

MINUTES OF ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
OF THE AUSTRALIAN ALPACA ACCIATION.

Held at Woodside Hall 18th October 2020

NOTE: UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 4.45pm.

ATTENDEES :- Heather Guy, Jim and Margaret Thompson, Jolyon and Kerry Porter, Ruth Crocker Derrick and Cynthia Hall, Lee and Rebecca Ballantyne, Nick and Lyn De Bruyn, Dianne Bulpit, Sarah Wheeler, Rosalie Brinkworth, Bernard and Sue Croese, Georgie Richter, Steve and Joanne Marshall.

APOLOGIES :- Shane and Julieanne Buckley, Brenton and Kim Slater, Charlie Richter, Lesley Atrill, John and Jenny Duggin, Tracey Earl, Jessica Bernhardt, David and Angela Cheney, Jodie Burr, Mark Short and Dee Finlay, Neil Daniell, Perry Wheeler, Rick Evans, Susan Haese, Trevor and Sue Drogmeuller.

GUESTS :- John and Sharon Warland.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:- J & K Porter – AFN(Aust)SA and Yacka Ridge Alpacas.

PREVIOUS MINUTES READ AND ACCEPTED :- Moved G Richter, seconded D Hall. All in favour – accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES :- Nothing was addressed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (as attached but summarised below):-

Covid 19 impacted all aspects of the region's activities this year.

Mt Pleasant Show cancelled only a few days out.

All planned and proposed workshops and events ie. Birthing workshop cancelled.

If normal social and community activities can be restored in 2021, then there is a number of events that could be reinstated. Stud Males Day, Birthing Workshop, New Owners Basics Day, Halter Training day etc. These also depend on what members would like and how much time they are prepared to volunteer in organising and/or running events.

Reminder that Committee consists of four members and they are not here to do all the work on your behalf. Please call any of the committee members to offer assistance when call goes out rather than waiting to be asked.

National AAA has a new Board and is in financially calmer waters after a big overspend on National Show 2019. The Covid situation, has had positive effect here with dramatically reduced out-goings, relatively normal in-comings, lack of shows, board meetings by Zoom, Jobkeeper payments, and a lot of belt tightening has induced stability into our financial position.

All Presidents, after recent President's Zoom meeting, have agreed to forgo capitation refunds for this financial year to assist the AAA balance sheet. Our region's bank account is in a good position so I felt it was a small price to pay.

A small number of new members joined this year. Welcome packs sent and names added to email blast list.

Judges qualified for shows has dwindled for various reasons so when the shows are back on track it may be hard to secure one for every show that is able to go ahead. Also travel cost may well be much higher and thus some regions may need to downsize the number of shows held from a financial and judges perspective.

RAS is hoping to hold a show in September 2021 as this years' show cancelled. Ex-Officio role has been rolled over to reflect this occurrence, with their AGM only taking place in last month. National Fleece Challenge is being held December with entries closing 3/11/20, refer National website for all details. Collection point with discounted postage has been set up at Yaringa Alpacas. See their webpage for those details.

TREASURERS REPORT (as attached but summarised below):-

Overall Cash Position incurred a loss \$6596.94 mostly due to carryover expenses from CC 2018 of \$5321.50 which was indicated in 2018-19FY report.

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2020 – General Acc \$7465.60 & Investment Acc \$19287.92.

2019-20 Shows Financial Results – CC 2019 – Waiting on final P/L statement though all accts paid.

RAS \$1097- L. Includes all expenses for 10 days.

Strath – Waiting on final P/L statement, though all accts paid.

Mt Pleasant - \$1006.86 L, though app. \$1000 recoverable for

2021 show, if it goes ahead.

Related Notes – After ARM 2019 committee had no access to accounts for approx 8 weeks due to National treasurer/accountant changes, NAB inaccessibility and our previous treasurer not standing. All running fine now after another hiccup with passwords. Record keeping now with National office (as all other Regions now are) and this has proved quite a good system with B Croese authorising payments when contacted from Vanessa (Nat Office). Capitation Fees forgone this FY – decrease of \$1388 to region. Due to lack of show or workshops there has been no major expenses to impact our current account. Region's trailer still for sale – ask a committee member about this. Extra committee member(s) would be most appreciated especially as the role is very simplified now.

J Thompson moved to accept both Presidents and Treasurers Report, seconded by D Bulpit. All in favour- accepted.

J Thompson also thanked the committee and general members for the job well done in trying circumstances.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION :-

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

The following members had volunteered to stand in the positions indicated, at close of nominations and are therefore duly elected to those positions.

Regional President – Jolyon Porter

Regional Vice President – Bernard Croese

Regional Treasurer – Kerry Porter

Regional Secretary – Not filled

Regional committee (maximum of 4) – Rosalie Brinkworth

The President asked if anyone else was prepared to nominate from the floor to stand on the committee - no one else nominated. Speak with Jolyon should you have a change of heart after the meeting is concluded.

MOTIONS/ AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED :- No motions or agenda items were submitted with due notice from any member.

GENERAL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR :-

R Crocker – ask for clarification about change in fee structure on National website.

S Wheeler - explained some of these fee changes, including but not limited to, new cria registering

fees re: FY sliding scale, Discount for females over 2yo, etc. National Office to issue notice in the near future.

R Brinkworth – reminder of commissions on insurance policies taken out with either of the two companies (WFI or McLardy/McShane) the Region has agreements with. Get a quote as it could be cheaper than your existing insurer. In the 2019-20 FY this arrangement benefitted the region by \$806.00.

Jodie Christian Memorial Challenge Trophy (JCMCT) 2019:- (as attached but summarised below)

First inaugurated 1997 as tribute to Jodie Christian. Another successful year has gone by, with special thanks to Angela Cheney as she stepped down as collator after several years. Conditions explained for entry and points accumulation. Trophy, a replica and cash prizes listed.

20 studs entered at least 1 show, with only 2 entering all 4 shows, and 5 studs entered 3 shows.

Unsurprisingly these studs feature in the top 7 places. Must enter each show to have a chance.

1st place – Yaringa Alpacas 638.5pts, 2nd place – Marquez Alpacas – 463.5pts and 3rd place – Fleur De Lys Alpacas – 451.5pts.

The award may well be abbreviated this year or even non existent for 2020. The impact of Covid has yet to be truly comprehended yet. The collator position is vacant and committee would appreciate a member stepping forward to assume this (approx) 3hrs per year responsibility.

Presentation to past Committee Members :- The President would like to acknowledge the work, time and support of two previous committee members - Trevor and Sue Drogemuller. Their contribution and input at all levels was very much appreciated. A presentation was made, and as they were unable to attend, Bernard Croese accepted on their behalf.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation :- (as attached but summarised below)

The SA Region Committee, on behalf of the SA Region members, has nominated Sharon Warland of Waradene Alpacas as the 2020 recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation. Joined in 2003 with husband John, at their Murray Bridge property after exiting the dairy industry. Became heavily involved with the industry and soon sat on committees and helping at shows. Helped start Colour Classic at Murray Bridge with a format that was just establishing itself. Was on the committee that instigated the 2009 National Show and Sale in Adelaide and taking over the helm when Convenor (and region president Mick Peters) became very ill. The show made a significant profit, as have all 3 NS&S did in Adelaide, and which no other state has achieved to date. Sharon and her family always helped, even when health issues became apparent and they made the decision to downsize. Sharon still helps at shows especially with Junior sections, and ensures all runs smoothly. The Warlands have made the difficult decision to move away from farming but we are presenting this award to Sharon (and John) to express our heartfelt appreciation for their 16 years loyal support in our industry.

No other general business was forthcoming so the meeting was called to a close and the President thanked all for attending, under Covid guidelines. He invited all members to join him and the committee in a meal and/or drinks across the road to catch up after a 'very different year'.

Meeting closed at 5.25pm.