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MINUTES of ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, November 24th, 2019
At: Almora Alpacas, Tooradin Station Rd, Cardinia

CONFIRMED

Chair: Maddy Bissels (VER President)

Present: Maddy Bissels (Esperance), Chris & Russel Pendlebury(Kellbury Park), Lynda & Nic Holdsworth (Auravale), Wendy Talbot(Ralwental), Joy Skinner(Almora), Romaine & Vivian Blacker(Archello), Paul & Heather Gardner(Taroola), Marie Fitz-Gerald(Wenmar), Wendy Lyons(Wenmar), Greg & Jenny Bradshaw(Kelowna), Hans & Christine van Poppel(Joma),

Apologies: Kath Borrow(Kamry Park), Jenny Miles (Milstead), Beverley & Fleur Baker (Summalon) Kylie Taylor (Elm Park), Lindy Smith (Clifden), Daphne Gregory (A), Lezley & Steve Golding(Stevley Park), Martin & Michelle Bissels (Moresby Farm), David & Jean Daddo(Pitchinga Ridge), Julie & Tim Blake(Chakana), Joanne & Robin Daniel(White Cloud), Trish & Sean Munley(Langsyne), Rachel Burnett(A).

Meeting opened: 10.20am

Welcome by President Maddy Bissels

President's Report: read and attached

Minutes of previous ORM held on September 8th, 2019:

Amendments:

1. Fleece boxes borrowed for Lardner.
2. Bioworma not Biomec wormer

Confirmation of Amended Minutes of Previous ORM, September 28th, 2019

Confirmed: Marie Fitz-Gerald(Wenmar); Seconded: Wendy Lyons(Wenmar); Carried

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous ORM:

1. Alpaca Week
Still no reply from AAA as yet.
2. Website to be discussed in General Business
3. Fleece Boxes
 - purchase still being negotiated via quoting process,
 - will be stored in VER trailer
4. Light and sound systems
 - faulty light still to be replaced

5. AAA worm investigation - Maddy has organised box of booklets to be sent to VER for distribution to members interested

6. Panels

- no resolution with AAA re storage and transport between shows.
- Discussions with AAA to be directed through our regional rep Pru and the AAA Board re more direct transport between Show venues and possible storage at Berwick being more economical for all

8. ealpaca - problem re results has been fixed.

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Correspondence:

Inward:

1. Lancelot Renyi - has problems changing from guest membership to normal membership

Outward:

1. Members - Notice of ORM/Christmas lunch
2. Members – minutes of September meeting
3. Members – reminder re ORM/Christmas lunch

Business arising from correspondence:

1. Lancelot Renyi – Lynda contacted to deal as she was his initial point of contact. AAA has dealt with matter and Lancelot now able to finalise membership – no further contact

Treasurer's Report: (tabled for discussion):

Business arising:

1. AAA is very slow at paying out show expenses ie 4/6 weeks. It was presidents meeting that it be reduced to 2 weeks but as yet hasn't happened,
2. Farmworld – some deposits and payments received but not enough to cover costs Jenny Miles to be asked to remind members re vacancies .
3. Lardner Show – silent auction winners to be invoiced and moneys chased up
4. Sale Show – sponsors to be invoiced for payment

Show Reports:

Sale Show: (waiting on show report)

- good, sociable day but actual show small
- different ribbons and extra trophies
- economically viable because of more sponsors

Alexandra

- as per last ORM

Lardner

- profit and loss sheet shows
- 141 halter, 21 fleece
- silent auction was profitable
- profit \$446.88
- very few Public from market due to date clash with local football finals
- alpaca stall holders did very little business

Business arising from show reports

- need for different marketing and advertising strategies for alpaca produce – maybe showbags
- stall holders do better in colder weather.
- Nic discussing use of extra space at Berwick Show for use by VER - Berwick Agricultural Committee
- Committee to discuss and brainstorm

Workshop Reports:

1. **Shearing Workshop** (Stevley Park on October 27th)
 - No report
2. **Peruvian Workshop**
 - discussion by Peruvian judge (with translator) interesting and helpful
 - differences between Peru and Australian alpacas – judging and life
 - confirmation most important, fleece less important
 - statistical analysis of sires
 - full presentation on website

General Business:

1. Panels (Lynda)
 - AAA panels are stored at Bendigo between shows – there are 400 for Victoria
 - transport to show venues is enormous

VER Committee to communicate directly with AAA board re need to be stored in at least two locations to be more accessible and economical to all Victoria eg half at Bendigo and half at Berwick so less transport costs between usages.

- Shows to pay one way transport ie pick up

2. Website (Lynda)
 - 60% has been transferred to AAA framework
 - member zone which holds lots of historical documentation, will remain at current VER website until it can be located in new website. The current website will be cancelled when all wanted info transferred to new website.
3. Spectacular
 - will continue under facilitation of Lezley Golding with Heather and Paul Gardner facilitating Fleece Show
4. Workshops:
 - Fire prevention – maybe as ARM speaker before bushfire season - Russell Pendlebury to liaise
5. Meetings
 - to be restricted during January, February and March because of heat and bushfire season

Meeting closed: 12.15