



**VER ARM Meeting Minutes UNCONFIRMED**

**Date and Time: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 10.30am**

**PRESENT:** Heather Gardner, Paul Gardner, Lynda Holdsworth, Nic Holdsworth, Kylie Taylor, Colin Taylor, Wendy Talbot, Joy Skinner, Gwyn Morgan, Vivian Blacker; Romanie Blacker, Lezley Golding, Helen McLeod, Sue Hatfield, Jacqueline Bishop, Geogia Bishop, Kath Borrow, Julie Blake, Tim Blake, John Price, Meg Price, Emmaly Gridley, Megan Gridley, Rache Burnet, Peter Jones, Gayle, Herring, Jamie Lee Herring, Special Guest: Trevor Parry

**APOLOGIES:-**Lindy Smith, Jenny Miles, Allison Quagliani, Tammy Attenborough, Suzanne Lockhart, Michelle Semberg, Brigitte, Kat, Keith Kat, Sean Munley, Daphne Gregory, Angela Betheras, David Daddo, Jean Daddo

**Venue:** Pine Grove Hotel – 45 Stony Creek Road Upper Beaconsfield

**Chair – Nicholas Holdsworth. Meeting opened at 10.40am**

	Action	Responsibility
<p><b>Welcome from President.</b></p> <p><b>Apologies – see above</b></p> <p><b>Register of Declaration read out.</b></p>		
<p><b>Confirmation of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 ARM minutes:-</b></p> <p>Confirmed – Gwyn Morgan. Seconded – Colin Taylor</p>		
<p><b>Presidents report - see Attachment A</b></p>		
<p><b>Treasurers Report - see Attachments</b></p> <p>VER Treasurer Report 21 22</p> <p>VER Profit &amp; Loss Statement FY 2022</p> <p>VAY Young Profit &amp; Loss Statement VER FY2022</p> <p>VER Assets Register July 2022</p>		
<p><b>Secretary Report - see Attachment A</b></p>		
<p><b>Newsletter, Social Media Report - see Attachment A</b></p>		



<p><b>Show convenors report</b> – Shows Cancelled included Sale 2021, Berwick 2022, Red Hill 2022, Alexandra 2022, Lardner 2022. VER Annual Awards Cancelled</p> <p>Shows/Events conducted - Celebration Show 2022 – May 2022, Farm World 2022 – product, promotion, youth competition; Youth Workshop August 2022</p> <p>Shows/Events planned: Sale 2022 9th Oct 2022, Paddock to Product Fleece Workshop October 2022, Geelong Youth activities October 2022, Whittlesea Youth Competition Nov 2022, Berwick February 2023, Red Hill March 2023, Farm World 2023.</p> <p>Alexander Show unlikely to be continued unless a convenor can be identified.</p> <p>Lardner Show new convenor has been appointed for 2023 – Tammy Attenborough</p>		
<p><b>Notification of decisions made affecting members of the Region.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Purchase of defibrillator</li> <li>b. Changes to VER Awards due to cancellation of shows and events</li> <li>c. Notification of Shows/Events Schedule for 2022/23</li> <li>d. Creation of New Member Liaison Working Party</li> <li>e. AAA updates - Changes to wether registrations- FOC and Farm Finder.</li> <li>f. AAA Biosecurity Updates - Alpaca CheQA/Q-Alpaca</li> <li>g. Youth Activities</li> <li>h. Capitation funds continue not to be transferred to regions.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Adoption of regional accounts for the year.</b></p> <p>Adoption of accounts:          Moved by: Vivian Blacker          Seconded by: Wendy Talbot</p>		



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<b>Business Arising:</b>		
<p><b>Election of Regional President, Regional Vice President, Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer. Positions are filled as follows:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nicholas Holdsworth – President no nominations for President were received, Nic volunteered to continue to a replacement can be identified.</li> <li>- Kylie Taylor – Treasurer</li> <li>-Lynda Holdsworth – Secretary</li> <li>-Emmaly Gridley -Vice President</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Election of Regional Committee. Positions are filled as follows:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Angela Betheras</li> <li>-John Price</li> <li>-Tim Blake</li> <li>-Jacqueline Bishop</li> </ul>		
<b>No agenda items were received.</b>		
<b>Meeting closed 11.15</b>		



## **Attachment A**

### **VER Reports August 2022**

#### **Presidents Report**

2022 better than 2021, to date we have had no lockdowns, sadly the Berwick and Red Hill Alpaca show were again cancelled.

However, we have still had a few events this year including Red Hill Youth Alpaca Event, Farm World which went ahead with both livestock and alpaca product on display and for sale, youth alpaca was also represented on two of the days.

With the Berwick and Red Hill shows being cancelled due to the hangover of Covid the committee decided to go ahead with a youth alpaca event and product display at the Red Hill show on the Labour Day long weekend and to hold a second edition of the Celebration show at Red Hill on May the 21<sup>st</sup>. The show was a bit smaller than last year's event however the weather was just as good, one of those perfect windless sunny autumn days. Like last year the show was well attended and a great success with good numbers of Suri and Huacaya in both Fleece and Halter categories.

The Celebration show was also the first outing for the new VER Alpaca panel trailers, purchased last year. With the trailers on full display in the many members from VCR and VER commented on how well made

they were and how efficiently they packed at the end of the show. Not to mention it was the first outing for our new defibrillator, an asset we hopefully will never need to use.

The next event on the VER calendar is the Sale show on the 9th October the Melbourne Royal commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. The VER is happily providing much of the equipment for the Melbourne Royal. There is an opportunity for an Alpaca display at the Alexander show on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November if any member is interested, please let me know.

Financially we are in a strong position with our all events basically breaking even which is always our aim. Our bank balance has reduced over the past few years as we have purchased assets such as the defibrillator and panel trailers. We are in a good position.

Bring on 2023



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## **Secretary Report**

1. Communications received around caring for alpacas, request for resources, interstate sharing of information and planned events, AAA communications
2. Communications forwarded includes welcome letters to new members, notification on events, responses to specific questions
3. 110 current members, 2021 – 115.
- 4.
5. Thank you to current committee members – Nic Holdsworth, Kylie Taylor, Vivian Blacker, Angela Betheras, Gwyn Morgan, John Price, Tim Blake. Our committee has a very good rapport and have worked through many agenda items during the last year including:
  - a. Celebration Show, Farm World, Red Hill alpaca activities
  - b. Purchase of Defibrillator, gazebos x2
  - c. Acknowledgement of volunteers
  - d. Introduction of Bob McLeod award
  - e. Maintaining/repair of assets
  - f. Introduction of member Liaison group
  - g. Promotion of VER needs/requirements/wishes to AAA
  - h. Providing support /local resources/guidance to members

## **NewsLetter, Website and Social Media Reports**

1. VER eNewsletter has continued with issues been published in December 2021, April 2022 and August 2022. All copies can be found on VER website under News
2. VER website available information is constantly being updated and included – however if you find any out of date info or wish to include information please feel free to contact the secretary [www.ver.alpaca.asn.au](http://www.ver.alpaca.asn.au)
3. Social media has been very successfully taken over in the most part by Georgia and Jacqueline Bishop – they have done a great job of regularly forwarding current and interesting information for members and wider alpaca community. A new Instagram account has also been actioned ver\_australian\_alpaca. Facebook account is VER-Australian- Alpaca.