

MINUTES of the meeting of the New England Alpaca Group held Sunday 23rd July 2006 at the home of David and Bronwyn Mitchell.

1. Opening and welcome.
Present: David and Bronwyn Mitchell, Chris Judge, Adrian and Betty Whitten, Peggy McClenaghan and Ken Dobson, Alan and Dawn Bicknell, Karen and John Gilbert Peter and Shirley Berry
2. Apologies: Tony and Gail Spillane, Sandra Vella, Susan Judge, Fiona and Ted Henderson and Wayne and Carol Cannon.
3. Business arising- dealt with in reports
4. Report from Southern Queensland Region
 - Email received from Wendy Summerill- The AGM is being held concurrently with our meeting- the new president will be Stephen Rowley, with most of the current committee returning to office
 - The CC/HV Hunter Group seeking clarification re the relationship of the Sth Qld Northern NSW Region relationship with events in our area- Central Coast Hunter does not support events in Northern NSW. The organisers of all events in Northern NSW need to notify Sthn Qld Northern NSW for insurance cover for the volunteers for displays
 - The dates of the Northern Agricultural Shows will be advised as they become available
 - The display material is currently at the Whitten's home.
5. Report from Central Coast Hunter Region-
 - Kevin reported the AGM has taken place- nominations previously sent in were declared void- President- Emma Griffiths- Vice President- Kevin Mead- Secretary Sandra Vella- Treasurer- Les Carleton- Committee members include David Mitchell, Ida and Frank Dartell, Pam Hart
 - Next committee member meeting will be before Wyong Show. 1st OGM on 27 August at Taree.
 - Kevin discussed the proposal of the co-ordination of the Region committees and the concept of local area co-ordinators- meetings will be moved around and there must be a quorum to have the meetings- local area co-ordinator may be one of the Committee members- think about who would like to be the local area co-ordinator, who prepares reports and reports to the regional committee
 - Committee to make an apology to Rick Hodgson about the agenda items not being discussed at the meetings-
 - Florafest is a display- show will be at Wyong- animals may be penned the night before.
 - Discussion re newsletter about editorial content etc a policy needs to be formulated with guidelines re editorial policy-
 - Former Tocal Fleece Show is shown as a loss from CC Hunter Region- the committees said they would cover New England Show look at communication strategy re major fleece show-
 - Correspondence to NATCOM re protocol if animal when it will be registered with alternative association-
 - Part of management structure each area to list all activities to be endorsed by Region.

6. New England Alpaca Show & Wool Expo Display-
 - Discuss what we want-need to draw people in to take interest- display with product worked well-
 - Fleece show has to pay for itself- cost neutral-
 - Tent still to be sponsored by CC Hunter-
 - Difficult to have staff to on information stand as everyone is busy with animals-
 - Wool Expo Committee wants the alpacas at he expo-encourage members of the region not showing animals be encouraged to attend to the needs of the public- need to add to make the show more interesting-
 - We need to assist other areas in region-
 - Make needs clear-advertise Saturday as Show Day only and Sunday for display and education-
 - Wool Expo looking at a weekend pass-
 - Perhaps have a fashion parade on the Sunday instead of having a nearly empty tent - perhaps have local product as well- fill the tent with activities.
 - Report from Fleece Show Convenor message to Committee to take responsibility for large amounts of money for sponsorship- look at sponsorship for 2008 as most companies have already allocate budget.
 - ? Two catalogues- John to do fleece catalogue

7. Other business.
 - a. Regional Strategy- next meeting will be Sunday 3rd September at the Berry's home at 9am
 - b. Responsibilities for the next 12 months
 - Fleece Show Convenor- John Gilbert- David to assist
 - Animal Show Convenor- Still to be finalised.
 - Event Convenor- Shirley Berry
 - Wool Expo Representative- David Mitchell
 - Display C o-coordinator- Catherine Mead
 - Publicity Officer- Kevin Mead
 - Education day co-ordinator- David Mitchell.
 - Catalogue- Animal- Betty Whitten
 - Minute taker- Betty Whitten
 - Meeting Chairperson- Catherine.
 - Show Entry Promotion Officer- Bronwyn Mitchell.

8. Encourage CC Hunter to provide more panels and display material- Moved by David seconded Kevin that this proposal is taken to CCH. Need to know the number of panels and type. If pens used for Inverell the Sthn Qld Region may need to pay a rental fee for pens etc. Kevin stated there is a potential proposal to purchase a new display trailer- request a checklist of contents for CC Hunter display trailer.

9. Inverell Show- 3rd March, 2007-? Financial assistance from Sthn Qld Region.

10. Review job descriptions at the next meeting

11. Date and time of next meeting. Sunday 3rd September at 9am for Regional Strategy- 11am NETAG Meeting-Venue Peter and Shirley Berry.