires commitment, time and discipline. It is a serious business and a lot of thought and preparation should go into one's consideration of such a venture. Entertaining this notion of owning a stallion should be followed up by asking yourself a few questions. Do you have the proper facility to house a stallion? Do you have the experience and skill in handling a breeding animal? Do you have the ability to evaluate a mare's cycle?

The life of a stallion is not glamorous and can be very lonely in isolation. Most colts are better off as geldings, granting them the freedom to socialize in their domesticated world and avoid the trap of stable vices so often manifested in confined stallions.

If you are involved in the pleasure or show arena, a breeding stallion's disposition should reflect that environment. Hot, doesn't necessarily mean unmanageable or difficult. Pleasure should be just that - an enjoyable personality. Therefore, first and foremost should be its temperament. Even if you have a very handsome and correct colt, if it is unpredictable, aggressive or even flighty and worrisome, it will be no picnic for you as its caretaker. Many a time, the responsible breeder will critically evaluate a colt and geld it if all things are not equal. Just remember that it takes a good stallion to make a great gelding!

Stallions do not have to be feared, owners of Quarter Horse stallions regularly boast and display the amazing attributes of gentle and obedient stallions who are acceptable amidst mares and people whilst having the public stare unbelievably that the horse in front of them in fact is a stallion!



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BUILD OR BREAK SAQHA

In the last 3 years various struggles have happened and are now in the past. A new era has started and is teething its way back through forgiveness, obstacles and toward a common goal - the Quarter Horse. SAQHA and other Western Bodies are forging ahead to ensure the continuation of all things western ie Disciplines and Breeds. Nothing has been perfect and nothing has been easy. The Board would like to request that SAQHA members and Breeders move forward to grow SAQHA and promote Quarter Horses in all areas and therefor be available to assist where ever possible.

The current Constitution gives the Board the right to suspend/rescind any membership privileges if, in the opinion of the Board, an individual's actions are detrimental to SAQHA or other members.



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The Final Word!

All the content in this issue is of extreme importance and I trust all of you have read it through and as with everything we read and hear, we are not expected to simply accept. Therefor you are encouraged, invited to contact any SAQHABoard member through the Secretary and ask for advice to gain a full understanding of any rule or regulation or any content placed herein. I, as editor of this publication, accept full responsibility for all articles and all information contained herein and even though I have relied on several sources to assist in the compilation thereof still stand and state that all information contained herein is true and verifiable.

Please do not allow yourself to be swayed by misrepresentation which may or may not be based upon a single persons own interpretation.

For all of you wanting a future with Quarter Horses, as a breeder or competitor on a Quarter Horse in Western / English Disciplines, I ask you to attend the AGM, vote responsibly and make the future you want with your Quarter Horses, a reality.

Erica A Scotton

Some call it headstrong,
some say independent,
but cowboys call it
a way of life.

