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**Central Coast & Hunter Region of the AAA - Minutes**

**Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at “Hunter Alpacas”, Hunter Alpacas, 537 Louth Park Road, East Maitland, NSW**

**Present:** P Thibault, K Mead, B Ross, J Ross, E Griffith, L Carleton, F Carleton, L Walsh, P Walsh, P Hart, W McCauley, H Sorby, P Scott, C Reid, J Brean, L Sullivan, N Tulip, P Tulip, C & R Hill

**Visitors:** P & D Dooland, E Hart, A McCauley, G Scott, N Reid, B Brean

**Apologies:** E & M Brown, J & F Gelber, P Feldman, C Mead, J & K Gilbert, M & M Jack, C & P Mashman, D & D Burdon, M Kenlock, N & R Thomson, G Liddle, F & I Dartell, S & C Vella

**Meeting commenced at 11.30 am**

**Apologies**

The list of apologies was read and accepted.

Moved: E Thrift  
Seconded: P Hart  
Adopted

**President's End of Year Report**

Paul Thibault read his President's End Of Year Report (see attached). There were no questions from the floor and the report was accepted by the meeting.

Moved: P Scott  
Seconded: R Hill  
Adopted

## **Vice President's End of Year Report**

Kevin Mead's report mirrored the letter he published in the newsletter (Winter 2006 edition). He recommended the following changes to regional operations to be discussed and formalised at the next committee meeting for presentation at the next OGM.

- The geographic distribution of the region and hence the time and cost of travel are a major problem in getting participation at meetings and committee for the region.
- The vice-president should take a more active role in running regional administration and meetings allowing the president to focus on overarching strategic roles and national affairs
- Currently activities are organised in a disparate manner and a strategic plan should be developed of all events that the region is represented at
- Local coordinators for New England Tablelands (NET), the North East Coast (NEC), and Central Coast/Lower Hunter (CCLH) would provide a bigger voice for members in those areas at meetings which they are unable to travel to
- Committee meetings and OGMs should be held in all areas of the Region with at least one meeting of each per year in NET, NEC, CCLH
- Guest speakers or displays should be organised for each OGM
- Commitments for the Region should be planned in advance
- Portfolio committee representatives should keep the members up to date on their portfolios

N Tulip noted that she would prefer to see "quorum meetings" rather than a sub-regional structure evolve.

## **Treasurer's End of Year Report**

W McCauley presented his End Of Year Report (see attached).

- The region currently holds stock of the "Managing Alpacas" book, bumper stickers, and dust covers should any members wish to purchase them.

A question was asked as to why there was a loss for the New England Alpaca Show this year. Wayne advised that this was due to the Region covering the cost of the fleece prizes due to the previous major sponsors dropping out. Kevin Mead noted that there was a lack of entries due to there not being a drive for entries at the Royal Easter Show and a perceived lack of notice about the change from Tocal.

## **Previous AGM's Minutes**

The 2005 minutes were moved and accepted.

Moved: N Tulip  
Seconded: E Griffith  
Adopted

Moved: P Tulip  
Seconded: F Carleton  
Adopted

Moved: E Thrift  
Seconded: H Sorby  
Adopted

**Election Issues**

A letter was received from P Feldman on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2006 advising that the election process was in breach of the procedures outlined in clause 97 of the AAA Rules (shown below).

<p><b>97. Nomination of a member as a candidate for any office established by or in these rules shall be</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>a) <b>in the case of a nomination for a candidate for the National Committee supported by at least four voting members of the Association (“co-movers”) and be in the form of Form C1;</b></p> <p>b) <b>in the case of a nomination for a candidate for the Regional Committee supported by at least one voting member of the Association (“second”) and be in the form of Form C2;38</b></p> <p>c) <b>delivered:</b></p> <p>i) <b>in the case of an election for an office that is not a regional office - to the National Secretary</b></p> <p>ii) <b>in the case of an election for a regional office - to the honorary regional secretary in the region concerned by a date determined by the National Executive or the regional executive, as the case requires, and notified to the members not less than 60 days or more than 75 days before the date fixed for the election, that is not more than one month before that last-mentioned date</b></p>
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The Returning Officer advised the meeting that as the advice was that the election was in breach of this regulation all nominations received by fax or post and all proxy forms were therefore invalid.

L Carleton asked whether it was possible to resolve to accept faxed properly formatted nominations and proxies and P Thibault responded that it was not.

**At this point the 2005-6 Committee retired and the Returning Officer (N Tulip) took the chair**

The Returning Officer thanked the 2005-6 Committee for their work during the year.

A discussion occurred on whether, if there was no member present who wished to be nominated for a position and somebody was nominated via a previously received nomination form, whether they could be approached to see if they would serve on the Committee. A consensus emerged that should this case happen, then the member concerned would be contacted in writing and offered the position.

The Returning Officer then called for nominations from the floor.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
<b>President</b>	E Griffith	K Mead	F Carleton
<b>Vice President</b>	K Mead	C Hill	E Thrift
<b>Secretary</b>	S Vella (not present)	K Mead	K Read
<b>Treasurer</b>	L Carleton	F Carleton	P Hart
<b>Committee Member</b>	F Carleton	L Carleton	P Thibault
<b>Committee Member</b>	I Dartell (not present)	F Carleton	P Hart
<b>Committee Member</b>	F Dartell (not present)	F Carleton	P Hart
<b>Committee Member</b>	P Hart	P Thibault	C Hill
<b>Committee Member</b>	D Mitchell (not present)	K Mead	W McCauley

## Election Results

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>President</b>	E Griffith	Elected Unopposed
<b>Vice President</b>	K Mead	Elected Unopposed
<b>Secretary</b>	S Vella	Elected Unopposed (subject to confirmation that they wish to accept the position)
<b>Treasurer</b>	L Carleton	Elected Unopposed
<b>Committee Member</b>	F Carleton	Elected Unopposed
<b>Committee Member</b>	I Dartell	Elected Unopposed (subject to confirmation that they wish to accept the position)
<b>Committee Member</b>	F Dartell	Elected Unopposed (subject to confirmation that they wish to accept the position)
<b>Committee Member</b>	P Hart	Elected Unopposed
<b>Committee Member</b>	D Mitchell	Elected Unopposed (subject to confirmation that they wish to accept the position)

**AGM closed 12:20.**