



South Australian Region

MINUTES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE AUST ALPACA ASSOCIATION

Held at 20 Oborn Rd, Mt Barker 9/2/2021 @ 6.45pm

ATTENDANCE : Jolyon Porter, Kerry Porter, Rosalie Brinkworth, Bernard Croese

VISITORS: Honey Lindner and Jodie Burr

APOLOGIES: Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : As previously declared, no changes.

PREVIOUS MINUTES : No changes as read. Accepted by BC, seconded by RB

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES : To be discussed in main section of meeting, if needed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance - \$8914.98. Investment acc - \$19287.92. Income :- Nil. Out :- Nil. One outstanding account of \$71.50 to be chased up.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- National Office- advising of new Finance Officer Sonya Sarew & unpaid account
- S Marshall – re: Mt P show
- J Burr re: committee help
- AAA Shows Covid Plan - Draft

CORRESPONDENCE OUT :

- Request to C Austin – copy of unpaid account reminder.

PRESIDENTS ZOOM MEETING 28/1/2021 – Low member engagement rate with national newsletter. Presidents meeting will be held bi-monthly. New Finance Officer starts in Feb. AAA in sound Financial position, now \$132K in black, but still need to be prudent with budget. No insurance available for Covid. Covid Safety guidelines drawn up for AAA Shows. No animals checks at shows- judges only. Masks to be worn by exhibitors in ring despite any local requirements. Shows could be run without Judge as an event under different requirements. If a show is cancelled or exhibition area is put into lockdown, refunds of fees will take place. Judges Levy will be left with regions for 12-18 months to make shows more viable. WFI, McMc & ANZ Business – check AAA Partners page. NAW – SA? Consider Covid restrictions if planning. Next meeting in a few weeks for Covid Guidelines feedback.

NATIONAL ALPACA WEEK – SA. Do we have any Open Days/Weekends, maybe just individual studs opening on a particular weekend? Need to talk about it at next meeting.

REGIONAL SHOWS - **MT PLEASANT** – Numbers to be restricted, may need to reduce by 10% if oversubscribed. Resent email to Vicki F if she has heard yet from SA Health. May have to split big classes for show ring size – mark floor or grass. Exhibitor and helper only in shed, any other people outside only. Need holding pen outside near tree to hold BOC and Championship animals. Disclaimer needed that we will have to reduce animal and people numbers. Small children will be discouraged from coming on day. Are exhibitors considered as workers? Combine older classes? No Junior Handler classes. Only have 1st places in ring for C'ships, hold 2nd places out of ring till Judge makes decision on Champion.

Can there be a few volunteer adolescent handlers for the day? Promote opportunity to learn, maybe new breeders who aren't confident yet? Exhibitors list of rules for day needs collating. We could set an example for any other shows for rest 2021. Show Society waiver will also have to be signed along with AAA one. Handler or helper needs to go on waiver as well. No Covid Insurance exists – if not happy to sign waiver do not enter or come. Marshalls need to be distinguished by different dress/code ie vests. Judge needs a separate table for Mic, hand sanitiser, etc. No ribbon steward – judge to get own.
If Mt P doesn't go ahead we could hold a Fleece show at Woodside Hall, a few weeks later. S Marshall (Stansburys Alpacas) suggested a stand alone show if this one is not approved, maybe 4 weeks after the show date. Considered but just as many headaches and costs.

Honey Lindner departs meeting @ 8.40pm.

RAS – Will invite Marc Mulette to judge this year to 'keep it local'. Hold previous judge nomination for another year. Due to the tight schedule and possible number of school aged entrants we will not implement the Paraders class this year – stay with Junior Handlers. Young Judges have had no shows to qualify so will need to hold special training session to get new entrants. Could we hold this section well before the show like Horse Dressage? Once covid restrictions ease it will be difficult to run all sections in 2 days esp if we have external state judge. RAS wants something happening on Monday to keep interest in the pavilion as there will be Alpacas in shed only for first 3 show days. Maybe some training/education? Need to start asking for stewards. Will be a different show for sure.

COLOUR CLASSIC– Send National Show Calendar to James to set date. Follow up soon.

STRATHALBYN – Di Bulpit (Silcron Alpacas) will be moving back to NSW so will be unable to convene the show – was to start at 2020 show. Cheryl Williams may take over.

BUYERS & SELLERS INFORMATION SHEET – Include Male/Female combinations – why its not a good thing. Refer to fact sheet. Anything else we could include online?

NEW OWNERS DAY– Defer to next meeting. What/how/when/with another breeder?? Committee members to start jotting down points on this topic. Ask breeders for details? Facebook advert?

Q&A MEETING– Defer to after Mt P show. Tie in with a New Owners Day?? Bring & cook your own BBQ?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Other Events for 2021 – Shearers Day later in year. Stud Males Day later in 2021? Need plan for BBQ events with Covid restrictions.

Breeders Directory – Progressing well, will send to committee for comments and/or suggestions for improvements.

Committee nomination – Jodie Burr offered to stand for the committee. JP nominated JB as committee member, BC - seconded. All in favour. Carried. Welcome Jodie to the group!

Facebook – JB offered to keep this updated and source any new items to add to the page. JP to get her on FB Admin so she can access page. Will put link to Suri breeders' site on as first addition.

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 9th March 21 at 20 Oborn Rd Mt Barker @ 6pm. (Rosalie offered to bring tea next time)

Meeting closed :- 9.20pm