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MINUTES OF ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF
THE AUSTRALIAN ALPACA ASSOCIATION - Confirmed

Held at the Woodside Hall 3rd November 2019

1. Meeting commenced at 5.05pm
2. Attendees : Rosalie Brinkworth, Margaret and Jim Thompson, Jolyon and Kerry Porter, Hugo and Carolyn Van Der Moer, Cynthia and Derrick Hall, Trevor Drogemuller, Diane Bulpit, Jodie Burr, Nick and Lyn de Bruyn, Bernard and Sue Croese, Georgie Richter
3. Apologies : Perry and Sarah Wheeler, Rex and Norma Keilly, Honey Lindner, Tracey Earl, Neil and Dianne Daniell, Tony and Linda Favill, Lee and Rebecca Ballantyne, Heather Guy, Ruth Crocker, Sue Drogemuller.
4. Declarations of Interest : J & K Porter – Yacka Ridge Alpacas and AFN(Aust) SA Coordinator
5. Previous Minutes Read and Accepted with changes as outlined by T Drogemuller to Treasurers report. Moved: D Bulpit Seconded: Derrick Hall. All in favour.
6. Business Arising : Karen Caldwell passed away so Fleece Workshop didn't go ahead in October. Birthing Workshop was held over from October 18 to Feb 2019
7. Presidents Report :
 - Birthing Workshop – proved very popular as usual. Will hold another one in early 2020.
 - Fleece Workshop – well worth the small loss incurred. Diane Marks & Sue Richards very good presenters.
 - Stud Males Day – all exhibitors happy to do this day again if held. Good attendance by members and public.
 - Mt Pleasant Show – Popular as always with a small profit made. Honey Lindner doing great job.
 - Colour Classic – kept to budget after returning to Strath. Exhibit numbers strong thanks to James and Susan.
 - RAS – highest exposure for the industry, info stand went well, several hundred brochures taken, can improve even more. Show went smoothly and entries up in most sections.
 - Strathalbyn – Diane Bulpit has agreed to take on Convenor role and we are very happy to have her on board.
 - Susan Haese was warmly thanked for keeping it going for the last few years under trying conditions. Show ran smoothly with good entry numbers and a good bottom line.



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- ❓ Volunteers and Stewards were acknowledged as the backbone of the shows for without them we have no shows. Many thanks to everyone that assisted any of the convenors this year.
- ❓ Judges Workshop – held at Ambersun Alpacas late September. Unfortunately our planned Shearing workshop became the victim of this important event of the Association and due to other priorities we were unable to reschedule this year. The day went extremely well though cold and at times damp but interesting to see the potential judges go through their paces.
- ❓ Region Website – Finally succumbed and crashed several months ago after persistent attempts to get in. The committee made decision to become a 'sibling' site of AAA though we will be able to alter and update our site as required. The old software was well out of date and going with the national site should be more user friendly and reduce the hacking risk.

Coming Events for 2020 – the next 12 months activities should include the following, though may scaled back if we do not get help to run the proposed activities.

Another birthing workshop, a New Owners workshop, Stewards Training Day, support for Open Farm Days, Potential Stud Males day, a Fleece workshop and a Shearing Workshop. Two ORM's are required in the constitution as well, so we will endeavour to keep them very social rather than just boring meetings.

The President asked for those present to consider getting onto the committee to help drive the Region forward with new ideas.

Jim Thompson – Moved that a thank you should be given to the President and Committee for a job well done in the past 12 months. Seconded – Di Bulpit. Carried - All in Favour.

Jim Thompson – Moved that the Presidents Report be accepted, seconded Trevor Drogemuller, all in favour – carried.

Question from the floor - "Will the Steward Workshop include Fleece Stewarding" - yes it should.

Treasurers Report – Trevor D said the report was prepared on a 'cash basis', however there should be a profit \$5,000+ but not reflected in how the report is produced.

EOY: Clare 2018 – lost ~\$2200-

Strathalbyn 2018 – profit of ~\$1400

Mt Pleasant 2018 – Profit of ~\$1300

Colour Classic 2018 – loss of ~\$1000 as carry over from previous financial year

Treasurers role – AAA has been trying to get regions to go thru them to run our financials. As of 1/7/19 they were charging \$121/month for region accounting fees if we were doing our own. We were not the only region unhappy with this fee and no region has paid it to date. New committee need to make a decision to hand over this function to AAA or not, though a designated person from the region will have to authorise payments and advise AAA which ones to pay. The president pointed out how the latest teleconference discussion had gone on this matter. Problems were highlighted ie late payment of accounts submitted etc. If most regions change over then the AAA National Office will hire a part time treasurer to handle the workload rather than the present



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staff. There are many pros and cons with this situation. Trevor D pointed out that AAA has had 3 finance officers already since being in Canberra.

Bernard Croese moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted, Seconded by Jim Thompson, all in favour- carried. Jolyon thanked Trevor D for his last 12 months as our treasurer.

The President moved all positions vacant and election of new committee officers took place:

Regional President - Jolyon Porter

Regional Vice President - Bernard Croese

Regional Treasurer – Vacant

Regional Secretary – Vacant

Regional Committee – Rosalie Brinkworth, Kerry Porter

No one else nominated from the floor to join the committee.

Any Other Business: RAS Ex-Officio – Only one application received for the position by the due date Kerry Porter. Bernard Croese moved that her nomination be accepted, seconded Derrick Hall, all in favour – carried.

Region Trailer – In President's update July 2019, he asked for expressions of interest to purchase the trailer which has not seen any use for 2 years now. Could be converted to use as an alpaca trailer, if shelving was removed. Have advertised on Gumtree and would like ~\$3000 or near offer. See Jolyon or Bernard if interested in the next few weeks.

Xmas Get-together – twice previously at EP Cambridge. Maybe post Xmas drinks with an ORM included might be better than trying to fit in now.

Proposal from Jodie Burr – Bringing llamas and friendly alpacas to shows as display animals. Need to talk at committee meeting. Pull up banners may be better to show difference instead of live animals? Space may be the issue at most shows though an pop up marquee outside the main pavilion or shed might be the answer.

New Judges Appointments – Diane Bulpit asked whether there had been any announcements to date? The Board was meeting this weekend and they may possibly be making the decisions in conjunction with the SJC. Hopefully public disclosure will not be far away.

No other general business was forthcoming – so meeting was called to a close and the President thanked all for attending. As advertised, should any members wish to go across the road for a meal or drink then a \$5 subsidy to those attending would be given.

Meeting closed 5.47pm