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Dear Members,

The Board of Directors have recently conducted a review of AQHA memberships and the various rights and benefits that exists with each of the memberships. It is the Board's intention to simplify the types of memberships as well as ensure some fairness and link between members' costs and rights and benefits.

As a result and in accordance with the Constitution, the Rule book will be brought into line to reflect the wording and intent that exists in the Constitution.

In response to specific questions on Constituent memberships we provide the following input and clarifications.

Partnerships in Constituent memberships – After legal clarification, all existing Constituent memberships that reflect a “partnership” will not be required to produce an ABN. The existing Constituent membership will be accepted for what they appear to be, “a partnership”.

However the rule that states that all members competing at State or National Show level and all Amateurs must have either a Full membership or an individual Life membership will be adhered to.

To deal with the consequences of this change for affected members, the Directors have introduced a discounted membership fee as follows:

2 people, that reside at the same address, who are married or in a defacto relationship, both will be eligible for a Full membership in their own name and both will have full showing rights. Both can vote and attend meetings of the Association and they will receive 1 magazine per household. The rate for the first Full membership will be \$176 and the second Full membership will be \$100.

If any existing Constituent members decide to accept the offer of this discounted membership, then any horses that are in the existing Constituent membership will be transferred, at no charge, so that the registration papers of these horses will have both members names printed on the registration certificate and be recorded as such in the AQHA database.

The above offer on discounted Full membership, will also allow both people in the discounted Full membership to apply for Amateur status, if they so wish, and if they are eligible and meet the requirements under the rules relating to Amateur status (Amateur/Select \$30 or both \$50).

Eg. Constituent membership in the name of Carol and Bill Smith – Bill Smith is the nominee and has an Amateur permit – both Carol and Bill will be offered a Full membership in their own right, both Carol and Bill can apply for Amateur Status (Amateur/Select \$30 or both \$50) and all horses that were in the name of Carol and Bill Smith, will still show as Carol and Bill Smith on the registration papers of the horses and will be recorded as such in the AQHA database.

Eg. Constituent membership in the name of Crystal Quarter Horses – and Robyn Brown is the nominee and has an Amateur permit – If Crystal Quarter Horses is made up of Robyn and John Brown then they can both take up the offer of the discounted membership fee, being first Full membership \$176 and the second Full membership at \$100, and the horses can be transferred into Robyn and John Browns names at no charge and Robyn will also be able to hold an Amateur/Select permit (\$30 or \$50 for both).

However if the entities in Crystal Quarter Horses wish to keep the horses in the name of Crystal Quarter Horses, then this membership will have to be financial, paying \$176, and Robyn Brown would have to take out a Full membership, paying \$176, in her own name to be able to show at State or National level and to also hold an Amateur/Select permit (\$30 or \$50 for both).

State and National Shows - All horses that are shown at State or National level must be registered in a current financial membership.

“A” and “AA” Shows – At “A” or “AA” approved Quarter Horse shows, in open classes, the rider/handler does not have to be a financial member of the AQHA for the horse to gain points, only the owner of the horse has to be a current financial member.

We trust that the clarification, new and additional information above alleviates members’ concerns in regards to the recent changes. Directors remain cognisant that changes cannot be made to the AQHA Constitution without the confirmation by vote of the membership. At the same time the Board of Directors also have to ensure that the intent of the Constitution is reflected in the operations of the Association.

PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL

For your convenience, if you wish to change your existing Constituent membership to 2 Full memberships, you may use the renewal notice you have already received.

Both parties must sign the renewal notice in the space provided for the Nominee’s signature and indicate on the form that you wish to take out 2 Full memberships, one being at the discounted rate.

Please make sure the waiver on the back of the renewal notice is also completed and signed.

Signatory Authorisation forms that both parties will need to complete and sign, so that the Association can update its records are available from our website.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry van Dyk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harry van Dyk
President