



**Minutes for Council Meeting
Held In Person
Saturday, 5th December 2020**

Present: Barbara Fitchett, Tracy Wood, Tracey Berkhan, Susan Nicol, Roger Brownlee, Gus Smith, Beth McVerry

Apologies: Karen Futter

Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held November 6th, 2020: All Councillors were emailed the Minutes of the Previous Meeting for their review. Barbara Fitchett proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting (06/11/2020) be accepted. Seconded: Beth McVerry. All in Favour: Carried

Matters Arising:

1. **Kentucky World Congress 2021**, – Beth McVerry to ask Angela McNaughton how information from the world congress is received. *Beth McVerry reported back that she had received information regarding the Kentucky World Congress 2021.*
2. **From Inwards Correspondence (27/11/2019) – Rob Hall paperwork – Update from Susan Nicol** – *No correspondence has been received to date. Mr Hall has been invoiced, and Tracey Berkhan is waiting for payment.*
3. **From Breed Management (27/11/2019 Meeting) – Nick Rattanong – Update from Susan Nicol** – 1 more DNA to do then all his animals can be registered. – *Susan Nicol reports there is no change to this at present.*
4. **Badges and Certificates of Recognition.** – New list to be generated by Karen Futter to enable presentation to occur at the next AGM. – *Susan Nicol will now generate the list.*
5. **Guidelines for Buying and Selling Galloway Cattle.** – Susan Nicol has commenced the guidelines and will send out her draft for council to review. – *Refer to Breed Management below.*

Inwards Correspondence:

1. **Andrew Stokes** rang Karen Futter about a trophy that was presented at the Oxford Show each year. As the trophy was supplied by the Southern Breeders Group he was advised to contact them. – *Do we know if Andrew has contacted the Southern Breeders Group? – No further information has been received about this.*
2. **Elizabeth Jeffords – Belted Galloway Semen** – This is under way. Barbara Fitchett is waiting for the invoice for storage of the semen to be able to get this up to date and then transfer. – *Invoice has been received and put forward for approval to pay.*
3. **Blair Lesley** – Barbara Fitchett is meeting with Blair to discuss either White Galloway or Belted Galloway for breeding on his property. – *Tried for one meeting, however, time frame did not work out and this has been postponed. – Ongoing.*
4. **Alison Lane** – Via Galloway Gazette email 27/11/2020 – requesting advertisement on website for Windwood Loki HB#17651. This request was forwarded to Tracy Wood for inclusion in the Website and Alison was advised of this via email. – *Ongoing*
5. **Owein Greaves** – Via GCSNZ email 29/11/2020 – Requesting information regarding rejoining the Society. Barbara Fitchett answered him via email asking if he would like to rejoin as a new member, or bring everything up to date with his existing stud name and then apply for a change of name. He was also advised of the Council meeting on December 5th at which this could be discussed. – *Ongoing.*
6. **Stacey McAllister** – Via GCSNZ email 21/11/2020 – Requesting information regarding miniature Galloway. *Barbara Fitchett replied via email giving Stacey the website of Tullamore Galloways who specialize in the smaller than average Galloway.*

Outwards Correspondence: *All inwards correspondence was replied to at the time of receipt.*

Barbara Fitchett proposed that the inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted. Seconded: Tracey Berkhan. All those in favour: Carried



President's Report:

It appears Council now has everything in place, with lines of communication working well. The projects already in place are being worked on by all Councillors with updates and suggestions for the next meeting coming through well before the Agenda is sent out. Susan had the great idea of a Christmas Get Together on December 6th, and Council decided to combine its last Council meeting for 2020 on Dec 5th with this gathering. The last few months (actually the whole year) have been full of turmoil for everyone mainly because of COVID 19. We have all added to this with the various projects that we have had on, and may still be ongoing, however, it pays to be optimistic and look forward to 2021. Thank you to all Councillors for the support every one of you has given each other. On that note, I hope everyone in the Society enjoys the festive season and looks forward to the New Year. Take care everyone.

Barbara Fitchett Proposed that this report be accepted: Seconded: Susan Nicol. All those in favour: Carried.

Finance Report: Bank balances as at 3 December 2020

Cheque (00)	=	\$19,946.24
Insurance saver (01)	=	\$3,178.11
Bonus Saver (02)	=	\$17,565.39
Total	=	\$40,689.74

Bills for payment – There were invoices totaling of \$913.42 to pay.

Tracey Berkhan proposed that all invoices be paid. Seconded: Tracy Wood. All in favour: Carried.

Registrars Report: December 2020

I hope everybody's season is going well. I have had an email from PBB requesting that if you still have DNA samples to send in to please hold onto them until 5th January when the office opens again. Also from Tuesday 22nd December until 4th January PBB will be closed for Christmas. Reopening on the 5th January.

I have had some requests for "Miniature" Galloway cattle. To my knowledge we do not have any registered but if you have or know of any can you please let me know. Also, should any of you who have calves on the ground, which you consider to be 'small', please if you don't want to keep them, let me know. Especially if they are able to be registered. There is interested out there for these animals.

We are still waiting for an update on quotes from ABRI in regard to setting up our Riggitt Register in the online herd book.

I still have some transfers waiting to be process but they are being delayed because they need to be paid for first before I can process them.

Hoping ALL 2019 calf returns have been sent in and process now. At the end of January I will be sending out the 2020 calf returns to you all to be filled in and sent back to me by May 2021.

DNA sample envelopes, if you have used a Sire who was born on or after 1st January 2019, then you must have his DNA profile done before you will be able to register his progeny. So if you need any envelopes please get in touch and I will organise this for you. If you are unsure of the process and want to talk I am happy to answer your questions.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Welcome to all of our new members. Any questions, please get in touch with me.

Kind regards

Susan Nicol

Galloway Cattle Registrar

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Susan Nicol Proposed that this report be accepted. Seconded: Roger Brownlee. All in favour: Carried.

Breed Management:

1. **DNA & Inspections Form – Gazette entry** – A one page reminder is to be published in the next newsletter to be distributed by Karen Futter. – *This entry is to be done by Beth McVerry.*
2. **Entering Historical Animals for online herdbook.** – *This will now be on hold until the New Year.*
3. **Riggitt Galloway – Ongoing..**

4. **Clifton Max** - New Zealand Registration of Scottish White Galloway 'Clifton Max' overseas Her Book Number W1587. **All requirements for the registration of this sire have been met.**

Barbara Fitchett proposed that Clifton Max be accepted for registration in the GCSNZ. Seconded: Beth McVerry. All in favour: carried.

5. **Guidelines for Buying and Selling Galloway Cattle.** – Susan Nicol has commenced the guidelines and has sent out her draft for council to review, refer below. Tracy Wood to do wording for disclaimer.

When Buying Cattle -

- *Always check they are registered by looking in the online Herd Book on the website.*
- *Remember ALL Bulls that are to be used as Sires' must be DNA profiled if they were born on or after the 1 January 2019.*
- *Check to see if they are a current member of the Society.*
- *Go and see the cattle in person to make sure they are what the seller says they are.*
- *The Society has Standards of Type for all 4 Breeds of Galloway.*
- *Make sure you get the Transfer form signed and dated and send to the registrar as soon as possible after the purchase.*

When Selling Cattle –

- *Members can advertise them on our Galloway website, or get an email sent to all of our Breeder Members.*
- *Say if you are selling Registered Animals or not.*
- *Encourage purchaser to see the animals before buying them.*
- *Make sure you have the transfer document available to be signed by both parties and send to the Registrar as soon as possible after the purchase of animal.*
- *Make sure you have DNA profiled any bulls that will be used as Sires' to registered progeny. (This will make them easier to sell to other Breeders)*
- *Many Buyers will want a BVD test done before selling.*

GCSNZ is not responsible for the Quality of the animal being sold.

Membership Report: This report was read out by Susan Nicol.

Susan Nicol proposed that the membership report be accepted. Seconded: Beth McVerry. All in favour: Carried.

Promotion & Marketing:

1. **New Website – Update from Tracy Wood.** - Discussion was held about the ability for Advertising on the website. – *Deferred until next meeting.*
2. **Annual Gazette – Update for next Gazette.** Susan Nicol to get the photos of the virtual show winners from Graeme Turner and Karen Futter will collect them from Susan at the next in person Council Meeting. *Karen has advised she now has the next publication well under way and should be distributed very soon.*
3. **Communication with all members via phone.** Barbara talked a bit about this as a way to have social interaction more regularly between members. Each councilor to ring a number of members each month. – *Deferred until next meeting.*
4. **Country Wide Beef Advertising** - Agreed we should continue with this but with a change to the copy. Karen will see if she can upgrade it in publisher – advertising material deadline 3 April 2021. - *Deferred till next meeting*
5. **Dairy Magazine** - Keep in mind a different ad in the Dairy Magazine next year. – *Deferred until next meeting.*

Rules and By-Laws:

1. **Breeders Manual** - Revamping of Breeder Manuals & Rules & Bylaws – The Breeder Manual has been on the table for well over a year, now the Riggitt Galloway has been accepted, work needs to be started on the Breeder Manual. – *Susan Nicol has now done some interim updates on the Breeders Manual pending further changes and it now needs a section on the Riggitt Galloway.*
2. **Also alpha Mannosidosis** – Wording requires attention so that the Bylaws, Breeders Manual are reading the same - *Defer to next Meeting.*
3. **By-Law 2** – Calf Registrations; wording may need review/alteration. Susan Nicol submitted draft wording for this Bylaw. To enable all Councillors to review and comment. - *Deferred until next meeting.*
4. **By-Law 3(a)** – The wording for this Bylaw was approved via email meeting 08/10/2020.

Susan Nicol moved that the wording for Bylaw 3(a) as approved via email meeting 08/10/2020 is ratified at this meeting and the wording of the Bylaw is updated in all publications. Seconded: Gus Smith. All those in favour: Carried.

5. **By-Law 4** – Ear tagging of registered animals; wording may need review/alteration.- *Deferred until next meeting.*
6. **By-Law 16** – Withdrawal of requirement for photograph of semen straw. - *Deferred until next meeting.*
6. **By-Law 22 - Riggitt Galloway** – Susan Nicol has advised there has not been any reply from ABRI regarding the Riggitt Galloway Register. Wording of the By-law was submitted by Tracy Wood for review at this meeting. - *It is felt that further modification of the wording is required and was therefore deferred until next meeting.*
7. **Rule to be put to next AGM regarding 'force majeure'**. – The GCSNZ historically had wording in its Rules that would cover 'force majeure', however this was removed in one of the Rule changes after the year 2000. During the year of 2020, the Covid 19 pandemic put New Zealand in to lockdown and effectively meant the GCSNZ could not operate according to its rules with regards to holding an AGM. Council have been discussing putting wording back in to the Rules to cover the ability to be able to hold an AGM by electronic, or other means necessary to comply with the requirement to have an Annual AGM within the time frame specified in the rules. – The following wording has been submitted by Tracy Wood for consideration:

“The Annual General Meeting and other Society Meetings may be held using any audio, audio and visual, or electronic communication technology that gives each breeder member attending in person a reasonable opportunity to participate.”

This wording was discussed and Tracy Wood is to make alterations and re-submit to next Council meeting.

8. **New Bylaw – Order of Precedence** – Background: The Rules, Bylaws and Breeders Manual are currently three separate documents that can be read separately giving each the possible right to overrule the others. Even though it appears that Council have the final decision on all subjects it also appears this could cause conflict because there is no clear 'order of precedence' in which these documents can be read. Tracy Wood has submitted the following wording for consideration:

In the Breeders Manual

The Breeder Members acknowledge that the GCSNZ is governed by its:

1. Rules
2. Bylaws and
3. Breeder Manual

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency, the order of precedence for the GCSNZ shall be its:

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3. Breeder Manual

In the Bylaws to add a new Bylaw

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In principal the wording of this By-law has been agreed upon and is to be voted on at the next meeting.

Regional Reports: **Northern** None available
 Central None available
 Southern None available

General Business:

1. **AGM 2021 – Christchurch Area.** – Angela McNaughton & Barbara Wickstead to organise this. Beth McVerry has been keeping in contact with Angela McNaughton regarding the organizing of the AGM for Christchurch. Angela has advised the accommodation needs to be confirmed and she feels a Councillor should be organizing the virtual show. Beth also spoke to Angela about including a Riggitt Galloway herd in the herd tours. We also now need the full information regarding the 2021 AGM to enable advertising to the members and the collation of all paperwork required for registration etc.
2. **Email Tree** – With the updated members list, the email tree is now held by Karen Futter, Tracy Wood & Barbara Fitchett. A discussion was held with regards to a central person holding the email tree, updating it when members join or resign etc. The tree would then be emailed to the rest of Council for their records. – *Susan Nicol is to receive a copy of the email tree.*
3. **Councillor’s staying / leaving at AGM.** - Roger Brownlee is standing down. Tracy Wood is also standing down. Susan Nicol is coming up for her 3 year period but will remain on council.
4. **Next meetings.** – Sunday 24/01/2021, 10:00am