



**Minutes for Council Meeting
In Room 202, Brentwood Hotel, Wellington
On 11th April 2015, 1pm**

1. Present

Rob Hall, Graeme Turner, John Taylor, Angela McNaughton, Bridget Lowry, Alan Brown, Barry McAlley

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Council Meeting 20th January 2015 – B Lowry moved to be true & correct record, seconded A Brown. All in favour. Carried.
- Emailed February Accounts Approval 19th February 2015 – R Hall moved to be true & correct record, seconded B Lowry. All in favour. Carried.
- Emailed March Accounts Approval 20th March 2015 - B Lowry moved to be true & correct record, seconded A Brown. All in favour. Carried.

4. Matters Arising

5. Inwards Correspondence

- 26th Jan – R & E Berwich – Resignation Letter
- 9th Feb – RAS - Auckland Easter Show
- 23rd Feb – RAS – Auckland Easter Show Follow Up Memo
- 23rd Feb – RAS – New Overdue Accounts Policy
- 28th Feb – RAS – Inaugural Newsletter #1
- 3rd Mar – RAS – Feedback Survey – to be completed by 17th April 2015
 - Completed & secretary to send back to RAS.
- 5th Mar – Brentwood Hotel – AGM Information
- 8th Mar – RAS – Auckland Easter Show Follow Up 2
- 23rd Mar – RAS – Beef Interbreed Judges Seminar in Canterbury
- 30th Mar – RAS – Newsletter #2
- 1st Apr – RAS – Notice of AGM – 26-28 June 2015

- 7th April – Societies Compliance – Reminder to File 2014 Annual Financial Statements.

6. Outwards Correspondence

- 15th Feb – Members – Notice of AGM, Nomination Form, AGM Registration Form, Virtual Show Form
- 12th Mar – Ross Pagan – Updating New Membership Application Form
- 30th Mar – Brentwood Hotel – Confirming AGM details.
- 6th Apr – Members – RAS Newsletter #1 & 2
- 7th April – Bob & Karen Curry – Numbers for Sunday Visit after AGM
- 8th April – Ross Pagan – Minutes onto Website

R Hall moved all inward & outward correspondence be accepted, seconded B McAlley. All in favour. Carried.

7. Presidents Report – Graeme Turner

- A very brief report!
- G Turner had contacted PBB re contract and no correspondence had been returned.
- G Turner referred to his Annual Report that had been circulated.

8. Finance Sub Committee Report – Angela McNaughton

- Bank Balances as at: 11/04/15
 - Cheque - \$9501.82
 - Saving a/c – (Insurance) \$1026.65
 - Term Deposit - \$10,000.00
 - **Total** **\$20,528.47**
- A McNaughton presented the 2014 annual audited accounts to the meeting.
 - She explained that there was a \$2200.00 adjustment to the Accounts Receivable in the 2013 accounts was over stated membership fees owing.
 - She noted that 2013 accounts had included x2 backdated ADL fees which were higher than the 2014 ADL fees.
 - Meeting Costs were similar.
 - Postage down.
 - Accounting down.
 - Registrar questioned registrar costs which included postage for her mail outs.

- Advertising & Promotional increase was due to there been both Mystery Creek and Waimumu Field days being attended.
- Gazette Printing Costs were questioned. Following points were raised in a discussion:
 - A Brown suggested Gazette is emailed. Already available online for anyone to print.
 - J Taylor felt it was still important to have a copy printed and circulated.
 - A McNaughton said F Ashmore had been contacted of reduced membership numbers and suggested only 160 are printed in next Gazette.
 - R Hall suggested a letter be sent to members informing that the Gazette was available online and if they wished have their printed copy cancelled.
 - B McAlley moved the following: “To help save costs to the society, that the printing of the Gazette be discontinued. All members to be contacted and any member still wishing to have a printed Gazette, reply to the secretary and a copy or copies of the Gazette will be printed for them at the society’s cost. At least 40 (20 North Island, 20 South Island) copies to be printed for field days & promotion” Seconded A Brown. All in Favour. Carried.
- The Society had a loss for the 2014 year of -\$1284.48.
- In relation to the loss, A McNaughton was recommending to council that there be a 20% increase in 2016 subs to help alleviate this loss in future years. Council discussed this recommendation and decided to review at a later council meeting after the strategic plan had been reviewed.
- A McNaughton reported that she had repeatedly contacted 10% of membership in relation to overdue accounts. Interest going to be added to these accounts, and any registrar work had ceased if these accounts were over due by 3 months.

A McNaughton moved that her report and 2014 Audited Annual Accounts be accepted, seconded B McAlley. All in favour. Carried.

- Accounts for payment.

1. Rob Hall - Travel \$250.00
2. Angela McNaughton - Travel \$83.00
3. Bridget Lowry - Travel \$250.00
4. John Taylor – Travel \$250.00
5. PBB \$653.00

6. Xero \$54.50

A McNaughton moved these be passed for payment, seconded R Hall. All in favour. Carried.

- Further accounts for AGM weekend and virtual show not yet finalised to be circulated in email meeting later in month for payment.

9. Membership Sub Committee Report

- A McNaughton reported the following:
 - 94 Breeding Members
 - 22 Associate Members
 - 4 people had changed from Breeding Members to Associate Members
 - During 2014 the following changes had taken place:
 - 6.3% members resigned from society because they no longer had cattle
 - 3.19% members were deleted from society membership as there had been no response to continued attempts to make contact.
 - 8 new members – 8.51%
 - 9 new herds

10. Breed Management Sub Committee Report

- B Lowry presented the Registrars Annual Report to council (attached).
- She thanked the council and Breed Sub Committee for their support.
- B Lowry moved that the Registrars Report be accepted, seconded J Taylor. All in favour. Carried.
- PBB & Registrar Update
 - B Lowry reported that she now records all calf entries.
 - This is in a trial period and to date only 52% of breeders had returned their calf returns – very poor.
 - The registrar had been quoted that the set up fee of \$450 and \$1 for every entry thereafter to enter our own returns.
 - A McNaughton asked if we were going to get individual registration forms – Yes was the answer.

- Southern Group Trialling Sire Inspections – The group had been approached to see if they were interested in trialling an inspection programme for Stud Sires. They were not keen but had made a suggestion they would be open to a trialling a transfer inspection programme. It was their feeling that it was current members who transferred sub standard stock to other breeders and new members was the problem. From the Southern Group – “We recommend to council that we develop a pilot scheme for 2 years whereby all Southern Breeders that have Registered stock available for purchase, have those stock presale inspected.”
 - After a brief discussion, it was suggested we revisit the GA (Galloway Approved) programme suggested a few years earlier.
 - It was the agreement of the meeting that if The Southern Group were keen to trial an inspection of all animals to be transferred in the Southern region, and that they were keen to administer it – Go for it and report back.
- Transfers – It was one of the registrar’s biggest jobs in keeping up with transfers and the demands made by members. It had been suggested that transfers be limited to being auctioned twice or 3 times a year. This would help with PBB who had said the Galloway Society had the most transfers of all the breeds they worked with.
 - Moved by B Lowry that “Transfers will be acknowledged, invoiced on receipt and processed within 3 months of receipt”, seconded J Taylor. All in favour. Carried.
 - To be confirmed at next council meeting to confirm By-Law
 - Transfer form to be updated and Galloway Bank account details to be added. Secretary to action.
- B Lowry suggested that all animals sold to non members should be recorded to aid reinstatement of such animals at a later date. After discussion, the suggestion went no further.
- Reminder to councillors and breeders that there were no more Brass Tags issued unless specifically requested from the registrar.
- Update Judges List. Secretary to check with RAS to see what names they have on file.

11. Promotions and Marketing Sub Committee Report

- Mystery Field Days – Graeme Turner
 - G Turner reported that plans were underway and he described the site changes that were being made.
 - S Nicol had embryo calves available for the site. Concern had been raised that hand reared calves were not a good “commercial beef” advertisement. It was also noted that a big part of the Galloway Society was the Lifestyle market. It was the general feeling of the meeting that there was a need to cater for both.

- G Turner moved that the cost of \$1207.50 for 2 adjoining sites (3x3 each) be booked, seconded A Brown. All in favour. Carried.

12. Rules Sub Committee Report – Alan Brown

- A Brown reported that there was a Notice of Motion coming up in AGM to amend rules (circulated) as approved at last council meeting.
- All By-Laws had been auctioned.
- A Brown moved his report be accepted, seconded B McAlley. All in favour. Carried.

13. Regional Reports

- North Island Northern
- North Island Central East
- North Island Central West
- North Island Southern
 - A loose group had been co-ordinated by Faye Ashmore meeting every couple of months.
 - They had recently been to Tracy Wood's property where a Hereford Judge had spoke and also a Dexter Breeder had shared what they do.
 - Very positive group of enthusiastic people interested in Galloways.
- South Island Northern
- South Island Central
- South Island Southern
 - Met recently on a cold wet day.
 - New Chairperson – Adam McCall
 - New Sec/Treasurer – Jill Maxwell
 - Looking at local promotional flyers.
 - Looking at pilot scheme for Inspection of registered animals for sale.
 - Booking space at Waimumu Southern Field Days in February 2016.

- Peppercorn Trophy, hotly contested for most points at Southern A&P Show circuit, presented – Winner Bridget Lowry by only 2 points!!

14. RAS Report – Barry McAlley

- Apart from stuff in correspondence, little to report.
- It was the intention of B McAlley to attend the AGM in the Hawkes Bay.
- R Hall was to attend the Beef Judging seminar in Christchurch on April 18th.

15. Strategic Plan Review

- It was suggested that the current Strategic Plan be updated. Secretary to action and inform members of where we are up to. Also to ask membership for their input again.
- A Brown reminded council that B McAlley had said many times “That we are a cattle society”. With this in mind, he made the following suggestions that could be discussed at council meetings in the future.
 - We need to focus more on cattle issues.
 - Perhaps look at the following depending on funding and time available:
 - At present we produce stud cattle to produce bulls that are predominantly used in the dairy industry
 - Perhaps we need to be debating about meat production and look at trials of Galloway Meat.
 - Needs to be more emphasis on meat in the Strategic Plan – we are a beef breed.
 - Need to identify the best possibilities and present these to the membership so that we can justify a sub increase.
- B McAlley and R Hall backed up A Brown’s suggestions and said we needed to get back to breeding a commercial animal.

16. General Business

- Subs
 - A McNaughton suggested after reflection of the budget that we needed to increase sub.
 - A Brown suggested we increase subs to finance some of the initiatives suggested above in the strategic plan.
 - J Taylor was against any increase of subs unless a clear tangible benefit was the result.
 - It was decided that A McNaughton will make a recommendation to the members at the AGM and that a decision would be decided at a future council meeting.
- Nomination to Council
 - A nomination had been received from S Nicol. This was to be brought up at the AGM as there had been insufficient nominations to fill vacancies on council.

- Galloway Historical Stuff
 - B McAlley had worked his way through boxes of stuff in his lead up to his shifting house. There was still stuff to be sorted. He suggested that some stuff would be suitable to be auctioned off on behalf of the society.
- Vote of Thanks
 - R Hall gave a vote of thanks to B McAlley for his time on council. Barry had been on council for many years. His contribution had been invaluable. Barry had held every office on council over his tenure.
 - Likewise R Hall gave a vote of thanks to A Brown for his time on council. His contribution was also invaluable. Alan skills with rules and by laws were appreciated.

17. Next Meetings

- AGM – Sunday 12th April 2015 - Wellington - 10am
- Council – Sunday 12th April 2015 – Wellington – Following AGM to quickly discuss any matters arising from AGM and welcome new councillors.
- Council – 28th July 2015 10am-4pm – Christchurch
- Council – 20th October 2015 10am – 4pm - Christchurch
- Council – 19th January 2016 10am – 4pm??
- Council – April 2016??
- AGM – April 2016??

Meeting Closed 5:15pm.