



**VER ORM Meeting Minutes UNCONFIRMED**

**Date and Time:** 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

**PRESENT:** Lynda and Nic Holdsworth, Lezley Golding, Kath Borrow, Paul Gardner, Heather Gardner, Russ Pendlebury, Chris Pendlebury, Bill Burnett, Romanie and Vivian Blacker, Joy Skinner, Kylie and Colin Taylor, Jenny and Greg Bradshaw, David Daddo, Libby Williams, Gregory Balwin, Marie Fitz-Gerald, Wendy Lyons, Dorothy Stokoe, Lance Renyi, Wendy Talbot, Christine and Hans V. Poppel, Maddy Bissels, Michelle Bissels, Sam Baldwin

**APOLOGIES:-**Louise Lazarus, Lindy Smith, Jean Daddo, Annette and Keate Woodgate, Trish and Sean Munley, Jenny Miles, Lynette and Tieran Kimber, Linda Baldson, Julie and Tim Blake, Tammy Attenborough, Sue Hatfield

**Venue:** Joy Skinner, 695 Tooradin Station Road, Cardinia

**Chair – Maddy Bissels. Meeting opened 10.20am**

	Action	Responsibility
Welcome from President and introduction of new members present.		
<p><b>Previous Minutes review:-</b></p> <p>Meeting minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - Wendy Talbot moved, Heather Gardner seconded.</p> <p>Meeting Minutes dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Nic Holdsworth moved and Christine Pendlebury seconded</p> <p>Reminder that the PIC code is mandatory for all people with livestock. It should be listed on all invoices or other methods of sale of livestock</p>	Reminder to all members via Facebook to ensure they have PIC	Lynda Holdsworth (LH)
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b><u>A Member</u></b> had raised that previously VER had decided to only host meetings and functions at public venues. After some discussion it was decided there was many benefits to hosting meetings and workshops at farm sites and each host would make themselves available to advise on disability access at their property in the future.</p>		



<p><b>Website:-</b> AAA have offered to include the VER website with their new website development. Cost \$500 set up and \$150 annual fee. Samples of the new look were forwarded. The new website looks fresh and easy to view, however at this stage VER web manager recommended we stay with our current website set up. Reasons given are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of annual management \$195, paid in November each year.</li> <li>• Excellent support offered by existing provider and host</li> <li>• Ability to come on board with AAA website further down the track.</li> <li>• Although an older format VER website is very functional for our needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>World of Alpaca:-</b> an article on the VER has been written and forwarded for inclusion in the upcoming issue of WOA. Expected in Aug. Everyone should receive a copy in the post.</p>		
<p><b>Presidents Report:-</b> Welcomed new faces, canvassed Survey, Farm World, Spectacular, upcoming Shows, and workshops, ARM</p> <p>Sale Alpaca Show – date to be updated on AAA Events page.</p> <p>Not enough numbers to field a halter or fleece Suri show at Alexandra.</p>	<p>See attached report</p> <p>Update</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
<p><b>Treasurer’s Report comments:-</b></p> <p>P&amp;L correct to Treasurer’s best knowledge.</p> <p>Judges not allocated to individual shows, totals allocated over all shows.</p>	<p>See attached P&amp;L, Treasurers Report and Balance Sheet.</p>	



<p><b>Events:-</b> all events both Show and Promotional broke even , surplus of \$5000 due to judges rebate and capitation rebate from AAA.</p> <p><b>Risks moving forward canvassed are:-</b> Farm World and Spectacular. Both financed in advance by VER. A member suggested to mitigate risk that those involved in Farm World pay deposit up front.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VER currently pays a \$5000 upfront deposit for the Farm World venue. It was raised that the Treasurer should touch base with Farm World and confirm their requirements with regard payment in future. The answer to this question will be discussed at the next ORM 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, immediately following the ARM.</li> </ul> <p>Nic Holdsworth moved Treasurers Report and Wendy Talbot seconded his report.</p> <p>A member asked the Treasurer, if it was possible to provide a comparison of the FY2018/19 against the previous financial year 2017/18.</p> <p>Balance Sheet, to be published together with P&amp;L and Treasurers Report.</p>	<p>Contact Farm World re payment requirements</p> <p>Prepare Comparison to present at ARM</p> <p>Include in Members Section of VER website</p>	<p>Nicholas Holdsworth (NH)</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
<p><b>Regional Events Reports</b> see VER website /Members Zone for copies of all the below reports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm World 2019</li> <li>• Spectacular Review</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Events include:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewards Workshop – conducted at Chakana Blue on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. 11 attended workshop run by Ann Parry. This brings the trained stewards to 27 in the VER.</li> <li>• Australian Alpaca Week - 7 farms advertised on VER website and through VER Facebook. Not well managed or supported from the AAA.</li> </ul>	<p>Contact AAA and request what their</p>	



<p><b>Discussed at the meeting:- upside – organised promotion of industry, downside – large number of tourists not being able to be accommodated on individual farms.</b></p> <p><b>VER Show Budget Spreadsheet has been developed as a tool to help manage the costs of each show. Convenors can access the spreadsheet in the members zone of the VER website – to be forwarded to all convenors LH</b></p> <p><b>President advised the AAA had increased the levy on shows for both halter and fleece show entries:-</b></p> <p><b>AAA charges:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4 for each halter entry, previously \$2</li> <li>• \$2 for each fleece entry, previously \$1</li> </ul> <p><b>VER Charges \$10 per stud administration fee to cover printing of catalogue etc.</b></p> <p><b>Fleece Boxes:- it was discussed the poor condition the few remaining boxes 40 in total. Central Region have been very accommodating in lending the newish corflute boxes in the past but this does require someone driving to the central region to collect and return the boxes each fleece show.</b></p> <p><b>Hans Von Poppel moved that new fleeces boxes be source. Heather Gardner seconded this motion. Show of majority of hands in the room passed the motion to purchase 90 new fleece boxes for VER.</b></p> <p><b>Storage of boxes to be addressed.</b></p>	<p><b>National Plan is for Alpaca Week</b></p> <p><b>Include in Members Zone</b></p> <p><b>Source new corflute fleece boxes</b></p> <p><b>Long term storage to be sourced- ? Berwick Showgrounds. Add to trailer as required for each show or event.</b></p>	<p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>VER Objectives read out and how the committee has strived to meet these objectives. AAA requested a VER Operational Plan, this has been developed and will be forwarded to the AAA this coming week.</b></p>	<p><b>See attached VER Objectives 2018</b></p>	<p><b>VB/Committee</b></p>



<p>Trailer Panels and trailer update :- all pen panels previously located at Berwick are now in Bendigo. No further communication received from the AAA as to what their plan is for the pen panels.</p> <p>Berwick Show Society understand the sheep panels provided are not suitable for alpacas or goats. Treasurer in discussions with Berwick regarding possibility of supplying new more suitable panels. There is no budget for this option at this time.</p>	<p>Treasurer to continue communications with AAA with an aim to secure 200 panels to be located at Berwick Showgrounds when not required by other major AAA events.</p> <p>Keep in open communication with AAA and Berwick Show Society.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
<p>ARM has been announced for the Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019. To be held at the Bunyip Hall, Bunyip.</p> <p>New committee elections will take place and will be followed by an ORM.</p> <p>Nominations for the new VER committee must be received by the VER secretary prior to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p>		
<p><b><u>General Business:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA VER Sponsorship Program has been cancelled.</li> <li>• Workshops proposed:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peruvian Workshop – two workshops held in Vic in October 2019</li> <li>○ Shearing Workshop at Stevley Park in November</li> <li>○ Central Region Alpacas 101 Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sale Halter Show date has been changed to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2019</li> <li>• Current membership has fallen to 113 from previous year of 148. What is the best options for engaging new members? AAA asset is the IAR Registration and Database.</li> <li>• VAY currently looking into working with additional schools in different areas of VIC.</li> </ul>	<p>For discussion by new committee elected on 8<sup>th</sup> September</p>	



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<b>Also running additional workshops for transitioning youth into alpaca industry.</b>		
<b>Meeting Closes:- 12.20pm</b>		