



South Australian Region

**ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING HELD 2ND JUNE 2019**  
**AT MONTE BELLO RESTUARANT NAIRNE SA**

From notes taken by R Brinkworth due to computer glitch with loss of minutes taken.

PRESENT : Jolyon & Kerry Porter, Bernard & Sue Croese, Anne Marie & Trevor Harwood, John & Jen Duggin, Andrew & Cathy Chapman, Trevor & Sue Drogemuller, Lee & Rebecca Ballantyne, Jim & Margaret Thompson, Susan Haese, James Wheeler, Charlie & Georgina Richter, Derrick & Cynthia Hall, Neil & Dianne Daniell, Jodie Burr, Ruth Crocker, Rex & Norma Keily, Tony & Linda Favill, Rosalie Brinkworth.

APOLOGIES : Judy Mitton, Sharon Warland, Cheryl Williams, Tracey Earl, Perry & Sarah Wheeler.

Meeting opened and President welcomed and thanked members who have attended.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : Declarations of interest made.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – Held at EP Cambridge were not available on the night.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Condolences to Karen Caldwell's family – a toast to Karen was made in deep respect for her services to the Alpaca Industry.  
Any other correspondence from previous ORM was not noted.

TREASURERS REPORT: T Drogemuller reported that the Clare Show loss was in vicinity of \$4k due to the high cost of transporting panels and the increasing cost of the marquee.  
Strathalbyn Show – possible loss of approx \$300.  
Bank Balance \$ 6442.67, Investment Acc - \$19292.00  
Moved to Accept report : T Harwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> : R Keily. All in favour.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Full notes as per attached.  
Fleece Workshops – 2 days held with room for more members. Great education.  
\$2800 expenses, recovered \$1000.  
RAS – Alpaca Information Stand. Forward Planning 2019-20 – Birthing Day, Stewards Workshop, April – Stud Males Day, Breeders Workshop. May – Colour Classic, July to Aug – Nat S&S in Canberra, Sept – Shearing workshop.  
Moved to accept report – R Keily , 2<sup>nd</sup> – R Brinkworth.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS : Nil

President then welcomed the speakers arranged to talk to members about their fleece involvement.

Anne Marie Harwood – Echo Beach Alpacas / Trouble At Mill, Mt Barker

James Wheeler – [alpaca fibre.com.au](http://alpaca fibre.com.au)

Derrick Hall on behalf of AAFL as Fleece Liaison Officer (he has resigned this week from the role due to lack of response from AAFL to his recent phone calls).

Jolyon Porter – on behalf of Alpaca Fibre Network(Aust) SA.

Anne-Marie invited members to her mill to watch the processing of fibre. She explained how members should prepare their fleece for processing to end up with a higher class of product.

James discussed the orders and sales of fibre and had exported 17tonne in 100 lines. Floor price on a consignment basis with returns between \$10 to \$30/kg. White Pieces \$3 - \$4/kg. Coloured pieces lower than this. He expects the supply of pcs to increase this year. Max length required 140mm with Suri the same, but prefers 120-130mm.

Jolyon presented on behalf of AFN(Aust) and as a collection point. AFN(Aust) is a volunteer organisation where they educate members to obtain the best financial result by encouraging to shear early, take 3pt fleece tests and learning how to skirt well. Most commercial micron range is 20-22u. Fair proportion processed in NZ with other fibre such as wool, mohair etc. being incorporated in some lines.

After these presentations there were quite a few questions asked from the floor. Members very appreciative of the speakers and the knowledge and advice given this evening.

Meeting closed at approx 10.30pm.