

Australian Alpaca Association
Queensland Region

UNCONFIRMED COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
22 OCTOBER 2011

Venue: Teleconference via Skype
 Meeting opened: 3.05 pm
 Present: Anita Neeser, Fiona Laughton, Paula Leeson, Jessie Raines, Kelli Pfeiffer, Brett Winterbine, Marc Mullette
 Apologies: Robyn Harrison, Jenny White

<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Actions</i>
<p><u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u> Moved FL, Seconded BW</p>	
<p><u>Business arising from previous minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bio's not yet received from Marc, Brett, Jessie and Jenny.</i> • Financial documentation has been received from Di Baker. Action closed • Brett still in the process of getting costings for the change of logo on the banners etc; however, it is likely the National body will be covering the cost of reprinting banners as this will be the cheapest option. • Judging parameters for 'Fleece of the Year' not yet finalised. FotY previously a single judging event held in conjunction with a specific show, often the FOCUS event. This meant the winning fleece was the opinion of one judge only; if FotY judging was held over at least 2 shows, there would be 2 scores which could be tallied or averaged. General discussion followed with 2 options put forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) FotY to be held at the 2 'Royal' shows with the fleeces held by Brett between the shows, this would mean only one micron test would be required. 2) A single judging event at a pre-determined show • FOCUS – no advice yet received from Southern Qld/Northern NSW about combining with us to host FOCUS. Jeff and Jill have offered to help again, also Brett, Kelli and Fiona have offered to be on the committee. • Alpacas on Show – still awaiting definite dates and whether the show will be stand-alone or attached to the Maleny Show. Jeff should have information within 2 weeks. Further discussion to be held by email. 	<p><i>Bios from Brett received; bios for Jessie and Marc are pending, Jenny not in attendance at this meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Robyn to continue discussions re FotY options and present at next meeting</i></p> <p><i>Fiona to raise FotY and FOCUS at the upcoming workshops. Brett to make some enquiries about venues at the Gold/Sunshine Coasts Jessie to tally numbers from previous FOCUS and commence formulating a budget.</i></p>

<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Inwards: 30/9/11 Email new members list – 1 name: Bouldercombe 3/10/11 Email list of members to be excluded under Privacy Act 15/10/11 Enquirers list – 3 names: Paradise Point, Dalby, Warwick 19/10/11 Year of the Farmer newsletter 20/10/11 Notification of Showing Rules Update</p> <p>Outwards: 1/10/11 Expressions of Interest – Learning to Shear 3/10/11 Expressions of Interest – FOCUS 2012 3/10/11 Email to members – Fleece pressing day and OGM notice 3/10/11 Welcome letter to new members sent by AN 7/10/11 Email to members – Minutes of previous meeting 15/10/11 Email to members – Last chance to update contact details 19/10/11 Email to members – Regional fleece workshops reminder and update</p> <p>Moved FL Seconded KP</p>	
<p><u>President's report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <p>Moved: AN. Seconded: BW</p>	
<p><u>Vice President's report:</u> None tabled</p>	
<p><u>Secretary's report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <p><u>Email Discussions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar of events – finalised • Show Survey – now ready to send out to members • Responsibility for Junior Handlers to remain with Education Portfolio – issue resolved • Health Guide – ongoing <p>One new member, living at Bouldercombe, joined the Region</p> <p>Moved: PL Seconded: BW</p>	<p><i>PL to forward to AAA</i></p>

<p><u>Treasurer's report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie still struggling to balance the books due to inaccuracies in previous reporting. • Alpaca raffle made a reasonable profit but only because the cash prize was taken, so this needs to be taken into consideration should another animal raffle be considered in the future. • Kelli queried why the income from the Sire's Auction was so low. Jessie explained that sire's owners were given half the money which they haven't received in the past; also only 1 person paid their money in the last month. <p>Moved: JR. Seconded: BW</p>	
<p><u>Shows Report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett suggested getting one quote for transporting the panels between the four shows then dividing the cost evenly between each show. <p>Motion moved by BW, seconded by PL and carried unanimously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Survey ready to send out to the membership • Discussions at National level re stewarding/marshalling workshops. Each Region should have at least one person qualified in these matters. • Brett has approached Peruvian expats to do some cooking demonstrations at the Toowoomba Show; also may have dressed llamas for display. <p>Moved: KP Seconded: BW</p>	<p><i>PL to attend to this Robyn to organise stewarding/marshalling workshops</i></p>
<p><u>Equipment report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussions suggest the National body will cover the cost of rebranding the Region's banners <p>Moved:BW Seconded: FL</p>	
<p><u>FLO report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleece pressing day set for 26/11/11 • Chris Norris (shearer) is happy to run 'Learn to Shear' classes; maximum 4 people per class. <p>Moved RH Seconded BW</p>	
<p><u>Marketing report:</u> See tabled report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelli suggested that advertising in the Breeder's Directory be opened up to other alpaca-related advertisers such as retail outlets, mini-mills, fleece testers to cover the short-fall in breeder advertisers <p>Moved BW Seconded PL.</p>	

General Business

5.1

- Fiona presented notion that non-members pay extra for seminars or workshops. This may encourage more breeders to become AAA members and also give members the feeling they are getting something extra from the association.

5.2

- Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to Esmé on the fleece pressing day. Photos to be taken for the QRIA.

5.3

- Anita to seek further information from the southern regions re division of Region into LANS then present different options.

5.4

- Show survey ready to put out to the membership

5.5

- Still waiting for the minutes of the last AGM. Cheryl has been contacted and continues to insist she will get the minutes written. Cheryl declined offer of assistance

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- PL requested permission to purchase external hard drive to store AAA information. Moved AN, seconded KP. Moved that Treasurer should also have hard drive to protect documentation. Brett offered to purchase the hard drives, quoted a price of \$88 each. Accepted by committee, proceed

AN to report back to committee by next meeting

PL to attend to this

BW to purchase hard drives and forward to PL and JR.

Next Meetings: Saturday 3/12/11 at 3pm via Skype
 Saturday 21/1/12 at 10am OGM followed by social BBQ

Meeting closed: 4.45 pm

**MINUTES RATIFIED &
SIGNED:**

President: Anita Neeser

Secretary: Paula Leeson