



South Australian Region

MINUTES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE AUST ALPACA ASSOCIATION

Held at Adaminca Shop, Main Str Woodside 20/5/2019 7.10pm

ATTENDANCE : Jolyon Porter, Trevor Drogemuller, Sue Drogemuller, Kerry Porter, Rosalie Brinkworth.

APOLOGIES: Bernard Croese

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : As previously declared, no changes.

PREVIOUS MINUTES : Accepted – Rosalie Seconded – Kerry with the following amendments
8.1.4– Should be phone Sue not Kerry for booking and 8.2 – remove 2nd point – not sure what it means.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES :

Outstanding amounts - for fleece bags/show ring banners to be chased up by Trevor. These accounts over a year outstanding. Enquire if Yaringa will have show ring advertising again this year. The 3rd banner holder to be billed for 2019 as there banner was displayed at Mt P show. - TD

Stewards Training – JP needs to speak with Trevor Parry on National resources. KP to see if she has old training booklet. Enquire about online training.

Mt P Show floor – Contact Honey Lindner/Show Society/Barossa Council re improving the floor of the shed so that we can do away with the carpet. Approach Derrick whether he would co-ordinate this if approved. Subsidy from Council? Shed also needs repairs to some railings and guttering. - JP

TREASURERS REPORT: Working Account Balance - \$3813.70 however the National Office still to deposit Mt P show levies to our account. Accounts to be paid – JP- Domain Rego \$23.99, RB- Fleece Workshop supplies \$54.83, Sue D- Fleece Workshop food for participants \$ 360.46. TD to follow up on outstanding payments for 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE : IN : ORM Apology – J Mitton; DFC Report – KP Ex-officio; Domain Name Renewal.

OUT: Presidents emails to members; Reminders to members for Fleece Workshops; Request from BC for letterhead to produce certificate of attendance to Fleece Workshop.

Regional Equipment Upgrade – JP and Derrick Hall checked out trailers at auction through Grays Online. They were in need of many alterations for our purpose which would be very expensive overall to customise. Panels approx. 2.5t plus weight of trailer. * Bring up trailer sale at next meeting*

REGIONAL SHOWS : **Strathalbyn Show** : JP to send out letter in next week about need for help for S Haese to run show with 2019 being a training year for new convenor. Cheryl Williams will do fleeces, but also need Pen Plan/Set up coordinator. It will be the last Strath show if a Convenor can not be found.

Colour Classic : Date set 4-7 July at Strath Race Club. Budget submitted. Is it realistic? I.e. number of entries, trophy/ribbon costs.

RAS : Report from DFC meeting submitted and perused. Curtains – need to obtain from DFC the rules pertaining to them. Most trophies have been sponsored to date and KP hopes to have all sponsored in due course - however if not what are our options? Motion moved by JP “ For RAS 2019, if any trophy remains unsponsored then the Region will do so to maintain consistency for entrants”. All in favour except RB.

EVENTS: **Skirting workshop Debrief**:- was well received. Diane and Sue were very happy with weekend. \$920 from participants less costs. The weekend chosen clashed with Federal election and other events all of which were unknown when dates set. Look at doing something similar in 2020.

Shearing Workshop :- Interest was expressed at both days of the fleece workshop to have this. Decision next month for Sept. Need to consider where to do it. Private property or public venue, undercover required with power. 4-5 shearers required to show different techniques, handpieces used, table vs floor shearing, alternate methods of shearing. BYO animal to have a go for participants. Invite sheep shearers as well. Alpaca shearers to consider – Brian Gursansky, Andrew Chapman, Mark Short, Derrick Hall, James Wheeler, Chris Williams, Jolyon Porter. Possible date – Sunday 22nd Sept. 10-4pm
Venue needs to accommodate 3-4 tables / space. Consider Mt Pleasant Showgrounds? Approx 20 alpacas needed. AAA insurance to cover? Waiver needed? BBQ/Drinks – ask AYE group. Timelines needed for next meeting. A book in system will be required/expressions of interest in attending. Extra alpacas would be required for Sheep shearers who haven't access to alpacas.

Stud Sires Day:- Last used Oakbank Racecourse 2005 (Quoted \$7500 but didn't pay that much as did much of it menial labour ourselves). This is too expensive. Mt P Saleyards – not enough room. Mt P Showgrounds – quoted \$100 which seems much better value. Good amount of interest already from a number of breeders. Possible date – Sunday 28th July 11am – 4pm. Any promotion of your males would be allowed. Bring own pop-ups if nice weather to set up on lawns instead of under cover. Invite a local vet to be on call for health checks for on-the-spot certification if needed. Colourful and bright displays encouraged. Catalogue possible. Could bring a few loads of panels from storage instead of hiring truck, thus saving funds but should compensate those helpers with fuel reimbursement.

Animal Husbandry Workshop :- Marty McGee is very enthusiastic to come over but WA has not responded to her as yet. SD has contacted her again and ascertained she does speaking engagements also. JP to contact WA President Len Baxter to get name of person working on this. Could we arrange multiple days over various regions to make her visit more viable? Approach other regions for their schedules and Roseworthy Ag College to see if they would be interested in a workshop for their students at the same time.

Annual Regional Meeting :- Tentatively 20th October at 5pm. Woodside Hotel - top dining room which is quite private. Last years' meeting 16/9/18. Offer a \$5 meal subsidy if member attending and staying on to eat. Phone Hotel re availability of room and open times for this room.

Ordinary Regional Meeting :- Possible speakers – Working on the theme “What can I do with my Fleece now?” approach Anne-Marie Harwood – mini mill owner on processing requirements and what she doesn't want. Derrick Hall on AAFL collection he handles, James Wheeler with his venture, Kerry Porter on AFN(Aust) collections. Each person allocated a 5 min time window to explain their part in our fleece industry.

Stewards Workshop :- Mini show to run thru requirements. Need venue. Possible date 16-17 June. Would need Layout, Presenters for Halter section and Fleece section stewarding. Ring/Inspection/Ribbons/Scribe/ Gate marshalling/ fleece pre show weighing & calculations/ fleece stewarding on judging day. KP to find 'Train the Trainer' manual and/or notes from Robyn Schutte training. KP expressed concern that 4 weeks would not really be enough time to pull this workshop together but committee will start the process.

NEXT MEETING : Monday 3rd June at 20 Oborn Road Mt Barker 7pm.

Meeting closed :- 11.15pm