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Central Coast & Hunter Region of the AAA - Minutes

Ordinary General Meeting held on Sunday 9th 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, R & C 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 12.20pm

Apologies

The list of apologies was read and accepted as part of the preceding AGM.

President's Start of Year Report

Emma Griffith introduced herself to the Region with some details on her background and hopes for the year.

Communication to Absent Potential Committee Members

K Mead enquired as to who would write to the members elected to the committee who were not present to confirm that they would accept the appointment. N Tulip took the action to contact them in her role as Returning Officer.

Action: N Tulip

Previous OGM's Minutes

The April 2006 minutes were moved and accepted, however E Thrift and P & L Walsh indicated that they had not received the prior OGM's minutes prior to this meeting.

Moved: K Mead
Seconded: W McCauley
Adopted

Business Arising

K Mead spoke about the issue raised by R Hodgson at the 23rd April 2006 OGM. R Hodgson had previously sent some questions to the Region in regards to the discussions with NATCOM on the proposed conversion of the Association to a company limited by guarantee. These questions had been received by the committee, and a response sent. R Hodgson requested that this be placed on the agenda for the April OGM, which did not occur. R Hodgson was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting, but has indicated that should an apology be received in writing for the omission on the April agenda from the committee then the matter will be resolved.

The Committee will write to R Hodgson about this issue, no motion was required as the apology will be from the committee members.

Correspondence

A fax was received from David IZARD of the Sydney Royal Easter Show Alpaca Subcommittee for 2006/7 asking for representatives from the Region to serve on the committee.

The President called for nominations from the floor

Name	Nominated by	Seconded By
W McCauley	N Tulip	K Mead
N Tulip	K Mead	W McCauley
L Carleton	E Thrift	P Scott

These members were appointed to represent the Region on this committee.

NATCOM Report

P Thibault presented his NATCOM report.

Action: P Scott

W McCauley asked what the main reason for the change to a company limited by guarantee was, P Thibault responded that it remains primarily due to member's liability issues in the current structure and governance improvements that may be obtained under a company limited by guarantee.

P Scott indicated that the cost of marketing to the association appears too high for the results produced and asked that a motion be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He will e-mail the motion to the committee prior to the agenda closing.

P Thibault advised that the members forums on the AAA website had been removed or curtailed due to divisiveness created by the content and personal attacks being published by the members using it.

Total Convenor's Report

The Total Report is as presented in the latest Alpaca Hmmm...

New England Alpaca Show Convenor's Report

The New England Show Report is as presented in the latest Alpaca Hmmm...

Alpacas On Parade Convenor's Report

N Tulip presented the Alpacas on Parade report (see attached).

Spring Show Report

W McCauley presented the report on the Spring Show preparations, the key points were: -

- More sponsors are needed
- Stewards and a Judges Chaperone are needed, volunteers please contact W McCauley
- Ron Reed (WA) will serve as judge
- A dinner will be held after the show in the Wyong area. Please let W McCauley know if you would like to attend
- Entry forms have been emailed to members and are available on the Regional Website (entries close 21st July 2006)
- Negotiations are proceeding with Wyong racecourse to allow animals to be left on the Friday night prior to the event, so far Wyong racecourse has not objected, but security will be required if this is to happen.

Action: W McCauley to follow up with Wyong Racecourse

General Business

W McCauley asked who was organising the Flora Fest display (7th to 10th September 2006). H Sorby, and J Ross volunteered.

R Hodgson's name needs to be removed from the website as coordinator of this event

Action: L Carleton to ensure the website is updated to reflect new committee and organisers

P Scott asked that the public address system be used at the next meeting to ensure that everyone can hear speakers.

Action: E Griffith to arrange

E Hart asked that the Region approach NATCOM to clarify the situation with regards to use of stud animals and breeding from animals that are not listed on the IAR but are listed on the new AABA animal register.

Action: E Griffith to write to NATCOM seeking clarification

P Thibault advised that NATCOM had not modified the rules to allow non AAA registered animals to participate at AAA shows.

E Thrift congratulated F Carleton on another outstanding issue of the Alpaca Hmmm...

G Scott congratulated N and P Tulip on organisation of Alpacas On Parade

P Scott asked that email and contact details for the new committee be placed on the Regional Website and e-mailed to everyone.

Action: E Griffith to organise

The next meeting will be held at P & E Hart's property on 27th August 2006

OGM closed 12:20.