

Outgoing Acting Presidents Address - Deborah Ann Buchan

Time is flying toward the AGM on 13 April 2013. The preliminary notice was posted and emailed to members of record on 13 February. Details regarding the Awards Braai that will follow the AGM will be posted along with the final notice of the AGM. The Secretary will also provide a list of accommodations in the area so that you can make reservations to stay over.

Remember there are 5 vacancies on the Board and the job of International Director that must be filled at the AGM. Only members in good standing who are present at the AGM may be elected to office or may vote for candidates.

The SAQHA Breed Classes and the Western Dressage Classes organized by SAQHA at HOY on 16 February went very well. The 30 mm of rain that fell on the night of the 15th made the footing in the Small Sand Arena very heavy so Judge Lynn Muller gave the competitors in Reining and Western Riding the option of competing or not for the safety of the horses. Everyone had a great time and there were a lot of spectators.

I am very pleased to announce that Basil Butler was elected President of SAQHA at the Board meeting on 17 February! Based upon additional information provided by Lynn and Phil Muller at the Board Meeting on 17 February, the Board unanimously voted to reinstate Lynn to full membership in SAQHA. We are delighted to have Lynn back with SAQHA and know her vast experience and dedication to the Quarter Horse breed will help SAQHA in the future.

Sarah-Jane McCrindle Vermeuleun will serve as Show Committee Chair until the AGM. The Board agreed that all shows must pay for themselves as it is unfair to Breeders and General Members to subsidize the cost of shows. The Board has mandated that a budget will be created for each show and that the Show Committee will be required to work within that budget. The Show Committee will be encouraged to find corporate and individual sponsors for each show so that prizes, rosettes, and other amenities can be provided to participants.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I had as Acting President. I look forward to showing and supporting the Quarter Horse breed in the future. Deborah

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“Do you give the horse his strength or clothe his neck with a flowing mane? Do you make him leap like a locust, striking terror with his proud snorting? He paws fiercely, rejoicing in his strength, and charges into the fray. He laughs at fear, afraid of nothing; he does not shy away from the sword. The quiver rattles against his side, along with the flashing spear and lance. In frenzied excitement he eats up the ground; he cannot stand still when the trumpet sounds.”

Job 39:19-25” — Holy Bible

SAQHA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

◇ **LYNN MULLER** HAS BEEN REINSTATED AND WILL AGAIN BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SAQHA. THE BOARD WAS ABLE TO RESOLVE ALL OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY INCORRECT REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING LYNN AND IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME HER BACK TO SAQHA!

◇ **SARIETA VAN WYK** HAD HER SUSPENSION LIFTED AND WAS REINSTATED AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SAQHA ON 5 AUGUST 2012. NEDPOINT INFORMED SAQHA THAT THE AMOUNT OWING TO THEM HAD BEEN SETTLED IN FULL BY SARIETA AND THAT NEDPOINT NO LONGER HELD SAQHA LIABLE. (FULL LETTER REGARDING THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE SUSPENSION IS AVAILABLE ON THE SAQHA WEBSITE.)

MEMBERS ARE VALUABLE TO SAQHA AND AS SUCH WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, WITHOUT OUR MEMBERS THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR SAQHA TO EXIST.

WE URGE ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE GIVE THEIR INPUT AND VIEWS SO WE, THE BOARD, WHO SERVE YOU CAN ENSURE WE GROW THE ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR

CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES.

VENUE: BLOEMFONTEIN STUD BOOK OFFICES

DATE: 13 APRIL 2013

The preliminary notice for the AGM was sent out to all SAQHA members of record on 13 February 2013, with the Proxy form by which an SAQHA member in good standing allows another SAQHA member in good standing to vote at the AGM (one proxy per attendee) was sent out along with that preliminary notice. The Proxy cannot be used to vote for Board Members, Officers elected from the Board, or the International Director.

Because candidates for the Board must be physically present at the AGM to be eligible for election and because only SAQHA members in good standing present at the AGM may vote for these candidates, nominations for the 5 Board Vacancies and the office of International Director will be made, seconded, and accepted by the nominees at the AGM.

Agenda topics and Motions must be submitted to the Secretary@saqha.co.za in accordance with the existing SAQHA Constitution prior to the AGM.

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE YOU MUST BE THERE : CONTACT OTHER MEMBERS AND GET THEM TO ATTEND AS WELL : THE FUTURE OF OUR BREED RESTS ON THIS AGM DON'T SIT AT HOME AND DO NOTHING.

*“The horses suddenly began to neigh, protesting
Against those who were drowning them in the ocean.
The horses sank to the bottom, neighing, neighing. Until they had all gone down.
That is all. Nevertheless, I pity them, Those bay horses, that never saw land again.”
— Boris Slutsky*

DON'T LET THIS BE SAQHA'S FUTURE

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PLEASE CONTACT LETTIE 071 471 3684 SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING THE AWARD CEREMONY SO THAT WE CATER CORRECTLY.

AGENDA

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| 1. Open | 9.3 Appointment of Auditors |
| 2. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting | 10. Revised Constitution |
| 3. Attendance register and apologies | 11. Members/Membership |
| 4. Confirmation of Minutes - AGM 28 April 2012 | 12. Youth |
| 5. Matters arising from the minutes | 13. Shows and events |
| 5.1 Western Dressage | 13.1 Disciplines |
| 5.2 Show Officials | 13.2 New Structure under SAEF |
| 5.3 Stallion Rating | 13.3 AQHA Ride |
| 5.4 WEASA | 13.4 HOY 2013 & 2014 |
| 6. Supplementary Agenda | 13.5 AQHA Shows September 2013 and |
| 7. President's report | 2014 |
| 7.1 Vice President | 14. SAQHA Website and Database |
| 7.2 President | 15. NAMPO |
| 8. International Report | 16. Representative to Stud Book Meetings |
| 9. Financial | 17. Supplementary Agenda |
| 9.1 Report | 18. Election of office Bearers |
| 9.2 Fee structure and budget | 19. Closing |

The spectator turn out at HOY was great and everyone enjoyed Arabesque Stud's Strawberry Daiquiris while watching the Quarter Horses and their riders perform in the Breed classes which were held in the Small Sand Arena at KEP and the Western Dressage Classes arranged by SAQHA in one of the major warm up arenas near the KEP stables. Heavy rains the night before made the ground in the Small Sand arena very, very heavy. Judge Lynn Muller gave the competitors the option of competing in Western Riding and Reining and several of the more intrepid riders and horses did compete. All in all the day went very well and many people stopped competitors and their horses to compliment them and to inquire about the Quarter Horse breed. Everyone enjoyed having Lynn judge the show and her vast experience and expertise were demonstrated with her informed decisions. She deserves a lot of credit for coming out as Lynn has been battling ulcers and, with the heat and sticky ground, she had her work cut out for her on the day.

Gary Allpass, a respected ZA Dressage Judge, officiated for the WDAA and everyone had a great time! Western Dressage is, as most people know, growing extremely fast. Because of its direct link with Dressage, it is attracting the interest of many traditional dressage riders who are willing to give Western tack a try. Western Dressage could become a wonderful venue for traditional Stock Horse breeds and should provide a perfect transition from English to the formal Western disciplines.

On behalf of SAQHA, I would like to thank Adele and Genre Pretorius for their outstanding work on the day. Due to a ?brain fade? on my part, and since as an exhibitor I was staying out of the Show Office, I failed to realize breakfast and lunch had not been pre ordered for them. I owe them both a PERSONAL apology and promise to make it up to them as soon as possible.

SAQHA would also like to thank Neil Dougal for stepping in and helping our novice Show Manager, Wessel Fourie, set up the various courses and patterns. Neil is always there when hard work needs to be done and he manages to get everything accomplished without fuss or hassle.

Other individuals who deserve a great deal of thanks are: Show Secretary Lettie Kruger, Point and Ribbon Keeper for SAQHA and Scribe for WD Melanie Burger, Show Manager Wessel Fourie and his sister Rykie, Announcer Ronel Breedt, Photographer Jeanine Anderson, Gate Marshall Bill Rogers, and SAQHA Scribe Terry Cole for their work on the day. Cheryl and Sarah-Jane McCrindle are to be thanked for bringing the SAQHA gazebo and making sure it got assembled.

Special thanks to EPOL feed for donating two Day Sheets and two Gift Certificates for the Supreme Champion, Colette Erasmus, and the Reserve Supreme Champion, Katja Stroppel. EPOL, as a supporter of Quarter Horses, also donated gift certificates for the Reining winners in lieu of prizes or prize money.

"When I hear

somebody talk about a horse or cow being stupid; I figure it's a sure sign that the animal has somehow

outfoxed them"

— Tom Dorrance

Calcrete Texas Belle 092008 & Deborah Ann Buchan

HOY was their First Show: 1st place Western Pleasure, 3rd of 5 in Halter, 1st place and 2nd place Western Dressage Introductory Tests 1 & 2



We will feature your photos gladly:

If you send them to us !!



Horses Imported by Wessel Fourie

I visited Germany in October 2012, I identified a couple of stables before I went and with the help of Jakob Thoma, we drove what felt like the whole Germany in 4 days, from one stable to the other. From inspecting the horses and their pedigrees I made a shortlist of the ones I liked the most within my budget. You won't believe it, but about half the horses tested positive for GBED, all of them from excellent bloodlines. After all the testing etc we decided to buy 2 mares and a colt. They landed in Johannesburg on the 16 Jan 2013 for the 30 day quarantine.

2010 Colt: Light Americat . (Sire: Highlightcat Dam: Country America)

HIGHLIGHTCAT is a 2001 son of the legendary HIGH BROW CAT, the #1 all-time leading cutting horse sire whose get have taken to the bank over \$41 million. And as if the top side of the pedigree wasn't enough, the bottom side boasts the great GRAYS STARLIGHT, the multi-million dollar producing sire of NCHA, NRCHA and NRHA money-earners

Highlight cat was the 2004 NCHA FUTURITY NON-PRO RESERVE CHAMPION 2005 WESTERN HORSEMAN CUP NON-PRO RESERVE CHAMPION LTE - \$135,863.00. He was sold to Sandi Daisley of Papua, New Guinea, who paid \$340,000 for the sale topper

2012 Futurity Sales Results - WOW!

#1 Sire of Yearlings with 2 or more for average, \$15,300 by Hydrive Cat

2nd Highest Selling Two-year-old \$25,000 by Highlightcat

High Brow Cat: NCHA money-earner Performance Point Earner AQHA Leading Sire. Leading NCHA Futurity Sire Standing at Waggoner Ranch Breeding Fee: \$22,500 The All Time Leading Sire of Cutting Horses NCHA-AQHA Sire of the year for 8 consecutive years 2003 thru 2010 Sire of offspring earning over \$49 million - Leading sire of sires - Leading sire of dams

2008 Filly: A Special Girl (Sire: Peppy San Especial Dam: Class of Taco)

Peppy San Badger (Grand Sire), Mr San Peppy, Leo San, Leo, Grey Badger, Doc Bar, Doc o Lena, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, King (Sire and dams side)

2009 Filly: Greatprise (Sire: ARC Surprise Oak Dam: Great Stormy Night)

Surprise Enterprise, Be Aech Enterprise, Doc Bar, Docs Oak, Poco Bueno, Great Pine



The Stallion : Light Americat

“Do you want your horses to be of value?”

Do you want the Western and Quarter Horse Industry to grow?

Do you want to ride at shows and know you won with competition and not just one or two others?

Want me off your back?

Take initiative and Be Heard!!”

Please join us at the AGM so we can get your valuable input.

Whinny Bars

2 Cups Dry Oatmeal, 3/4 Cup Maize, 3 Cups Bran, 1 Cup Molasses

Mix Oats, Grain and Bran together in a bucket. Drizzle in Molasses while mixing with your hands (you're looking for a consistency a little thinner than Play-Doh). Place dollups (about half a handful) on a cookie sheet and bake at 350 for ten minutes. These have a tendency to burn. They never get completely hard, but they store nicely.

PR/Marketing Committee Report

WELL VERY SIMPLE TO REPORT BACK - NOTHING

WE ARE NOT AN ISLAND AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORK THERE ARE BUT A FEW THAT GET INVOLVED AND THE PROBLEM IS THEY ARE GETTING WORN OUT.

WE CANNOT SIT AND LISTEN TO ALL THE NEGATIVE AND DISCONCERTING REMARKS AND THEN STRIVE TO DO OUR BEST ONLY TO FIND THERE IS NOTHING COMING FROM THOSE WHO YELL THE LOUDEST ABOUT GETTING THINGS DONE.

SEND IN REPORTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, STUD PROFILES, HAPPENINGS IN YOUR LIFE - JOIN THE FAMILY.

Quarter Horse - Bridal Transport



The amazing, versatile Bronco King Baracuda was entrusted to transport precious cargo on the 16th March 2013 to a nervous and wary groom, who was not convinced his bride would arrive on time and still seated on her magnificent steed.

Bronco King Baracuda pulled off his stunt as *"mode de transport"* and delivered the bride safely; albeit for an initial bucking episode shortly after the bride mounted, which the bride sat calmly with dress flapping in the wind. King proudly marched to the tune of *"Chasing Cars"* sung live by a friend and delivered his precious cargo safely to the relieved groom.

Congratulations to our previous secretary Shairnée Scotton and her groom Desmond Wortmann. Many many years ahead for both of you and may it be filled with many fillies and colts.

"It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse."
— Adlai E. Stevenson II



AQHA 2013 CONVENTION



A complete International Director's report on the AQHA Convention, as attended by Deborah Buchan, in Houston will be presented at the 2013 SAQHA AGM on 13 April 2013 at Studbook in Bloemfontein and will then be printed in the subsequent Newsletter. Two points are so relevant to members they are reported here.

First, anyone planning to attend Reining at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games France should make their lodging reservations immediately! The French International Director reported that they have gotten assurances from the various hotels, B&Bs, and other accommodations in the area that their rates will be held at the normal levels until 1 October 2013 so that as many Equestrians as possible may attend the events. Reining competitions will be at the beginning of the WEG and the schedule should be up on the web shortly.

Second, AQHA no longer gives International Affiliates \$400 USA for putting on an All Novice show. Therefore, SAQHA will be including Novice classes in its annual AQHA shows when they are available from the approved AQHA class selections. The 2013 AQHA show will feature Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth and Novice Youth classes. REMEMBER, an AQHA member Novice Amateur or Novice Youth may compete in Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, or Novice Youth class without losing Novice Amateur status. According to the AQHA Handbook, Novice Amateur and Novice Youth must earn a total of 25 points in a skill set before becoming an Amateur in that skill set. The individual does not lose his/her Novice Amateur status in any other skill set until 25 points in that skill set have been earned. EXAMPLE: Novice Amateur Smith and Novice Youth Jones have finally earned 25 points in Western Pleasure so from that point on, Smith will become an Amateur for Western Pleasure and Jones will become an Amateur Youth for Western Pleasure. Smith will remain a Novice Amateur for all other classes and Jones will remain a Novice Youth for all other classes until they earn 25 points in another class (skill set).





Gauteng Horse Society Special Notice



LIFE AFTER 1 AUGUST 2013

Most members have some knowledge that there is to be a restructuring of our sport in the near future. We are now in a position to give you a clearer picture of what will be happening :

As of 1 August 2013 ...

SAEF (South African Equestrian Federation) will be the only national equestrian body, reporting directly to SASCOC and FEI.

SAEA (ex SANEF) will be disbanded.

Associations : All the SAEA Disciplines will have in place their own constitutions and business plans, will be known as Associations, and will report directly to SAEF.

Provincial Bodies : Provincial Bodies will cease to exist in their current format.

Clubs : A Club system will be implemented. A Club is defined as a group of any like-minded people, must have a constitution and a board of directors, and must register with SAEF. All Club members' details will be submitted to SAEF for the National Database.

Show Holding Bodies : Show Holding Bodies will have to register with their relevant Association (e.g. Jumping / Dressage / Eventing etc). The Association concerned will be responsible for inspecting and approving show venues.

Members : To be a member in the 'system', members will need to register with a Club. They will also need to register with their Association(s) of choice, e.g. if competing in Eventing, Dressage and Jumping, will need to register with the Eventing, Dressage and Jumping Associations. The Associations are seeking ways to accommodate multi-discipline members and will communicate this separately.

So what about GHS and KEP? : GHS will cease to exist AS A PROVINCIAL BODY, but will continue operations as both a CLUB and a SHOW HOLDING BODY with KEP as its venue. The name will remain the same at this stage for the purposes of expediting its club registration and constitution, but its role will change, including offering services to the Associations, Clubs and Show Holding Bodies. More about service offerings and activities will be communicated as and when they become available.

There will be an SGM to amend the GHS Constitution in accordance with the restructure, and this will give members an opportunity to ask more questions. It is envisaged that the SGM will be no later than 30th April 2013, preferably sooner. You will be advised accordingly.

In the meantime we thank you for your support and understanding.

NB: IMPORTANT
READING FOR ALL
OF US

Read it and un-
derstand this We
need to know
how we are all
affected.

MEMBERS DO
NOT DISREGARD
THIS VITAL
INFORMATION



SAQHA MISSION STATEMENT

- To provide beneficial services for its members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation;
- To generate growth of SAQHA membership via marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the American Quarter Horse;
- To encourage dual membership and registration in AQHA and

SAQHA OBJECTIVES

Subject to the provisions of the Animal Improvement Act and of this Constitution, the objectives of the SAQHA shall be:

- to encourage and promote the breeding and the genetic Improvement of American Quarter Horses in the Territory, to maintain the purity of the breed, and generally to foster its interests;
- to ensure the accuracy of all records of pedigrees and other particulars of all horses registered or eligible for registration in the Herd Book;
- to compile, keep and maintain accurate records of the pedigrees and particulars of - all animals duly registered through SAQHA by the Registering Authority in the Herd Book;
- to apply a Standard of Excellence and other minimum standards drawn up by the Board as a prerequisite for the registration of animals;
- to encourage the expansion of the breed by means of promotion, marketing campaigns and sales;
- to promote participation of horses at shows; to nominate judges who have been approved by SAQHA Board as qualified and competent to judge the breed;
- to safeguard and advance the common interests of breeders in the Territory, and generally to give effect to the objectives contemplated by the Act;
- to stimulate and regulate any and all other matters such as may pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, publicity, sale or improvement of the breed.

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THE FINAL WORD !!

We are well into the New Year, and again we are reminded that New Beginnings are afforded to us all. We have a choice whereby we can continue on our path or we can choose to grow and live to the extreme. With our horses we need to make choices all the time and right now we are at a point where we need to make critical decisions, take matters into hand and actually get involved with breeding, showing, marketing, training i.e. everything pertaining to Quarter Horses.

Do you want to sell the horses you breed?

Do you want to get value for your horses?

Do you want to show your horse at a show with more than 5 entries in a class?

Do you want decent prizes and prize money at shows?

Do you want South Africa to fall in love with the Quarter Horse?

Do you want SAQHA to pull their socks up and do more for you?

WELL THAN TIME FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR ACTIONS WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS AND START BECOMING PART OF THE ASSOCIATION. TIME TO ACTUALLY HELP GROW THE QUARTER HORSE INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IS THE SAQHA BOARD NOT UP TO SCRATCH THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU AND YOU AS A MEMBER HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A SAY AND HELP STEER SAQHA WHERE IT WILL MAKE THE MOST IMPACT FOR BREEDERS IN PROMOTING THE QUARTER HORSE.

Erica A Scotton

Duplicate 2012 Invoices for Membership Dues have been sent to all the members who have not paid their 2012 fees. If you have not yet received your Membership Invoice, please contact secretary@saqha.co.za immediately. Remember pending Resignations cannot be accepted according to the SAQHA Constitution until membership and any other outstanding fees are paid.