

Secretary's Report: (Wendy Talbot)

Enjoying the position. Lots of communication with members and lots of forwarding of correspondence to VER members.

Correspondence: As was emailed out to all members before ARM. Also tabled at meeting.

Accepted: Marie Fitz-Gerald

Show Report: Bob McLeod

The 2014-2015 VER show season started with Lardner at Red Hill with 137 animal entries & 30 fleece entries (the best fleece turn out at LAS). After missing in 2013, the Sale Ag Society Alpaca Show returned in October 2014 with 120 animal entries & 10 fleeces. Alexandra Ag animal entries were 110 & 13 fleece entries. Berwick Ag animal entries were 104 & 40 fleece entries. Red Hill Ag completed the season with animal entries of 131 & 26 fleece entries. Totalling 602 animal entries and 119 fleeces for the season. Animal entries were up 41 on the previous season with one extra show.

The VER 2014-2015 Award winners are:

Lyla Fisher Perpetual Award - Huacaya Alpaca Of The Year: Almora Statesman – Joy Skinner

Keith Turner Perpetual Award - Suri Alpaca Of The Year: Chakana Blue Hot Tamale – Julie Blake

Dianne Condon Memorial - New Breeder Award – Jack and Rosalie Boer of Granjero Park Alpacas

Fleece Competition Champions are:

- Huacaya: Goldleaf Regal Poise - Lynda Holdsworth
- Suri: Chakana Blue Opal - Julie Blake

Congratulations to all winners. On behalf of the Victorian Eastern Region I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the set-up & running of the shows. Thank-you to those that assisted with schedules, catalogues, stewarding, results and everything else that goes into putting on a show.

The Dianne Condon Memorial New Breeder Award is being run again for the 2015-2016 season. Any breeder with five years or less membership at the start of the show season is eligible. Animal and fleece placings count towards the award, all details are in the events section of the VER website.

The judges for the rest of 2015 are

Sale: Jillian Holmes

Alexandra: Andrew Munn

Check the VER website regularly for show results & all entry details for upcoming shows.

Election of Regional Committee: chaired by outgoing president Robin Daniel

Written nominations received:

President: **Michelle Bissels**

Secretary: **Wendy Talbot**

No other written nominations received; these persons were declared elected into these positions.

Chairman requested nominations from floor in accordance with Regulation 48:

Treasurer: **Russell Hayes** nominated by Robin Daniel; Seconded: Marie Fitz-Gerald; nomination accepted - no further nominations for treasurer - Russell Hayes declared elected.

Vice President: no nominations

Committee: Nominations:

Joy Skinner, nominated by Michelle Bissels, nomination accepted

Madelayne Bissels, nominated by Lorena Hayes, nomination accepted

Gwyn Morgan, self nominated, nomination accepted

Louise Lazarus, nominated by Wendy Lyons, nomination accepted

Wendy Lyons, nominated by Louise Lazarus, nomination accepted

Christine Kelly nominated in her absence and subsequently elected if she accepts nomination – otherwise another Committee member will be sought.

No more nominations were received so nominated persons were elected to Committee giving a full Committee of nine. **Robin Daniel** to continue in position of past President. Secretary to notify AAA.

General Business: Nil as no motions /agenda items were submitted by due date.

Robin Daniel thanked all for attendance and closed the meeting.

ARM closed 11.35am