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MINUTES ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, August 30th, 2015

At: Two Brooke's Bistro/Bar, Lilydale Estate, 45 Davross Crt, Seville East

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Meeting opened: 11.42am

Present: Heather Scott, John Spencer, Daphne Gregory, Keith Gregory, Tim Blake, Fiona Ward, Marie Fitz-Gerald, Wendy Lyons, Debbie Trott, Joy Skinner, Russell Hayes, Lorena Hayes, Robin Daniel, Joanne Daniel, Michelle Bissels, Martin Bissels, Madelayne Bissels, Paul Gardner, Heather Gardner, Bob McLeod, Helen McLeod, Annette Woodgate, Keate Woodgate, Gwyn Morgan, Lezley Golding, Vivian Blacker, Carmel Byrne, Marilyn Fletcher, Lynda Holdsworth, Pat Lazarus, Louise Lazarus, Wendy Talbot.

Apologies:, Lindy Smith, Hans & Christine Van Poppel, Chris Kelly & Russell Pendlebury, Joanne Lincoln, Michael Leggett, Trish & Shaun Munley, Alan & Diane Steele, Jenny Miles, Denise & Robert Beard, Delice & Neil Guscott, Jean & David Daddo, Alison Welch, Colleen Long, Alison Quagliani, Darren McLeod, Marilyn & Keith Montell, Steve Golding, Julie Blake, Romanie Blacker.

Welcome: The President, Michelle Bissels, welcomed those in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous ORM, June 28th, 2015

Moved: Robin Daniel;

Seconded: Robert McLeod:

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes ORM June 28th, 2015: Nil.

President's Report: Michelle Bissels

Treasurer's Report: Darren/Bob McLeod

See AGM

Seconded: Keate Woodgate

Carried

Business arising from Treasurer's report:

Correspondence: Wendy Talbot

See AGM

Accepted: Marie Fitz-Gerald

Show Report: As per AGM

General Business:

- 1. NLIS:** (Annette Woodgate) AAA have decided on a suitable but is still discussing related issue. Annette will send out status of AAA discussions.
- 2. AFN:** (Keate Woodgate) The venture is very successful and highly regarded by buyers. Several shipments has been sold and more orders are pending. A 700kg shipment was sold to Europe in 2013 and they have ordered a follow up order.
59 breeders have contributed. Breeders were paid \$20 per kilo for a 1252 kg shipment sold last December; these buyers are after more fleece. There is a trial shipment being organised for white/light fawn at \$30 per kilo. Sales for all colours are waiting. More fleece is needed.
- 3. AAA Survey:** (Annette Woodgate) organised a survey re issues that members want taken to AAA. All attending members were asked to complete it before lunch so that she can compile a list of members' issues to take to AAA.
- 4. Member grievances and other issues** (Louise Lazarus) After some general discussion, it was decided that a Committee member will be allocated a Member's Services portfolio to deal with member issues (grievances or other issues). Louise Lazarus took on the role.
- 5. Annual Dinner Taskforce:** (Linda Holdsworth) The taskforce has lost members which need to be replaced. Linda Holdsworth will contact Joanne Lincoln to organise an info and handover session with interested people. Date and place to be relayed to secretary for circulation to all members.
- 6. Facebook:** Maddy reported going well but needs more articles and input from members.
- 7. Show Committee Info Session:** (Bob McLeod) Info session was run at Kalpara Alpacas on July. It was decided that each of the 5 shows would be organised by differing convenors who would report back to the Show Committee.

Convenors and contacts are as follows

Sale - Bob and Denise Beard
Alexander - Hans and Christine van Poppel
Berwick - Julie and Tim
Red Hill - David and Jean Daddo
Lardner – Christine and Russell Pendlebury

Madelayne Bissels would compile all catalogues

- 8. Web Page:** General discussion re web page. AAA researching running all regional websites linked to AAA website. Annette Woodgate to enquire re AAA progress.
- 9. New Memberships:** Clients need to be nominated on VER form which needs to be compiled. Open discussion as to how membership should be paid ie directly by VER or by reimbursement. Show of hands indicated that attending members preferred up front payment. This would be taken under discussion by Committee after further investigation of procedure. Number of new membership subsidised limited to 20 and with limit per nominating member.
- 10. Insurance:** Simon from WFI spoke of agreement between WFI and AAA. ie 5% of insuring member's premium would be returned to member's region.

Michelle Bissels thanked all for attendance and closed the meeting.

ORM closed 12.35pm