



MINUTES ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, June 5th, 2016

At: Stevley Park Alpacas, Dore Rd, Nar Nar Goon

Meeting opened: 11.17 am

Present: Michelle Bissels (Moresby Farm), Maddy Bissels (Esperance), Joy Skinner (Almora), Louise, Mikhaila & Pat Lazarus (Nil Desperandum), Gwyn Morgan (Pacarina), Christine & Russell Pendlebury (Kellbury Park), Heather Scott & John Spencer (Surinti). Hans & Christine van Poppel (Joma), Russell Hayes (Sante Fe), Daphne Gregory (Chiverton), Wendy Lyons & Marie Fitzgerald (Wenmar), Annette & Keate Woodgate (Annkea), David Daddo (Pitchinga Ridge), Julie Blake (Chakana Blue), Steve & Lezley Golding (Stevley Park), Wendy Lyons & Marie Fitzgerald (Wenmar).

Apologies: Robin & Joanne Daniel (White Cloud), Keith Gregory (Chiverton), Lorena Hayes (Sante Fe), Jean Daddo (Pitchinga Ridge), Wendy Talbot (Ralwental), Tim Blake (Chakana Blue), Lynn & Peter Kelly (Rosy Bryn), Colleen Long (Truleen Downs), Heather & Paul Gardner (Tarcoola), Felicity & Ashley Hyde (Hyde Park), Alan & Dianne Steel (Avon Park), Tammy Attenborough (Boolaroo Suri)

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

Minutes of previous ORM held on March 20th, 2016: (distributed to be read)

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous ORM, March 20th, 2016

Confirmed: Gwyn Morgan ; Seconded: Louise Lazarus ; Carried

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous ORM:

It was noted that members had received a copy of the previous minutes via email with the current date on the minutes, not the correct date.

1. Members List on VER Website:

After much discussion about the ease of finding members on the VER website it was decided that Michelle Bissels will contact Joanne Lincoln and discuss this with her.

Michelle will also see about getting a list of VER members on a list that can be emailed to members.

Michelle will also get a list of financial VER members for the next ORM meeting.

Correspondence: None tabled

Business arising from correspondence:

All necessary information is forwarded to all members

President's Report: Michelle Bissels (as read)

Treasurer's Report: Russell Hayes (tabled to be read)

That the Treasurer's report be received;

Moved: Russell Pendlebury; Seconded: Joy Skinner

Business arising from Treasurer's report:

- There was a discussion about the sound system. Julie Blake fears that the new sound system will be inadequate for AG Shows. This will be followed up with the committee and Bob McLeod.
- Capitation was clarified that each region gets equal share per member at this stage. However, we don't know what will happen in the future.

Portfolio Reports:

Show Committee:

Fleece Competition at the Spectacular Dinner had 51 fleeces – 48 from VER

Convenors reports:

Red Hill Show – (David Daddo)

102 alpacas entered 38 Fleeces entered.

David was very happy with the event. This year he had received a donation, with which David and his committee decided to create a fun category and use the donation as prize money. The category was for the Best and Neatest Entry Form. Gwyn Morgan won it.

For the first time, Red Hill Show had a Paraders' Comp. There were 30 participants. Congratulations were expressed to Louise Lazarus for all her effort. David also commented on the great job that was done by Brendan Lukin on the microphone and thought we should keep Brendan in mind whenever we have other events where an MC is required on the microphone.

Training and Education:

1. 2 day Birthing Workshop with Adrienne Clark - Louise was disappointed with the response that she received. It has now been scheduled for 15th & 16th October. Louise will get information to Wendy Talbot to distribute to the members.
 - frozen crias required - circulate need to members
2. Castration Day –
 - Louise will have a Castration Day herself. Anyone interested please contact Louise directly. It will be after the 23rd June. The information will be circulated by the Secretary.
 - by vet using local anaesthetic and emasculators – no antibiotics, sedation or pain killers
 - castrations - \$50 per animal , certifications - \$55 per animal
 - certification paperwork responsibility of owner
3. Breeders' Workshop – hands on alpaca basics – fleece, halter training, confirmation, etc August 14th – Chris to investigate and organise. The committee will investigate advertising in local papers.

Facebook:

Due to other commitments, Maddy Bissels can no longer look after the Facebook page. Chris will do it.

General Business:

1. Sponsorship – Motion that we continue the New Membership Sponsorship for the next financial year, with the same rules as this year.
Moved Hans Van Poppel Seconded Julie Blake Carried
2. A reminder from Michelle Bissels that any VER event, including ORM's, shows, workshops and dinner etc. should be indorsed by the VER committee and then put onto the AAA calendar via Kris Brown. Joy Skinner to take responsibility for this.
3. VER Trailer – 2 quotes have been received for about \$3000. Russ Pendlebury believes the quotes were high. He spoke about the works that he and Bob McLeod agreed should be done.

Motion: If the quote submitted by Russell Pendlebury is accepted by the VER Committee, Russell will do the repairs required for the trailer before Lardner Show 2016.

Moved: Hans Van Poppel; Seconded : Keate Woodgate Carried

4. Maddy Bissels has looked into the computer program by James Wheeler for Show Entries. At this stage it is available free of charge for AAA members. Maddy thinks that it looks easy.

Motion: That VER use the Computer System by James Wheeler for the Lardner Park Show and the VER Committee can assess its success.

Moved: Hans Van Poppel; Seconded : Viv Blacker Carried

5. Julie Blake would like anyone willing to volunteer to help out at the Berwick Show to contact her.
6. Julie Blake felt that the distribution of the Judges Allowance by the AAA should be allocated evenly across all shows instead of one or two shows. There was a discussion on the Judges, where they come from and their expenses. Can we find out whether we can get some more money from AAA? Russell Hayes to enquire. Louise suggests that we may be able to get money from the Berwick Ag Society but probably not Red Hill, Sale or Alexandra Ag Societies.

Motion: VER to take on the cost of the Judges as a general expense and it is not allocated to the cost of the Shows

Moved: Louise Lazarus: Seconded Gwynn Morgan Carried

7. Spectacular Report by Lezley Golding (as Read)
David Daddo commended the Spectacular Committee for a great night.
8. Louise reports that the Paraders are having a camp on 27th June.
9. Louise bought up about the photo advertising the National Show where there was an alpaca in a jinker. She wants VER to protest to AAA. Louise to collaborate with Michelle to send an official statement of protest to the AAA on behalf of VER.

Michelle Bissels thanked Stevley Park for suppling such a great venue for meeting and members for their attendance.

Next ORM – after the AGM – Date is 21/8/16. Time and venue to be decided by the VER Committee

Meeting Closed: 1.00pm