



VER ARM Meeting Minutes UNCONFIRMED

Date and Time: 10th September 2023 at 11am

PRESENT: Heather Gardner, Paul Gardner, Lynda Holdsworth, Nic Holdsworth, Kylie Taylor, Colin Taylor, Tim Blake, Julie Blake, John Price, Sue Hatfield, Joy Skinner, Louise Charman, Jack Boer, Rosalie Boer, Jacqueline Bishop, Georgia Bishop, Lezley Golding, David Daddo.

APOLOGIES:-Lindy Smith, Daphne Gregory, Allison Quagliani, Wendy Talbot, Jenny Miles, Jenny Bradshaw, Greg Bradshaw, Rachel Burnett, Jean Daddo, David Daddo, Suzanne Lockhart, Gayle Herring, Lynne Kimber, Tieran Kimber, Ron Condon, Alison Williams, Megan Gridley, Romanie Blacker, Vivian Blacker (Helen McLeod)

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

Chair – Jacqueline Bishop. Meeting opened at 11.15am

	Action	Responsibility
<p>Welcome from President.</p> <p>Apologies – see above</p> <p>Register of Declaration read out.</p>	NA	
<p>Confirmation of 18th Sept 2022 ARM minutes:-</p> <p>Confirmed –Lynda Holdsworth. Seconded – Kylie Taylor</p>		
<p>Presidents report - see Attachment A</p>		
<p>Treasurers Report – See Attachment A</p> <p>Please refer to attached financial reports</p> <p>VER Events Profit & Loss Statement FY 2022/23 <i>When reading this MYOB report disregard the date as it's a MYOB glitch, the file title is correct.</i></p> <p>VER Events Profit & Loss Statement YTD 23/24</p> <p>VER Transaction History</p> <p>Youth Vic Transaction History</p>		



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<p>VYTEC Profit and Loss 2022/23</p> <p>VYTEC Profit and Loss YTD 2023/24</p> <p>VER Assets Register July 2023</p> <p>Member concerned re lack of comparison of accounts – treasurer explained individual transactions no longer accessible to regions. This can be achieved by event only. No regional balance sheets.</p> <p>Concern raised re Youth accounts accuracy and the lack of cross checking for youth account.</p>	<p>Treasurer to follow up: Kyneton Show allocations (not a VYTEC show) and Whittlesea Show funds.</p> <p>In moving forward all youth events must provide a budget to the committee for approval pre event and complete the AAA Reimbursement form post show – to be copied to treasurer</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>All youth convenors</p>
<p>Secretary Report - see Attachment A</p>		
<p>Newsletter, Social Media Report - see Attachment A</p>		
<p>Show/Events convenors report –</p> <p>Shows/Events conducted – Sale Show 2022, Berwick Show Feb 2023, Red Hill Show 2023, Farm World 2023, Lardner Colour Show August 2023.</p> <p>Youth competition/events: Lilydale Show- Meet and greet Nov 2022, Whittlesea Show Competition Jan 2023, Red Hill Show Competition March 2023, Farm World – Meet and greet March 2023, Colourbration Competition July 2023, Lardner Show Competition</p>		



<p>Workshops: Paddock to Product Oct 2022, Birthing Feb 2023, Parasite Workshop April 2023, Christmas luncheon Dec 2022,</p> <p>Shows/Events planned: Sale 15th Oct 2023, Berwick Feb 2024, Red Hill, March 2024, Farm World March 2024</p>		
<p>Notification of decisions made affecting members of the Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Changes to AOTY point calculations and addition of Best of Colour Awards b. Notification of Shows/Events Schedule for 2023/24 c. Acknowledgement of volunteers – at Lardner and today d. Youth Activities e. Purchase of biosecurity mats f. Purchase of promotional banners g. VER Equipment trailer replacement pending 		
<p>Adoption of regional accounts for the year.</p> <p>Adoption of accounts: Moved by: Georgia Bishop Seconded by: David Daddo</p>		
<p>Business Arising: NA</p>		
<p>Election of Regional President, Regional Vice President, Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer. Positions are filled as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacqueline Bishop – President - Nic Holdsworth – Treasurer -Lynda Holdsworth – Secretary -Georgia Bishop -Vice President 	<p>Thank you to our outgoing committee member John Price for all your efforts with both the youth and highlighting fleece sales. We look forward to working further with you over the coming months.</p>	
<p>Election of Regional Committee. Positions are filled as follows:-</p>	<p>Congratulations to the incoming committee many of which are staying on. Welcome</p>	



-Tim Blake -Colin Taylor -Kylie Taylor -Emmaly Gridley	to Georgia Bishop and Colin Taylor our newest members.	
No agenda items were received.		
Meeting closed 11.45am		

Attachment A

VER Reports August 2023

Presidents Report

President Report by Jacqueline Bishop (3 September, 2023)

2023 has seen the VER region have a changing of the guard. Nic Holdsworth stepped down from VER President into the position of VER Treasurer, Kylie Taylor stepped down from VER Treasurer to VER committee member and myself stepping into the role as VER president from a VER committee member. I would like to take this moment to thank Nic for all his hard work in maintaining and driving the VER region during his presidency. I wish to thank the VER members for their warm welcome and support in my appointment, and I look forward to working for our region in making our industry better for both small and large breeders alike.

The VER region has successfully hosted 3 shows thus far (Berwick, Red Hill and Lardner), interactions with the public (Farm World), a Youth Event, and birthing and parasite workshops. It was great to see the return of the Lardner Show, after 4 years, it was a huge success with 74 alpacas on display, 19 exhibitors and 7 stall holders. This event, in conjunction with a craft market, saw a consistent stream of general public coming and viewing the youth and halter events. It is wonderful to see our VER region halter showing calendar once again at full capacity with 4 shows - let's hope we can continue this.

The next VER event to mark in your diaries is the Sale Show on the 15th of October, 2023. There is also the Melbourne Royal Show on our calendar which will be a fleece and halter showing, as well as Youth Paraders events. Both these events will hopefully be a huge success and I send well wishes to our convenors and all our members attending. Youth is another big aspect within any industry as it is the future; as seen at Lardner Show with 17 participants and 16 participants at the National Show. With the recent introduction from the AAA of new school resources that promote the alpaca industry and what can be done with the fibre (see example flyers); it would be great to see breeders promoting and supporting these types of initiatives in order to attract public interest. For those with children of their own - why not mention it to



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your school for inclusion in your school newsletter? We have many mentors and individuals who are willing to support our youth in getting engaged and involved with alpacas.

Volunteers are the backbone of our region, for without them we could not achieve all these amazing events. At Lardner Show a number of volunteers were acknowledged for their dedication and service to the VER region. I personally would like to thank them as follows:

- For 5 years of service:
 - Julie Blake
 - Tim Blake
 - Lynda Holdsworth
 - Nic Holdsworth
 - Jenny McDavid

- For 10 years of service:
 - Louise Charman
 - Hans Van Poppel
 - Christine Van Poppel
 - Angela Batheras (Posthumously)

- For 20 years of service:
 - Jenny Miles

As previously stated, volunteers are the drivers of our region and the Committee would love to see more members putting their hand up to run (or support) events and shows that further and highlight our region and industry.

After the July VER ARM meeting and August AAA Council Meeting (both via Zoom), discussions have begun between myself, the VCR President, and the AAA President on how we can all better support smaller breeders within Victoria in the selling of their fleeces. This is in the initial phase of development and I look forward to working with both Presidents in coming to a solution for small breeders (and big breeders) in order for our industry to become a more fleece driven industry. Collaboration between small breeders will be key. Watch this space.

I look forward to continuing on as VER President and working with our members in promoting our wonderful industry and shared passion in alpacas. Thank you.



Brochure from the AAA about the School Educational Resources



Treasurer Report

Firstly, I would like to explain the difference in reports given at the ARM this year compared to previous years. Since the AAA has amalgamated all regions activities into one central accounting system, we are no longer able to pull out a regional profit and loss and balance sheet. Instead, we now can extract a job profit and loss report, which is in effect a profit and loss on each of the events within our region including a “General Allocation” that cover non-event income and expenses such as WFI insurance commission and trailer registrations and other general expenses.

In the past the VER and VYTEC bank accounts included all transactions that occurred, this to has changed; now the only transactions that now occur within the account are general expenses and revenue and event net effect transactions. For example, the Red Hill show made a surplus from all its activities of \$155.89. This is expressed in the regional account as a single transaction.

At the conclusion of any event, it will be important for convenors to ask for a “Job Profit and Loss” so they can reconcile the income and expenses are correct.

2022 – 2023

I am happy to report that all but one event in that financial year made surpluses as can be seen from the Job profit and loss reports. I encourage for all event organisers to aim to make a 20% surplus on their event to ensure we have enough income to come the general expenses of the region. I have also included listings of both the VER and VYTEC bank accounts listings including opening and closing balances. Both accounts show increases (Note Berwick surplus \$1074 entered the account in July so is not shown.)

I would like to thank all the convenors for their efforts in protecting our finite resources and most importantly to thank all the volunteers and the sponsors (and WFI rebate) as without these the financial position we find our self in would be very different.

The AAA reports the investment account for VER is \$30,750.00



Regards

Nic Holdsworth

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. 102 current members, 2022- 110, 2021 – 115.
4. Thank you to current committee members – Jacqueline Bishop, Nic Holdsworth, Kylie Taylor, John Price, Tim Blake, Emmaly Gridley. Our committee has a very good rapport and have worked through many agenda items during the last year including:
 - Shows/Events
 - Purchase of promotional and educational banners, biosecurity mats
 - Acknowledgement of volunteers
 - Maintaining/repair of assets and research as to options of equipment trailer replacement
 - Investigations in to fleece collection options
 - Promotion of VER needs/requirements/wishes to AAA
 - Providing support /local resources/guidance to members

NewsLetter, Website and Social Media Reports

1. VER eNewsletter has continued with issues been published in December 2022, April 2023 and planned for De 2023August 2022. All copies can be found on VER website under News
2. Plans are underway to update the VER website with information more specific to our local members.
3. Social media has been very successfully administered by Georgia and Jacqueline Bishop – they have done a great job of regularly forwarding current and interesting information for members and wider alpaca community.