



South Australian Region

MINUTES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGION OF THE AUST ALPACA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 20 Oborn Rd, Mt Barker 9/11/2021 @ 6.35pm

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

VISITORS: Ruth Crocker, Lisa Penney, Peter Schaefer, and Tracey Wright.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : As previously declared.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES : Discuss in meeting if needed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance - \$10356.31. Investment acc - \$19287.92. Income :- Total \$ 324.95. WFI Comm - \$124.83, T Behrendt inv - \$60.00 shirt, R Crocker inv- \$53.62 - fleece bags, T Drogemuller inv - \$71.50 fleece bags
Expenses:- Total \$647.89. AAA - \$587.89- Strath & NOD payments, Woodside Hall Hire - \$60.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- > AAA questionnaire re: fleece shows
- > Q Alpaca review update
- > AAA free book offer - T Wheeler

Q Alpaca Review - JP spoke about the expected changes to the system in due course. 15yrs of research to extract stats from and make relevant changes to this system. Some members have been canvassed.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT :

- > RA&HS Ex-Officio nomination sent
- > NOD Report to Camelid Connections
- > Fleece Show questionnaire response

ARM REPORT - 20 Members turned up .Went well with 4 members offering to consider coming onto the committee. Dinner was a very social affair with about 16 staying on to eat.

It was suggested that we look into Constitution to see what timeframe we are able to hold an ARM as many apologies at this time of year for meetings ie hold earlier in year if possible.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS - The 4 interested members attending tonight were asked if they were happy to stand on the committee? RC, LP, PS and TW all accepted to stand. Motion to accept them on the committee moved BC, seconded RB, all in favour, carried. JP warmly welcomed them all and look forward to your thoughts, suggestions and input for the betterment of the Region.

REGIONAL SHOWS - **MT PLEASANT** - Jodie Burr has expressed her interest in convening the show with assistance, less fleece section. Ask Honey Lindner if she is willing to be her mentor for this coming year with JB.
LP suggested that the fleece section could be run at Woodside as we had this year, however, to engage the members and public more, expand what is offered not just fleece judging. She envisioned that the fleeces would be taken off the Mt P Halter show side and then add to a 2 day use of the Woodside hall by fleece judging on the Friday and then Saturday have Arts/

Craft/Photography competition. Have hand spinners and end product displays. BC to check if there would be any Gov't grants available to support the industry. Members who have previously judged sections were N De Bruyn-Photography, M Short - Art, J Bentley and C Hall - Craft.

JP to do some basic planning for next meeting for committee to discuss.

RAS – DFC meeting for 28/10 postponed to 12/11. Report next meeting.

STRATHALBYN – JP - Do we consider going elsewhere on a permanent basis for this show? Another venue - as it could be financially more viable than Strath Ag Show, or try another Ag show venue. BC to get Country Shows calendar for discussion at next meeting to review any alternatives that might be available to us.

NEW OWNERS DAY 2022 – This year's event went very well. JP willing to organise another day. April/May 22.

No shearing but replace with Halter training (time of year not conducive for shearing). Same venue - Mt P. Have some animals available for husbandry. Birthing workshop inc? suggested however this needs a full day. Could have just basics only ie what to do before the vet comes! 35-40 people a good size to instruct. JP to formulate a time line as prelim work needed.

RB to check with Adrienne Clarke to see if she is willing to do another workshop in 2022.

ALPACA AUCTION - As talked about at ARM, JP elaborated on this idea of a Region run animal auction with some proceeds to come back to Region's account. Discussion around table about the difference between this one and others run around Aust. JP foresees more statistics than the others, photos, videos and supplement with FB advertising. BC to follow up with Wilson Beer from Nutrien as to costs etc. JP to ask A Munn about what program he used for his auction. How many animals to include? SA only animals as a first off. Ask a few sellers from interstate auction what they were charged to become involved. Put on next meeting agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Work Experience - RB tabled an email request for work experience by Uni Vet student from 29/11 - 3/12. Should anyone have use for help at that time of year. More details speak with Rosalie.

Query RA&HS - RC spoke about an email she had sent to RA&HS regarding the consideration of graduated membership/entry costs to the show. Who to speak to? How is it regulated? Dog section entrants don't have to be members, what other sections are exempt? What is the justification for charging or not? Entry fees. sponsorship and then membership for 2-3 days is quite expensive and is putting off some potential exhibitors. Melb show much cheaper with varying fee structure. KP to enquire at DFC meeting on Friday.

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 7th December 21 @ 6pm at venue to be advised.
PS to check with Auchendarrock House to see if a room is available for a meeting with dinner beforehand. Subsidy to apply.

Meeting closed :- 8.55pm.