



AUSTRALIAN ALPACA ASSOCIATION LTD

NSW REGION - ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING

Date: 27th September 2020

Venue: ZOOM Teleconference

Meeting Commenced 2:05pm

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees: Carolyn Austin, Keryn Burns, Lyn Dickson, Rob Harborne, Fran Haslin, Erin Marsden, Cheryl McGowan, Cathi McMullen, Jan Merison, Deb Redelman, Diana Rutter, Jennie Staples, Sue Tiley.

Apologies: Scott Marsden, Liz & Nigel Thompson

Keryn stated the Register of Declaration of Interest sheet was available if required.

Matters arising from the minutes of Ordinary Regional Meeting held on 7th December, 2019

Nil

The Secretary's Report (attached) was circulated to all members with previous minutes. Due to Internet problems I was unable to circulate the President's report to all members prior to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Keryn outlined the content of her report.

- The problems faced by members during the year, drought, fires, floods and Covid-19.
- Apologies for lack of meetings in 2020, a plan for more meetings in 2021 and, Covid-19 permitting, a plan to take some meetings out to areas further from the city.
- A reminder to prepare your properties before the next fire season arrives.
- Notice of ARM (AGM) to be held Sunday 8th November via Zoom.
- New AAA website, please have a look at it, let us know if you have any suggestions.
- All regions now operating on a central financial system.
- Shearing list for NSW has been updated.
- The Board is working on ways to have shows in 2021 complying with Covid-19 rules.
- Training & seminars, NSW will be able to hold for small groups.

Education & Training:

Cathi McMullen reminded people that the Webinar on Colour Genetics is on Monday 18th night. ANIMAL CARE info has been moved from the members' section on the AAA Website to the general section so is now available to non-members as well.

The Board is trying to get more collaboration on training at a National level. Videos are underway.



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Show news:

National Fleece Challenge now open on eAlpaca. There is a link to AAA Website. Facebook page scheduled to go up this week.

Canberra Royal in 2021. No replies received to EOI for convening this show. Lyn Dickson indicated she would be willing to run the show as long as she doesn't have to raise sponsorships. She has been working hard on sponsorship for the National Fleece Challenge and if the National Show goes ahead in 2021 will most likely be doing the same for that.

There is a possibility of getting money back from a government scheme for expenditure on shows cancelled due to Covid-19, Moss Vale is one of those.

Bathurst Show: is scheduled for 18th April. Fleece judging is usually on the Tuesday before, may need to done later in the week as it will clash with Sydney Royal if alpacas are in Sydney the second week of show.

Events:

NSW Region will be running a photo competition. Look out for more news on this.

Other Business:

Deb Redelman asked about Alpaca Week. Cathi replied that there is no longer a fixed week. You can organise your own event and submit to Committee for approval. AAA approved events ensures you insurance cover.

The next meeting: Sunday 11th October 2020 via Zoom. This meeting is intended for people who could not make the meeting on 27th Sept and will cover much the same topics. Those attendees are most welcome to join the next meeting in case any new topics are brought up.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 2:45pm

Presidents Report
ORM 27th September 2020

Thank you all for taking time out of your Sunday to join us.

I hope everyone especially those with family & friends directly affected by Covid, both here and overseas are getting through it the best you can, my thoughts are with you and I hope we can all move on from this or more to the point, with this in the future. We have all certainly had the most testing 12 months in history. Between the fires, floods, drought and Covid it's hard to believe, but then we humans are survivors, so please if you ever need our help, the committee is here for you or just someone to talk to, feel free to make a call. I have had quite a few chats with some of you throughout the year, either with problems to be solved or just for a chat and I have really enjoyed these. So, as we are kept apart physically with no shows, training days or display days, feel free to call, if I don't answer I will call you back (good old Telstra out here, is hopeless)

I apologise we have not had more meetings this year. Covid has taken its toll on all of us and yet the year has flown past. It's hard to believe here we are basically in October. It took us a while to work out we could do it this way (zoom) so I do apologise.

At the beginning of the year, thanks to a suggestion by Fran, we had planned on actually having more meeting than usual and taking them around the state. We thought that by moving the meetings from Windsor to the far-flung areas of the old Regions (Zones) , we could not only help people get to a meeting in person who can't usually travel the long distances but perhaps even help them connect with others in the area. We would also be helping a local community by bringing a group of people together to a club or other venue. (We were planning on choosing areas that were doing it tough with fires and droughts) The southern area of the old Southern Region was to be our first stop, followed by northern Hunter that type of thing. But alas Covid put a stop to those plans. My hope is the committee of the future, whenever it is that we can have meetings without limits to people attending, will choose to go with the plan, thereby making it possible for members who have perhaps never attended a meeting to come along without having to travel 6-8 hrs.

Please spend time in the next few weeks getting your properties fire ready. With all the rain many have had, the grasses and weeds are doing well but unfortunately the outlook is for potentially another horror year. Having spent many months, myself out fighting the dreaded beast last summer and I know many of you were directly impacted, I beg you please spend the time NOW. If you're not sure what to do or how, contact your local RFS brigade they have members to advise and help you. Unless we get rain all summer it could potentially be a similar summer so get prepared, it is definitely the best way to help protect your home and property. Whilst I was out fighting the fires it was the properties which had been prepared or at least some semblance of prepared which were the ones that could be protected by the brigades. If there is a massive fire it is a sad reality that the fire services have to pick and choose which properties they will try to save. It's not a choice we want to make but a sad reality that there are not enough of us for every property so please help the RFS help you in the event of a fire. We all know summer is coming there is no excuse and sadly quite often no matter how much work has been done in advance, no matter how many crews are on hand, properties and livestock are still lost and this is heartbreaking but at least you have done the best you could possibly do. I love the new *NRMA Ad campaign - Spend the 1st weekend of every month on property protection.*

AGM – Our AGM will be held on Sunday 8th November at 2pm and will be in the same format as this with an ORM prior to the AGM. Nomination forms will go out this week. It would be my suggestion to the Committee following this AGM that perhaps bi-monthly Zoom meetings could be held like this until we are in a position to have face to face meetings. It is my belief though, that we must put the members and in particular our older members and family first and protect them. Holding Zoom meetings from the comfort of our home ensures this for now.

I won't go over all the announcements you have already had from the AAA however a few things which have happened in regard to NSW this year are

New Website – It's taken me a little while to work out how to fly the site, however the ladies in the AAA office have been a wonderful source of assistance.

- ◆ Members Section - this is where we upload the minutes and other relevant documents for you as well. You need to login to access this area.
- ◆ Events Section, when events recommence, this is where you can find details and as an organiser submit details to go up on the website
- ◆ Education- this is being added now and will include videos etc

Have a look around and if you have any thoughts on things we can add, please let us know. We are in the process of giving the Youth Group their own section as well so you will be able to keep up with what they are up to as well. Training videos will also be added in the next few weeks.

Central Financials – All regions now operate on a central financial system with the office being the one to actually pay all the bills etc. For us it is how we have run for the past few years however the big new important change is that for the first time we can look at the MYOB ourselves as well as the bank account. Up to now we have no way of doing this. Why is this important, well we can track and make sure things are going in the correct accounts at show times and get reports when we want them. In response to this we will be adding a Treasurers position at the AGM. This person will check budgets for shows, provide report and approve requested payments from the office, basically work in liaison with the office and Carolyn Austin our National Treasurer. Nothing is paid out of our NSW accounts without approval from the President or Treasure. On this subject all cheque books both for NSW & Sydney Royal have been returned to the office.

Shearing Lists updated. – Thank you to Fran for her efforts contacting all the shearers and updating their details. If you see someone on the list who should be removed or if you know of an Alpaca shearer not on the list, please let us know so we can keep it updated.

2021 Shows – the board with Mick Williams driving it, I do believe, is working very hard on coming up with ways we can hold events in 2021 seeing that we will probably be in very much the same situation as we are now. Luckily Sydney Royal being cancelled didn't cost us too much money as we had made the decision prior, not to date the trophy's and the place ribbons aren't dated either. Ways to use the broad ribbons are being looked at for next year as well.

Training & Seminars. - We are in a position now in NSW whereby we could hold small training sessions again so if anyone is interested in running or holding an event please get in touch with Emma who can help you ensure it is run in a Covid safe way. With Emma's work, she is very much up to date with the rules and regulations. Cathi will speak more about education and training as that is her board portfolio.

That's it from me, for those who couldn't be with us today we have another Zoom meeting planned for Sunday 11th October at 2pm

Happy Shearing everyone, take care and stay safe.

Keryn Burns
AAA NSW President
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Secretary & Member Liaison Report, ORM 27th September, 2020

Since last meeting we have 24 new members:

- 8 full members
- 8 joint members
- 4 associate members
- 4 youth members

Total NSW membership of 277 as of 26th September, 2020:

- 16 youth
- 5 Life Members
- 134 Full members
- 95 Joint members
- 27 Associate members

As Cathi McMullen is now a co-opted Director on the Board I have assumed the position of member liaison representative. I have made contact with the recent new members and welcomed them to the NSW Region.

I have been grouping all members into geographical areas in order to be able to assign a committee member as their first line of contact for any issues or questions. I'll shortly contact them to let them know who their representative is. Of course any member can still contact any committee member, including Keryn or myself, for any reason whatsoever.

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Australian Alpaca Association Ltd

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Nomination of candidate for election or appointment as a Regional Committee member of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd

To The Secretary of the *NSW Region*
Australian Alpaca Association Ltd

We are Members of the NSW Region of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd (**Company**).

We nominate [Joe Bloggs] to be a candidate for election or appointment as a Regional Committee member of the Company for NSW Region. We confirm that the nominee is a member of the NSW Region and holds either:

(a) a Full Membership;

or

(b) a Joint Membership (being one Joint Membership Representative of the Joint Membership),

of the Company.

Member signatures

Dated _____

Dated _____

Signed _____

Signed _____

Name (print) _____

Name (print) _____

Nominee declaration

I confirm my willingness to be a candidate for election or appointment as Regional Committee member of the Region of the Company. I confirm my consent to being a Regional Committee member of the Region for the following position:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee

Nominee signature

Dated

Signed

Name (print)

**This nomination form must be received at the Office of the Secretary of the relevant Region at least 30 days before the meeting. Nominations for the position of Regional Committee member must be made by at least two Members of the Region and must be signed by the nominee to signify that he or she is willing to be a candidate for election or appointment and consents to being a Regional Committee member of the relevant Region.*