



GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY
OF
NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Minutes AGM held on the 4th April 2021 at 4.00pm at Gateway Motel,
Christchurch.

Present:

Sue Huckstep, Roger Brownlee, Sylvia Anderson, Graeme and Marie Turner, Bruce Taggart, Beth McVerry, Kylie Brewer, Barbara Wickstead, Susan Nicol, Andrew Stokes, Marshall Stokes, John and Karen Futter, Angela McNaughton, Claudia Forsyth, Tracey Berkahn, Barbara Fitchett, Nick Rattongong.

Apologies:

Allan Boyle, Allan Brown, Tracy Wood, Barry McAlley, Gus Smith, Karen and Bob Curry and Rob and Lyn Hall.

Obituaries:

A minute silence was held in memory of all those, not only GCSNZ members, that had passed away in the last year.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 5 September 2020.

These were circulated and taken as read. It was proposed by Barbara Fitchett that these are accepted as a true and correct record.

Seconded by Beth McVerry. All in favour. Carried.

2. There are no matters arising.
3. President's Report: Copy circulated. Barbara Fitchett read out her report and the proposed it be accepted. This was seconded by Tracey Berkahn. All in Favour. Carried.
4. Registrar's Report: Copy circulated. Susan Nicol read out her report and proposed it be accepted, this was seconded by Graeme Turner. All in Favour. Carried.

5. The reviewed Financial Accounts have been approved by council and were presented at the meeting. Tracey Berkahn spoke to the meeting as to why the Reviewer's report was marked "Draft". The reviewer had gone on holiday before being signed by the President. It was noted that the Active Dam Fees were up, as there was a member who had outstanding registrations that were updated. This financial year also had the expense of the 2019 Annual Gazette and an increase in Promotion / Advertising. Tracey proposed that the Financial Statement be accepted. Seconded by Angela McNaughton. All in Favour Carried.

6. The Proposed Budget was presented to the members. This is similar to previous years, but no budget set for Gazette. Angela McNaughton suggested that a paper based Gazette would be good before the next World Congress. Tracey Berkahn proposed that the council approved budget be accepted. This was seconded by Kylie Brewer. All in Favour. Carried.

7. Promotions and Marketing Report. Copy provided

Beth McVerry read and spoke about her report. There was a bit of delegate discussion and Barbara Wickstead asked about Wall Banners and promoting ourselves with the Rare Breeds Society. Beth said that we will need to update the Banners with our new Logo.

Sue Huckstep mentioned having 2 administrators's for Facebook would good.

Kylie Brewer mentioned "Open Day, Open Farm" events.

The Website was discussed as this is the main connection with our members. Angela McNaughton mentioned that the reports need to be added to the minutes and the Rules and Fees on the Website need updating.

Graeme Turner asked about the online herd book especially as full Owner details were published. Beth said that the council were in the process of looking into security of members details which included adding a disclaimer and updating consents. Beth McVerry proposed that the report be accepted. Seconded by Susan Nicol. All in Favour. Carried.

8. Rules Sub Committee Report: Nothing to Report.

9. Membership Sub Committee Report: Copy Provided. Karen Futter read the report. Silvia Anderson asked if we knew how many actually animals there were? This is hard to determine as there are registered and those that aren't and changes frequently. Karen

Futter proposed that her report be accepted. This was seconded by Beth McVerry. All in Favour. Carried.

10. Finance Sub Committee Report: Copy provided. Tracey Berkahn read and spoke to her report. This had been covered in Reviewed Financial Statements. Tracey Berkahn proposed that her report be accepted. Seconded by Barbara Fitchett. All in Favour. Carried

11. Breed Management Report: Susan Nicol read out her report. Copy provided. Angela McNaughton asked about the cost of adding the Riggitt Galloway to the herd book. Susan said that this would cost between \$600 - \$800 for PBB to do.

In regard to the "miniature" classification for small Galloways, Angela said historically there were Miniatures in the herd book, eg Ngutunui White Clem openly advertised as producing small stock.

Susan Nicol proposed that her report be accepted. Seconded by Beth McVerry. All in Favour. Carried.

12. Election of Nominated councillors: Tracy wood and Roger Brownlee are stepping down from council at this AGM and Susan Nicol is up for re-election. Susan Nicol's re-election and the nomination of Kylie Brewer to council were nominated by Barbara Fitchett and seconded by Beth McVerry. All in Favour. Carried.

13. Nomination and Election from the floor of additional councillors: There is one council position to be filled from the floor. Susan Nicol nominated Claudia Forsyth. Seconded by Karen Futter. All in Favour. Carried.

14. Election of President, Vice President and Treasurer: Beth McVerry nominated Barbara Fitchett to remain as President. Seconded by Susan Nicol.

Beth also proposed that the office of Vice President be filled by Gus Smith, seconded by Tracey Berkahn.

Barbara Fitchett proposed that Tracey Berkahn remain as Treasurer and this was seconded by Claudia Forsyth.

All in Favour. Carried.

15. Appointment of Secretary: Barbara Fitchett proposed that Karen Futter remain in the position of secretary. This was seconded by Kylie Brewer. All in Favour. Carried.

16. Consider a motion to amend Rule 20.10 of the Rules of the Galloway Society of New Zealand (Inc) to enable the holding of the AGM either in person, via video or in any other electronic format as council may decide that gives each member a reasonable opportunity to participate.

Discussion on the floor over the wording was had and a parent of a junior member suggested that the wording needed to be more concise.

That resulted in the following wording for Rule 20.10.

“The Society shall convene and hold an Annual General Meeting no later than the 30th day of June in each year which may be preferably in person, and / or via video and / or in any other electronic format as council may decide that gives each member a reasonable opportunity to participate.”

Barbara Fitchett proposed that this change in wording be accepted. Beth McVerry seconded it. All in Favour. Carried.

17. Appointment of Registrar. Barbara Fitchett proposed Susan Nicol to remain as registrar and this was seconded by Angela McNaughton. All in Favour. Carried.

18. Appointment Financial Reviewer for the 2021 year. Tracey Berkahn suggested because of the “timeframe” that the reviewer remain the same for this coming year. Council asked if we do find a Pro-bono reviewer within the allowable timeframe, then council may change the reviewer. Tracey Berkahn proposed this be accepted. Seconder Roger Brownlee. All in Favour. Carried.

19. Appointment of Patrons for 2021. Barry McAlley has accepted remaining as the Society’s patron. Council will notify Allan Brown about his renewal as patron also. Roger Brownlee proposed that both patrons be accepted and this was seconded by Beth McVerry. All in Favour. Carried.

20. Appointment of a delegate to RAS AGM. Kylie Brewer was asked about her being nominated as well as Barry McAlley, she accepted. Karen Futter will forward emails from RAS to Kylie. Barry McAlley has been our delegate for a number of years and may wish to retire in the near future so Kylie should liaise with him. Appointment proposed by both delegates. Seconded by Angela McNaughton. All in Favour. Carried.

21. General Business:

- World Congress: We are still waiting to hear whether the Conference will go ahead in Kentucky in November this year, or will it go to Switzerland in 2022.

Council is starting to put together a committee to put proposal forward to hold 2026 World Congress in New Zealand. Beth McVerry and Kylie Brewer have the expertise to do this.

- The lack of a councillor from the South Island was discussed and Angela McNaughton suggested that a South Island breeder could be co-opted council.
- Angela also noted that when the website host was changed, a number of AI Semen Sire's had not been uploaded to the new website. She also stated that she had called the owner's of the bulls and they were happy for the information to be on the website. This omission is in the process of being updated.
- Kylie Brewer had a suggestion for marketing. It was monogrammed shirts, mobile advertising. Ties with the society's logo were also a good idea.
- Kylie also told everyone about "Future Beef" with matches kids with breeders. This is a very good way of giving kids the "showing / breeding" bug. Kylie will write an article for the next publication.
- Beth McVerry talked about a conversation at the Oxford show with Phillip Worthington. He said that the judge (who was judging the rare breeds cattle), who is also chef was challenged to cook 2 steaks and see which was the best. They were the same cut, cooked exactly the same. She so surprised that the Beltie steak was better than the Angus. Great for an article promoting the breed!

22. 2022 AGM and Herd Tor hosting: This will be Northland

Meeting closed at 5.45pm