



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

Held at Woodside Hall 24th October 2021

NOTE: UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 5pm.

ATTENDEES :- Jim and Margaret Thompson, Jolyon and Kerry Porter, Ruth Crocker Derrick and Cynthia Hall, Nick and Lyn De Bruyn, Chris and Tracy Wright, Jodie Burr, Rosalie Brinkworth, Bernard and Sue Croese, Lee Sadler, Lisa Penney, Greg Toholke, Peter Schaefer, Jen Delima.

APOLOGIES :- Brenton and Kim Slater, Charlie and Georgina Richter, Lesley Attrill, Tracey Earl, Jessica Bernhardt, David and Angela Cheney, Neil Daniell, Perry and Sarah Wheeler, Susan Haese, Trevor and Sue Drogmeuller. David Mace, Darren and Angas Toy, Rex and Norma Keilly, Abi Lilley, Steve and Ruth Goodfellow, Heather Guy, Denise Moysey and Tom Gouldie.

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES :- Nothing was addressed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (as attached but summarised below):-

Covid 19 again impacted all aspects of the region's activities this year however we managed to run some events, which were well received by those able to attend.

Mt Pleasant Show cancelled only a few days out due to a dispute which saw judges being unavailable at the time. Replacement May Day Fleece Show - Honey to be commended, with the help of the committee, to get show organised quickly. Proved very successful.

Colour Classic dodged lockdowns and was well attended. All aspects were supported by members to make show happen smoothly. Thank you to all.

RAS show was cancelled again a month out. Should proceed in 2022. K Porter, as only nomination received, will continue in Ex-Officio role. eAlpaca will be put to Society again to adopt.

Strathalbyn Alpaca Show as a stand alone show was successful due to the awesome effort of first time convenor R Goodfellow after Strath Ag Show was cancelled. The enthusiasm of helpers went a long way to make the convenor's job much easier. Thanks you all.

Possible 2022 workshops for consideration - Birthing, Halter Training, Mock Show for new exhibitors, Stud and Potential Stud Males Day, Auction, or maybe something else members might suggest. Helping with events or standing on committee would be very welcome. National financial position on even keel now and in the black. Sadly our CEO Amanda Olthoff resigned her expertise

will be sorely missed, with the Board reviewing office staffing as the industry moves forward. J Thompson moved to accept President's report, seconded by L Penney. All in favour.

TREASURERS REPORT (as attached but summarised below):-

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2021 – General Acc \$8713.54 & Investment Acc \$19287.92.

(Current balance as of 24/10/2021 - \$10,025.58)

Shows Financial results can be found in the attached full report.

Related Notes – Most of Region's income came from Insurance Policy commissions(almost \$1500), with merchandise sales adding up to \$584.45. At the recommendation of the merchandise officer, once current supply of fleece bags have been sold we will not be carrying these for resale, however we will supply the company's name to anyone who wants to purchase them privately (see info in GB). Hopefully 2021-22 will see the extra income of capitation fees return to our account again. Region's trailer still for sale. The recent Shearing and New Owners Day was very successful with 3 new memberships from attendees.

M Thompson moved to accept Treasurers Report, seconded by R Crocker. All in favour- accepted.

SHOW CONVENOR'S REPORT -

May Day Fleece Show - 100 fleeces approx. all grid tested with histograms available. Took longer to judge than expected with Lee Sadler as apprentice to Adrienne Clarke and the samples adding to the judging process. Lee Sadler talked about how their joint judging should benefit breeders, though time got away all involved missed out on the ORM dinner across the road.

Question put to those present - "Should we separate the halter and fleece sections of the Mt Pleasant show to make it easier for the convenor, however, this would mean 2 new convenors need to be found to do the show in two parts". eAlpaca has made convening very simple than previously.

Colour Classic - This show went very well with good numbers of both animals and fleeces.

Strathalbyn - Again a repeat of the above with very healthy numbers of animal and fleece entries. Other points that were mentioned - easy to park, cheaper to run, marquee vs. shed (would have been blown away in the marquee that day so shed was very welcome). Secure panel storage, need to discuss alternatives. JP to put forward to members in next President's update.

New Owners & Shearing Day - 35 attendees plus presenters. 1.5 - 2hrs on shearing starting with basics and equipment. Lunch then maintenance side for approx 3hrs. Shed and tiered seating with good viewing worked well. Thanks to all presenters. JB commented that feedback on day was excellent and multiple emails of thanks received by JP. Possible autumn workshop with halter training inc instead of shearing.

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 & Jodie Burr

The President asked if anyone else was prepared to nominate from the floor to stand on the committee - Ruth Crocker, Lisa Penney and Michael Schaffer expressed interest in a committee role. This was excellent news for the Region - they were all invited to the next committee meeting on 9/11/21 to see what happens within the group and make a final decision then. Thank you all.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR :-

- D Hall on Strath Show. He noted that in his opinion, animal preparation was not as good as it is usually. Maybe an animal training day/mock show day could be arranged to have exhibits and exhibitors better prepared for the show ring. It was mentioned that because there had been so few shows that older animals may well have been at their 1st show and may have needed more training. Also exhibitors needed to check their animals before entering so avoiding possible show rings exits.
- PA System - N De Bruyn has an associate checking the system as the microphones are causing a problem. He has the system, which has been found to be OK, at his farm whilst the microphones are being assessed.
- Fleece Bags - Should you need to purchase more for yourselves, company name is: Poly Bags 352-356 Richmond Road Netley 5037. P: 8352 5555 [www:poly-bags.com.au](http://www.poly-bags.com.au) or peakpackaging.com.au
- On-Line Auction - JP asked whether this concept would work in SA (like 'Breeders Choice' NSW) and if breeders feel it is something to investigate? J Burr mentioned that some SA breeders already use this auction. Need to find out how hard it is to nominate animals in this privately run auction, though JP's concept would be as a region if possible. Worth exploring the concept and would need a small sub-committee to follow up. Results have been very good from this method of sale though some purchasers have found it hard to collect their animals due to all the lockdowns interstate. "SA Great Alpaca Auction" . It was commented that SA has the best alpacas in Aust and thus the world! Need to get moving with this idea - SA members would be very surprised by the quality of what is available here for sale. Costs from Nutrien to conduct?
- New Owners Day - Cost was \$15/person. Made a small loss on this costing which could be looked at in the future. However committee thought it acceptable as animal welfare and owner awareness was our main focus.
- G Toholke asked about attending Field Days as a Region and JP explained that we have to be careful at not treading on toes of members in those local areas who already attend them as personal enterprises and who could service new clients more effectively from being closer to purchasers. RAS was our best general promotional gathering, with flyers and brochures available for anyone who wants to ask questions of members there.
- L Sadler reminded those present to please complete the 'Sustainability Framework Survey' for our industry's sake. Julie Wilkinson has put in a lot of work to have this available to gather opinions.

With no other general business, the meeting was closed 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 enjoy more conversation after another interesting year.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm.