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Australian Stock Horse Society Board Elections 2020 - 2021

Director South Queensland Candidates are randomly presented — Select exactly 1 of 2 candidates or choose abstain to vote for none of the candidates. Candidate Annemaree Wallen Information Brett Welsh Information O Abstain

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Annemaree Wallen

I am proud to be presenting myself as a candidate to represent Queensland in the upcoming Board Elections.

Growing up in Lismore, NSW, my parents supported my love of horses from a young age by providing professional training and competition opportunities throughout the Pony Club movement, at State, National and Royal levels.

After becoming members in 1998, my husband, Allan, and I shaped our combined love of Australian Stock Horses and family into a business and lifestyle, where our earned reputation as mentors & roles models, is paramount; I strongly believe in giving back to our Society which has played such a large and important part in our lives.

I have been a Financial Member for over 20 years, currently a member, and previously President of the West Moreton Branch ASH, Level 1 accredited Coach, Level 2 Accredited Judge, currently a Judging Assessor, and an active volunteer. My greatest passion is the development of youth and encouraging new members, as I believe they are equally important to our Society's future as are the top professionals and breeders.

After completing a Diploma of Applied Science, in Nursing at UNE Northern Rivers Campus I worked in both the Private and Public health sectors in roles such as Clinical Educator, Quality Control Officer, Workplace Health & Safety Officer and Team leader. I have previously held a Directorship of a business and am currently managing my own consultancy within the NDIS sector. With this experience I have a sound understanding of business management and Interpersonal skills required to represent members. I have had the opportunity to develop and work in organisational frameworks abiding by compliance of policies and procedures and have designed, developed, implemented, assessed and reviewed plans and programs.

My understanding of a Director's role is to 'Govern', on behalf of its' members, and in doing so, take due care and diligence, acting responsibly and in good faith with the Society's best interests in mind. This, together with a strong and loyal respect for our Society's Vision, Aims and Mission statements, I would like to **work towards a stronger, more informed and inclusive Society.**

Many factors (i.e. environmental) and changing attitudes have led to many members questioning and lapsing their memberships; as a Board we need to keep pace with these changes, develop new and diverse ways of problem solving, whilst ensuring sound business and financial decisions are made to enable the Society to improve its' financial viability for the future.

Areas of interest for me are:

- <u>Cost of memberships and registrations</u>: looking at new levels of memberships and registrations to encourage members and breeders to re-join the Society
- <u>Judges Development programs</u>: acknowledge the time, effort and cost involved in presenting a performance horse and therefore a basic expectation of a fair 'playing field' to start, with professional, consistent and knowledgeable Judges.
- Youth development: continue and expand the support and guidance in all States.
- <u>Disciplinary Process:</u> that Social Justice is always applied, with fair & proper review and due process; that equality is always considered without prejudice, irrespective of roles any parties may hold.
- <u>Communication:</u> far more information and transparency need to be given back to Branches and members, e.g., members still are struggling with understanding the Stud Book changes.

I believe I have the determination, drive and knowledge to provide new and alternative ideas to help support, maintain and promote the Heritage Stock Horse and help to develop the benefits of owning an Australian Stock Horse now and into the future.

I welcome any calls on my mobile 0457383847 to discuss any queries or thoughts you may have. Sincerely

Annemaree Wallen

Brett Welsh

Dear Members,

My name is Brett Welsh and I am standing for re-election as an Australian Stock Horse Society Board Director for South Queensland.

I am a third-generation horseman originally from the Northern Rivers of NSW.

I have been involved in horses since the time I could walk. I was fortunate to spend time with many great horsemen growing up including working for the 4 time Warwick Gold Cup winner Laurie Mills.

Later I worked on many films around Australia and overseas as a horse master.

I settled in Beaudesert QLD, and along with my wife Mel, daughter Summer and son Darcy we operate our own business and ASH Stud.

I have been heavily involved with Australian Stock Horses as a judge, inspector, committeeman, competitor and I am currently the President of the Beaudesert Branch of the ASH.

I have been on the Board of the Australian Stock Horse Society for the past three years.

After the last AGM in 2019, I was elected by the Board of Directors, to the positions of Senior Vice Chairman of the Society as well the Convenor of the Stud Book.

It is my great honour that the Board of Directors have shown such faith in me.

Whilst it is my great privilege to support our Chairperson Lorna Fanning, it is what we have been able to achieve in terms of the Stud Book in the past year which has given me my proudest moment.

In my first meeting as Convenor of the Stud Book last year we voted for the adoption of a "Heritage Stock Horse Studbook". This acknowledges the highest standard for Australian Stock Horse breeding. It provides the structure to meet the scientific definition of a true breed.

Australia's own breed – The Heritage Australian Stock Horse.

The next step is to take this to the membership at the upcoming AGM and hopefully have it 'enshrined' forever within Our Constitution.

With this milestone in place, it means that for the first time since the inception of the Society in 1971, we have introduced registration so that a horse must contain a certain level of HSH ancestry in order to meet the requirements to gain entry to our wonderful Society.

Other initiatives I have been heavily involved in include:

- Instigating a major sponsorship initiative for HSH horses at the "Nutrien Classic Sale" to promote the HSH horses and financially benefit their breeders.
- The new ASH Australian Championship Campdraft in Queensland (ASH members only). This is a big money event and will benefit Queensland members and provide them greater value for their membership dollar. (It has been postponed due to Covid19 but will run next year).
- The" Swan Cup "ASH approved Polocrosse Sale and Incentive Programme.
- Several programmes for member discounts/benefits which are proving very popular.
- A heavy focus on finance, which has seen great gains.

I believe we have a very cohesive board which is heading in the right direction and that we are making huge inroads into having a major presence in the equine industry.

It would be my great honour to represent South Queensland going into the 50Th Anniversary Year of the Society and to be witness to the Heritage Stock Horse Studbook coming to full fruition and the celebrations we are planning for our 50th Anniversary.

I welcome any Members to call me on these or any other matters on 0429 120874.

Your Sincerely,

Brett Welsh