



**GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)**

**COUNCIL MEETING
at Air Liquid Boardroom, Hamilton
on 1 November 2017 – 9.30am**

Meeting opened: 9.43am

1. Present

Richard Dyson, Angela McNaughton, Susan Nicol, Faye Ashmore, Barbara Fitchett, Graeme Turner, Roger Brownlee, Roger Fraser

Apologies - None

2. Minutes of previous Meetings

Council Meeting 27 June 2017

Moved R. Dyson Seconded: A. McNaughton

All in favour - Carried

Emailed July accounts

Moved A. McNaughton Seconded: R. Dyson

Emailed August accounts

Moved A. McNaughton Seconded: R. Dyson

Emailed September accounts

Moved A. McNaughton Seconded: R. Dyson

Emailed October accounts

Moved A. McNaughton Seconded: R. Dyson

All in favour – Carried

3. Matters Arising From Minutes - Nil

4. Inwards Correspondence

All enquiries acknowledged from website and actioned as required. Lots of bull requests mostly from Canterbury and central NI regions. 30/6 Carole Millar change of address. 10/7 Katrina Faulkner associate application. 25/7 RAS President's report. 1/8 PBB Breed Societies Responsibilities with Genomics document. 9/8 Advice of 2018 Galloway World Congress in Melbourne. 14/8 Inc Societies acknowledged lodging of 2016 Financial Accounts. 7/9 Jill Maxwell requested Judges List. 9/9 Jill Maxwell suggested Junior Judging seminars. 17/9 Resignation from Grahame Mold due to ill health, all stock had been sold at auction, no transfers. 20/9 RAS information about Mycoplasma Bovis and risks of showing cattle. 21/9 Application for breeder membership from Raman Johal. 22/9 Desrae & Clint Fisher re late ADL return, refer to Council meeting. 8/10 Rural Web Design re changes and price increase. 24/10 Letter and report from PBB. 26/10 PBB Lindy Lawrence advising that the Society will be receiving \$1250 sponsorship from PGG Wrightson. 28/10 Ross Pagan confirming updates actioned. 30/10 Adam McCall sent report from Southern Galloway Group's 2 year Inspection trial.

Outwards Correspondence

29/6 Advised RAS -Christine Roberts- of updated membership numbers for revised invoice. 6/7 Follow-up email to 2017 AGM & Herd tour weekend attendees advising no additional cost. 17/7 Updates to Ross Pagan. 19/7 Reply to Katrina Faulkner. 9/8 Further updates to Ross Pagan. 30/7 Council report

for Southern Breeders meeting. 18/9 Signed PBB Deed of Renewal Agreement sent to Faye for forwarding to PBB. 8/10 B & P Targett acknowledging receipt by post of their Breeder membership application. 13/10 Royal HB A&P Show tickets couriered to Mackays. 28/10 Email to Nelson region members re 2018 AGM/ Herd Tours, aiming for early May dates. 29/0 Website updates sent to Ross Pagan.

A. McNaughton moved that the Inwards correspondence be accepted and the Outwards correspondence be approved
Seconded B. Fitchett - Carried

5. **Presidents Report** ~ taken as read and printed in Issue 3 2017 of the Gazette
R. Dyson moved that the Presidents report be accepted – Seconded B. Fitchett
All in favour - Carried

6. **Finance Report**

Bank balances as at 31 October 2017

	- 00	\$9596.61
	- 01	\$2484.78
	- 02	\$16,510.46
Total	=	\$28,631.85

Bills to be approved for payment at this meeting:

Angela McNaughton meeting travel expenses - \$ 472

Roger Fraser meeting travel expenses - \$250

Richard Dyson meeting travel expenses - \$150

A McNaughton moved that the financial report and the above accounts be accepted and passed for payment.

Seconded R. Dyson - Carried

7. **Registrar's Report**

Report - attached Susan moved the report be accepted Seconded G. Turner - Carried

8. **Breed Management report**

Report attached re Pilot Inspection Programme from Southern Galloway Breeders Group.

Report accepted Seconded F. Ashmore - Carried

9. **Membership Report October 2017**

Breeder members: 87

Associates: 23 Including 4 Honorary Life Members

Since last meeting 2 new breeders applications and 1 breeder resignation.

Angela moved that the Membership Report be accepted Seconded: R. Dyson - Carried

10. **Promotions and Marketing report – verbal report received**

- Masterton A&P Show 17th February 2018. Claireville A&P Show (Wairarapa Show) October 2018

Central Districts Fielddays, Fielding in 15-17 March 2018. Roger Fraser exploring the possibility to having Galloway cattle on display at some of these shows.

- Gazette – the 3rd issue 2017 of the Gazette is now out and up on the website. Another great issue.
- Website – Cattle for sale adverts have been updated
- Facebook – see the link to the World Congress 2018 gathering in Melbourne
- Merchandise – a few sales over the last few months – we are now low on cups

Faye moved that the Promotions & Marketing Report be accepted Seconded: B. Fitchett - Carried

11. Rules & Bylaws Report

Review Bylaw 16a and 16b re clarify the importation of semen. A re-wording proposal will be presented at the next council meeting in January 2018.

After extensive discussion - **Motion:** To cease the Standard Galloway Upgrading Programme from White Galloway Appendix females - Bylaw 22 and 19(4). Lots of confusion around this bylaw, very few animals have been upgraded, none in last 8 yrs.

Motion moved by A. McNaughton Seconded: R. Brownlee - Carried

11. Regional Reports

- **North Island** – proposed Christmas Lunch gathering on 26th November 2017 at Peter and Bridget Cameron's Cambridge from 11.30am. Everyone welcome.
- **South Island** – have just had a meeting but no report received.

13. General Business

- Venue of AGM & Herd Tour 2018 – Nelson region
- Revamping of Breeder Manuals – Angela and Barbara to confer with this

Next meetings – Thursday 25th January, 2018

Meeting closed: 3.40pm

A Message from our President



Hello everyone,

Well it seems just like the other day I was sat writing my last report, I couldn't believe it when I saw the email come through from Barbara and Kate, our Gazette co-editors, requesting my next report!!! Good job there is someone out there pushing me along.

The last few months have seen winter pass through, and of course some years the winter months can be cold but lovely and calm if we get those big high pressures settling over the Country. However, this year we have had more than our fair share of rain, rain and more rain, I have not seen paddocks as wet and muddy. We have had new streams running across the paddocks, the quad bike and trailer going sideways and gumboots given the ultimate work out. Feeding out has not been much fun either, the girls have been very glum, just looking for somewhere firm under foot to stand or sit down and a bit of shelter. Long may spring be drier.....but not too dry!

For those of you who have dairy farms or also calve over the recent months I hope all has gone well and your new borns are growing quickly and healthy.

Interestingly the Council was recently contacted by PBB regarding ABRI in Australia. ABRI have written a discussion paper regarding the responsibilities of breed societies for the management of herdbooks in relation to pedigree information and genomics. It advised that with advances in genomic testing this was creating opportunities for closer or different analysis of animal genetics than in the past. This genomic testing could lead to the discovery of animals registered in herdbooks as not qualifying to be registered in a particular class or not qualifying at all to be registered in the herdbook. They feel the custodians of herdbooks breed societies have particular legal responsibilities relating to the integrity of their breed's herdbook. Their brief discussion paper raised some of the issues and legal responsibilities breed societies have concerning the management of their herdbooks against the backdrop of the advances in genomic testing technology.

Council believes that our Herdbook, Rules and Bylaws are in good order with what was laid out in the ABRI discussion paper. However, we will discuss this topic at our next Council meeting and keep Members informed of any outcomes or recommendations that ABRI may make.

On the subject of PBB and in line with our agreement with them, we have extended their services for a further two years from September.

By the time you read this report in the Gazette, I should be in the UK catching up with family. I am reliably informed that it has been a good few years since I last visited, so here I go!!!!

A short report this period, but I look forward to writing more for the next Gazette.

Take care & best regards

Richard

Registrars Report October 2017

I hope everyone has had or having a successful calving, this year. Even though it was a wet one.

ADL's have now being invoiced and hopefully paid for. I had 10 ADL's that were never returned to me. Changes on the returned ones have being processed. Please check all is ok with your herd online. If I have missed something please let me know and I will action it for you.

A steady flow of transfers are being sent in and processed. Currently I do have several transfers which are awaiting payment before I can process these. The occasional calf return still turns up in the mail to be processed.

WHATS NEW –

You can now send me a photo of your Galloway so I can put it into our electronic herd book online. To view, I have an example of one of my girls for you to see. HB 16340, Mt Cook Lily. You can only have one photo in the herd book per animal. The cost is \$1 plus gst for the photo which is invoiced by PBB to the breeder member.

Please send your photos to myself as I have been given access to enter the photo. Make sure your photo that you email me is small in size, 300KB or smaller, so that I can download them easily. Any questions just give me a ring.

Thanks

Susan Nicol

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Southern Galloway Breeders Group Report on pilot inspection program

In July 2015 the Southern Galloway breeders group identified and piloted a potential system to ensure that purchases of registered stock are protected through an inspection scheme.

It had been identified as an area of opportunity to protect the integrity of the Galloway breeds that some form of inspection needs to take place. A scheme was developed to inspect all registered stud cattle prior to sale.

The group identified inspections should be done of all cattle regardless of sex or age at least 30 days prior to sale. The focus of the inspections was on structural soundness, not to select show quality cattle. Colour markings of each breed were also taken into account.

The rules of the scheme were as follows;

This Pilot Scheme is MANDATORY for ALL BREEDERS of REGISTERED TRANSFERABLE PEDIGREE GALLOWAY CATTLE being sold in the Southland and Otago areas for the next 2 years.

The vendor must contact the secretary at least 30 days before selling animal/s and provide the details of the stock for sale.

A list of inspectors will be supplied upon receipt of this information.

An inspection will be arranged within 30 days of making contact with an inspector.

The inspection is of each individual animal, following a pre prescribed format, and is the Inspectors opinion of the animal "on the day".

Once the inspection is complete the inspector will return the completed forms to the secretary and a copy will be supplied to the vendor from the secretary.

The original copy stays with the secretary.

The inspection form, valid for 6 months from date of inspection, must be attached to the transfer card when forwarded to the purchaser.

If an animal fails inspection, the vendor has the right to a second opinion.

A failed animal cannot be transferred as a pedigree Galloway, however the vendor can continue to breed from it if they choose.

Results

A total of 35 inspections were carried out, 5 males and 30 females, which all passed, indicating all registered cattle were of breeding quality and suitable for sale.

Conclusions

Many of our breeders felt the system in its current format was difficult to work and constrained their ability to trade stock unless it was well planned in advance. This isn't always possible and some breeders felt they missed sales opportunities.

To make any inspection system work the cattle need to be presented in a yard or very least a dry paddock with short grass. It needs to be easy for the inspectors to view and assess the cattle. To effectively instigate a similar system nationwide would be difficult as inspectors need to be available to inspect stock prior to sale, however this isn't always the case. Cattle would need to be organised to suit the inspector so a full day could be spent assessing cattle in an area. However this is difficult as cattle sales are happening frequently and expecting inspectors to assess cattle with short notice is unfair, especially if they have to travel a significant distance to do so.

It would also be very difficult to do an inspection of all breeding age females, as inspector numbers are limited, and cattle are spread right throughout the country.

As a result of our discussions we have decided not to continue with the inspections.

Other options

The Southern Breeders group feel that there are other ways to ensure the quality of Galloway cattle remains high. The idea favoured by the majority of the group is to do herd sire inspections alongside DNA testing for parentage.

Having a requirement to inspect herd sires before they can be used ensures only good sound bulls are being used. These bulls have a far greater impact on the national herd than the females they are bred with. This option is more practical for inspectors as a number of bulls can be inspected in one day and is simpler to organise. Yearling bulls could have an initial inspection if being used and then get another when they are 2 or 3 year olds as cattle can change greatly during this period. A pre prescribed inspection form should be used to ensure consistency during the inspections.

Utilising DNA testing to ensure parentage would fit with the inspections. It would ensure the herd book maintains integrity and any challenges to parentage could be easily managed.

The Southern Breeders group would support sire inspections and DNA testing for ancestry.



**Council Email Meeting
20th July 2017**

Present

A McNaughton, F Ashmore, S Nicol, R Dyson, G Turner, B Fitchett, R. Brownlee, R. Fraser

Apologies:

Finance Sub Committee Report - Angela McNaughton

Accounts to pay this month are -

1. AP XERO \$63.25 monthly subscription
2. PBB \$795.89 monthly contract fee
3. Royal Agricultural Society \$350.90 annual subscription
4. ABRI A\$619.90 = NZ \$657.09 approx, quarterly fee
5. GST \$410.56 6 monthly return

TOTAL \$2277.69 approx, depends on exchange rate for ABRI payment.

Accounts passed for payment by 8 of the 8 councillors present.



**Council Email Meeting
20th August 2017**

Present

A McNaughton, F Ashmore, S Nicol, R Dyson, G Turner, B Fitchett, R. Brownlee, R. Fraser

Apologies:

Finance Sub Committee Report - Angela McNaughton

Accounts to pay this month are -

1. Xero \$63.25 AP
2. FMG insurance \$212.32
3. PBB \$765.07
4. Registrar's Stationery & postage \$194.16
5. Gazette printing & postage \$ 715.27

Total = \$1950.07

Bank account balances:

00 \$2525.65

01 \$2359.16

02 \$16,442.33

Total: \$21,327.14

Accounts passed for payment by 8 of the 8 councillors present.



**Council Email Meeting
20th September 2017**

Present

A McNaughton, F Ashmore, S Nicol, R Dyson, G Turner, B Fitchett, R. Fraser, R. Brownlee

Apologies:

Finance Sub Committee Report - Angela McNaughton

Accounts to pay this month are -

1. Xero \$63.25 AP
2. PBB \$765.07 Monthly contract fee

Bank balances -

00 \$8675.47

01 \$2402.03

02 \$16472.01

Total \$27549.51

Accounts passed for payment by 8 of the 8 councillors present.



**Council Email Meeting
20th October 2017**

Present

A McNaughton, F Ashmore, S Nicol, R Dyson, G Turner, B Fitchett, R. Brownlee

Apologies: R. Fraser

Finance Sub Committee Report - Angela McNaughton

Accounts to pay this month are -

1. Xero \$63.25 AP
2. PBB \$765.07 Monthly contract fee
3. Rural Web Design \$182.14 Annual website fee
4. ABRI A\$597.35 Quarterly contract fee

Total approximately \$1700.00

Bank balance as at 12 October -

-00	\$10,561.60
-01	\$2444.78
-02	\$16,500.46
Total	\$29,506.84

Accounts passed for payment by 7 of the 8 councillors present.