



# AUSTRALIAN ALPACA

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## Unconfirmed Minutes

### Central Coast Hunter Region Ordinary General Meeting – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2006

At the home of Elvin & Pamela Hart, Hannam Vale

Meeting opened 11am

1. Emma Griffith welcomed all the members who were in attendance. Due to a bad case of flue Emma asked Kevin to chair the meeting. At this time Kevin introduced the committee and explained the format of the meeting for the several members who had not previously attended meetings. Kevin also asked that if members had queries, complaints or any confusing issues to please not be afraid to air them as we want to deal with all members issues up front and not let them fester into large problems.

#### **Present**

Kevin & Catherine Mead, Sandra & Charlie Vella, Bronwyn & David Mitchell, Frances and Les Carleton, Emma Griffith, Pamela Hart, Susan Roberts, Eric & Maree Brown, Alan & Dawn Bricknell, Karen & John Gilbert, Kerrie Rapley, Sherry Stumm, Magdalena Rogers, Ron Austin, Madeleine & Peter Kinloch & Louise Kerr.

#### **Visitors**

Elvin Hart, Judi Austin & Lindsay Rapley

#### **Apologies**

Ida & Frank Dartell, Paul Thibault, Peter Feldman, Narelle & Peter Tulip, Helen Sorby & Wayne McCauley, Phil & Roma Lahey, Pat & Charlie Mashman, Pat & Andrews Johns, Peter & Ann Waugh, Dennis & Denise Burden, Alan & Helen Lyness, Robyn Keene, Geoff & Leigh Richardson, Peter Wildblood, Geoff Gaylard, John & Kerin McMahon & Christopher Beazley.

## **2. Correspondence**

### **In**

Email from Bob Richardson re AAFL Collections

Minutes from New England Group

H'bury Region – Spring Show Entry Forms

McGregors Marketing Report

New Members & Enquirers Listings

Certificate of Currency

Letter & complimentary copy of An Alpaca Alphabet – Matt Ridley

Newsletters – Victorian Eastern Region, Queensland Region, combined Sthn NSW & Syd. Coast & H'land Regions

Email from AAA – Privacy Act Reminder

Email from AAA – Re Industry Directory Update

RAS Report from Wayne McCauley

Email from Narelle Tulip re Marquee

Email from Scott Condous re National Fleece Photographic Identification Project.  
Email from AAA re Admin. Bulletin No. 44 – Reimbursement of Judges’ Travel Expenses  
Report from Helen Sorby re Flora Fest.

**Out**

**Agenda**

Letter to Rick Hodgson

Welcome letters to new members

OGM & AGM Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> July

Updated CCH Region description for Industry Directory

Sympathy Card to Robin Keene – re the passing of her husband Alan.

**Business Arising from Correspondence.**

- For some time now there has been some confusion in regard to the Public Liability cover the regions are covered under and exactly whom this covers to what extent at shows etc. Sandra is to contact the AAA re the insurance cover to find out exactly what this entails and this will then be passed on to all members.
- Report from Wayne McCauley. The AAA no longer provides funding to assist in running the AAA Stand at the show and its requested that all 5 regions donate \$500 each to assist in running the stand. A motion was put forward that the CCH Region donate \$500.

Moved: Les Carleton Seconded: Catherine Mead Carried Unanimously

Some members asked if there was information about showing alpacas at the Royal and Bronwyn Mitchell agreed to put together an article to assist members further. This will be in the newsletter.

- Privacy Act Reminder. This means that any member who has elected to be Not For Publication cannot be included in any editorials or publicity the region puts out.
- National Fleece Photographic Identification Project. This is an email put out by AAFL and a copy will be sent to all members with the minutes.
- Kevin asked if any members in attendance had also attended the OGM and could move a motion that the minutes are true and correct.

Moved: Frances Carleton Seconded: Pamela Hart Carried Unanimously

3. **Committee Reports**

a. President

Emma reported that she has been making enquiries with AAA in regard to the new alpaca association re showing and registering. AAA have not addressed the issue of the new alpaca breeders association (AABA) and so far the position remains that to show at a AAA show the animal must be registered (except for wethers) and the exhibitor must be a financial member of the AAA as at the date of the show. With regard to stud males, the situation remains that for a cria to be registered with the AAA its sire and dam must be registered, and the sire certified with, the AAA.

b. Vice President – Kevin’s’ report will be covered in item 4

c. Treasurer – a copy of the treasurer’s report is attached. Les pointed out that the loss shown is not correct due to the profit shown from Alpacas on Parade showing on last financial years books. Budgets are being prepared and will be

ready for next OGM. Please note that on top of the figures shown here there is a further \$8000 in the investment fund.

d. Newsletter

Frances reported that the show results are now available on the website. You may access the website either through the Links on the AAA site or aaacch.com  
Frances also would like to hear your feedback on both the site and the newsletter. More advertising is needed for this and all newsletters. The front inside page is a prime example being a full page for a year @ \$400. Bronwyn and David Mitchell quickly took this offer up. To date Frances gets 225 copies printed with all financial members receiving a free copy, there are 20 paid subscriptions and any left go towards promotional material. From now a copy will also go to all new enquirers along with a letter letting them know that we are here and available to assist them. Unfortunately we have had to approve a price rise in advertising as the rates have been the same for the past 5 years but costs have risen in this time. All agreed that Frances is doing a great job with both the web and the newsletter.

4. **Proposal for Structure and Management of CCH Region of AAA**

Kevin proposes this new structure and management of the region will improve the operation of the region. We have redefined the roles of President and Vice President because as Kevin sees it in the past Presidents have taken on the position for approx. 2 years and basically burnt themselves out with the workload and therefore resigned. The Vice President on the other hand has basically been not much more than a figurehead and both these scenarios are ridiculous when redefining the roles of each shares the workload much more evenly.

The President should take on a much more overarching role, liaison with Natcom etc. The Vice President should be looking after the rest of the committee in so far as making sure their roles are running smoothly, particularly the sub committees, making sure that their reports are ready to be tabled at meetings etc.

As we all know this region is called the Central Coast and Hunter Region and for quite some time that is where the majority of the membership has resided, but over time this is changing and the members are moving further out, with the centre of the region now being approx. Gloucester, which means that these members are spending a vast amount of hours traveling to shows and meetings. It is proposed to have Local Areas to assist with the distribution of meetings etc. and to keep these distant dwelling members informed and involved.

We propose the following:

We have, for the moment, 4 local areas with a coordinator for each local area. These areas & coordinators would be as follows:

Central Coast – Ida and Frank Dartell

New England – Shirley Berry

Taree – Pamela Hart

Mid North Coast – Louise Kerr.

These coordinators are purely there to let the membership in their area know what up and coming get-togethers etc. are happening. They are **not** the deciders of everything that happens in their area. Reports will be given at each meeting in regard to happenings that the members of the area have/want to have. This will be a way for members to get together and arrange promotional days, ask for specific educational topics. This can already be seen within the New England area where the members have got together and they hold events like Wool Expo etc.

The meetings would rotate around each of the areas and in this way all members will have the opportunity to attend meetings without a days travel and therefore putting it out for a lot of members. Guest speakers will be arranged where possible for each meeting, so if you have any ideas for these educational spots please let David Mitchell know.

A motion is put forward for the above restructuring.

Moved: Bronwyn Mitchell      Seconded: John Gilbert      Carried Unanimously

5. **Calendar Dates**

8<sup>th</sup> October OGM Buckety at the home of Frances and Les Carleton

26<sup>th</sup> November OGM and Christmas Get-together Armidale at the Meads

4<sup>th</sup> February OGM Luskintyre at the Thibault's home

\*April OGM Burrupine (Macksville) at the Vella's

\*Late May/June OGM Ourimbah at the home of Emma Griffith

\*July AGM Gloucester

\*October OGM Taree

\*These dates are yet to be fixed.

Frances has proposed to produce a CCH Regional Calendar. This will show all show dates and venues and meetings, demonstration days etc. The calendar will be A4 glossy format with lovely photos of alpacas for each month and there will be space for a sponsor for each month at a cost of \$120 per month. Each financial member will receive a complimentary copy and there will be supplies for sale at a cost of \$10 each.

Moved: Louise Kerr      Seconded: Madeleine Kinloch      Carried: Unanimously

6. **Marquee**

The region owns a medium marquee, which is not being used due to the fact that it is too small for our shows etc. and we are now hiring a marquee at each of our shows etc. As the marquee just sits in someone's shed, presently the Tulips, a suggestion has been made to sell it.

Moved: Sherry Stumm      Seconded: Susan Roberts      Carried: Unanimously

Therefore the marquee is to be offered for sale to any interested member for the sum of \$1000. If no members are interested by the end of October then it will be advertised in the Trading Post etc.

7. **General Business**

- As yet no Marketing Representative has been elected and a nomination has been put forward for Sherry Stumm to take on this position.  
Moved by Kevin Mead and Seconded by all. Sherry has accepted the position.  
Carried unanimously
- Regional trailers – Kevin is to source a member and location for the trailers to be kept and at the same time have an inventory taken of all the equipment kept in them, have all the safety checks done so they are ready for their next use. If you are interested in assisting with this role please contact Kevin Mead.

There was no further general business.

8. **Educational Guest Speakers** – David & Bronwyn Mitchell  
'Introduction to SRS Breeding Principals'