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CONFERENCE DAY 1

CHANCELLOR 2

Friday 22 June 2018 at:

8.45am – Welcome from RAS President

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you all, on behalf of the Executive, a very warm welcome to this the 2018 Annual Conference of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.

I acknowledge especially Past Presidents, Honorary Members & Life Members.

We are very grateful to Debbie & Christine who have put together an engaging programme ensuring we achieve the business as well have opportunity to discuss, mix, learn and develop the strategy you want your organisation to follow into the future.

In preparation, the District Councils have been contemplating strategy and reflecting on the thoughts of youth and how we can encourage their engagement.

The United Breeds Council have been considering how we can get a better share of conversation for livestock in the time we have for discussion. They have been reflecting on the implications of *Mycoplasma bovis* and the opportunities there might be in the Dairy NZ strategy.

A special welcome to our guest speakers, Diane Chesmar, Erana Stevens, Tabitha Hazlett & Tryphena Carter, Sam McIvor, Rachel Walker and the Hon Damien O'Conner – Minister of Agriculture.

Joining us tomorrow will be Penelope England, the CEO of Rural Women NZ

The Exchange of Ideas session and the General Forum are a couple of special additions to the agenda, to facilitate the opportunity explore matters outside of the formal business of the conference.

And of course, a highlight of the conference, the Gala Dinner and the Rural Ambassador Awards.

This is a great opportunity to be aware of what others are doing, congratulate their efforts, acknowledge their successes and encourage them in their pursuits.

I urge you all to fully engage in open and constructive discussion, connect with and learn from as many people as you can, gather new and invigorating ideas and thoughts, taking the opportunity to gain as much as you can to add value to your work.

Take responsibility for ensuring this is, for you, a great conference.

9.00am – 11.00am – General Forum

Present: Kelly Allison, Geoff Bone, Richard Bradly, Debbie Cameron, Diane Chesmar, Sharon Cook, Wendy Collin, Simon Collin, Rick Croft, Julie Croft, Courtney Davies, John Fleet, Craig Follett, Pam Follett, Christine Fowles, Peter Gardner, Jannine Goodhew, Stephanie Gowing, Merran Hain, David Harricks, Tabitha Hazlett, Anne Hjorth, Richard Holst, Fe Howie, Sally Jackson, Vicki Jagersma, Melissa Jebson, Jackie Kelly, Jo Linton, Catherine Lord, Sarah Manning, Chris Mason, Bronwyn McCarthy, Paula McIlraith, Erica McNeil, Bruce McRobbie, Maxine Mulligan, Cara O'Connor, Sandy Pilcher, Christine Roberts, Annette Robinson, Christine Rowe, David Schumacher, Mike Scurr, Mike Smith, Geoff Smith, Brent Snelllex, Jane Stalker, Doug Stalker, Judith Steiner, Ian Stevenson, Lyn Tetenburg, Andrea Thomson, Ian Tippet, Rachel Walker, Anne Watts, Alan Windle, Philip Worthington.

Dealing with bad behaviour

- have a system in place, are we afraid to use it?
- behaviour not necessarily happening at a show. Deal with it immediately.
- getting all sides of the story
- use media to publicize expectations
- “impeccable manners” noted in strategy session
- shows sharing information on competitors
- information published in show schedules – consistent message
- dealing through Facebook risky
- clarity round how to deal with off-show incidents
- we need to lead by example – reward positive behavior
- review underway with RAS Resolution Process

Dairy Levy

- not an RAS levy, initiative came from the Dairy Breed Societies
- specific committee set up to deal with this, RAS only collect levy on behalf of
- RAS Admin Manual provides information relating to this
- Look to change name, ? Dairy Ethics Levy

Biosecurity

- Brent Snelllex spoke on the Animal Health Government Agreement
- NZ Equine Health – protocols/operational processes
- Mycoplasma bovis – big impact. Prosecution investigations underway
- messages about stock movement progressing
- discuss with Minister at Saturday session
- breed meetings & UBS meeting to consider and report
- shows refer to recommendations mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument
- there are other diseases – should exhibitors sign they have tested free?
- Shows look creatively at how they might fill the gap e.g. exhibition

FMG Insurance

- buildings burnt down and premiums doubled as a result
- look at developing collective, beneficial arrangement
- aside from the dollars, policy is very important
- are there other buyer opportunities?

Harcourts

- sponsorship
- referral scheme
- Marlborough A&P using the referral scheme to effect with 3 referrals = \$1200
- use an email tag line to ensure your members know about it
- promote to members and local community
- add to schedules

- build relationships with Harcourts agent

Plastic free shows

- Wanaka initiative
- could it be a universal initiative to promote across shows?
- bag is the key piece of the collateral
- promote to trade exhibitors to do the same and formally recognize their effort
- plastic biodegradable – Canterbury initiative
- Helensville – zero waste initiative several years ago. Council helped to get them started.

Community Engagement – Relevance of your show to the community

How do you get the word out to the community?

- business after 5 groups
- relationships with local council will help
- get schools involved/competitions
- home industries directly marketing to schools
- public speaking – identity
- sponsor other events
- create a personal identity association
- provide copy for media

Our Relevance

- livestock rural support
- interaction between humans and livestock
- understand our offerings and how we package that
- make sure we are relevant/review/make change
- show reflect community i.e. multicultural show communities change
- rural /semi-rural lifestyle – how can we help them
- use of technology
- Young Farmers competition with schools
- winter series competition – giant pumpkin, scarecrow etc. – additional to show
- Agrikids
- potato in a bucket – Mitre 10 sponsor
- family DIY competition
- relevance confined by space for a lot of shows
- does an A&P have to be on once?
- Branding relevant, ? alternative options

Youth

- older people hold on to positions, not prepared to move on and make room for younger ones
- fee support for younger people
- timing of meetings suited to retired people not working people
- starting out on careers – having families – busy time for youth
- don't know how to be involved – open discussion to find/provide opportunities
- establish youth committee, give them scope to do it their way
- create ways that it is comfortable for them to participate
- host youth competitions like Northern District, Oxford A&P
- young people not there – maybe listened to but nothing changes
- intimidating environment – no opportunity to talk/be respected
- Manawatu encouraged youth and now have a 24-year-old President
- expect turnover but they may come back in time – keep the door open
- will take time to build momentum – improvements are often gradual
- personal approach
- youth – Pork Lords – Canterbury & Hawkes Bay run – get people to bring a pig, have a social function
- imaging (of youth) reinforces their involvement

CONFERENCE DAY 1

CHANCELLOR 2

Friday 22 June 2018 at:

11.30am – 12.15pm – Diane Chesmar – Our Volunteers

Can be viewed on the RAS website - <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/ras-conference/>

12.15pm – 1.00pm – Erana Stevens – NZ Shearing Championships Event Manager

Can be viewed on the RAS website - <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/ras-conference/>

1.45pm – 2.30pm – Tabitha Hazlett & Tryphena Carter – The power of the digital world

Can be viewed on the RAS website - <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/ras-conference/>

Admin Exchange of Ideas

- Ensuring information for statics required by RAS office is returned e.g. insurance.
- Advise members/exhibitors of Harcourts Community Funding scheme.
- Ticket allocations for members/exhibitors/volunteers– associations/societies have various criteria.
- Entertainment
- Show programmes – discussion on what show administrators us. Would it be preferable for all shows to use one common programme?
- Polypay- Having online entries paid for with polypal saves having to match payments with exhibitor's entries.
- Life Membership – criteria of service prior to Life Membership being bestowed. Each association/society have different criteria.
- Plastic Free shows – encourage food stall holders to use bio-degradable knife/forks etc. - Public bring refill water bottles

CONFERENCE DAY 1
EQUESTRIAN BREEDS' DELEGATES MEETING
CHANCELLOR 2

Friday 22 June 2018 at 2.00pm

Present: Alan Windle (Chair, HSCE Executive Chair, delegate for Pony Breeders), Debbie Cameron (RAS), Tryphena Carter (Gore A&P delegate), Diane Chesmar (CD Eq Chair), Wendy Collin (Dannevirke A&P delegate), Sharon Cook (Bay of Islands P&I delegate), Julie DeFilippi (Standardbred Breeders), John Fleet (National Measuring Convenor), Peter Gardner, Katrina Gosney (Standardbred Breeders), Steph Gowing (Whangarei delegate), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P delegate), Tabitha Hazlett (Southland A&P), Anne Hjorth (MND Chair, Cambridge A&P & Te Aroha A&P delegate), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P delegate), Fe Howie (Upper Clutha A&P delegate), Sally Jackson (Hawkes Bay delegate), Melissa Jebson (RAS Executive, CD Chair, Malvern A&P delegate), Jo Linton (National Horse & Pony delegate), Sarah Manning (Canterbury A&P), Paula McIlraith (Ellesmere A&P, Banks Peninsula A&P delegate), Maxine Mulligan (National Forbidden Substance Convenor, Manawatu A&P delegate), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Amanda Parkes (Franklin A&P), Julie Pascoe (NZ Pinto Horse), Lex Peddie (Canterbury A&P delegate), Sandra Pilcher (CD Judges Convenor), Christine Roberts (Minutes, CD Manager, Oxford A&P delegate), Christine Rowe (ED Judge Convenor, Wairarapa A&P delegate), Kristine Russell (SD Judges Convenor), David Schumacher (WD Councillor, Stratford A&P delegate), Mike Smith (Southland A&P delegate), Brent Snelllex (RAS Executive), Judith Steiner, Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua delegate), Andrea Thomson (Donkey & Mule Society, NZ Shetland delegate), Ian Tippet (Southern District Eq Chair, Courtenay A&P delegate), Jeannette Tippet, Rachel Walker (RAS Executive), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P, Auckland A&P, Methven A&P).

Welcome from RAS Executive: Brent Snelllex

1. **Chairperson:** Alan Windle
2. **Secretary for the Meeting:** Christine Roberts
3. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith (NZ Arab, Northern District Chair), Clare Gratton (National Miniature Horse Society), Michele Taylor (NZ All Breeds).

A Thomson / A Windle

MOVED: That these apologies be received.

CARRIED

4. Minutes

Minutes of the Equestrian Breed Meeting held on 24 June 2017 – Gazette 214 (2017) pages 12-23.

A Windle

MOVED: That the Minutes of the Equestrian Breed Meeting held on 24 June 2017 as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5. Matters arising from those minutes.

6. Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.

No items noted

7. Reports

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one page written report to be tabled with the agendas – see pages 10-11.

- Clydesdale Horse Society – no report
- Connemara Pony Society of NZ Incorporated – no report
- Donkey & Mule Society of NZ - **received**
- Morgan Horse Association of NZ - no report
- National Miniature Horse Society of NZ - no report
- NZ Arab Horse Breeders Society - no report
- NZ Carriage Driving Society - no report
- NZ Golden Horse Society - no report
- NZ Gypsy Cob Association - no report
- NZ Hackney Society - **received**
- NZ Miniature Horse Society - no report
- New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated – **received**
- NZ Riding Pony Society - no report
- NZ Shetland Pony Breeders - no report
- NZ Side Saddle Association - **received**
- NZ Standardbred Breeder's Association - **received**
- Pony Breeders Society of NZ - **received**
- Welsh Pony & Cob Society - no report

NZ Riding Pony Report

The Chair read and tabled the following report

It has been business as usual for the past twelve months. Mostly this business is supporting members, breeders, and owners of Riding Ponies, as well as promoting Riding Ponies by providing sashes to more than 30 A&P shows who host NZ Riding Pony Society classes. Sashes are awarded to ridden open ponies, ridden newcomer/novice ponies, in-hand young-stock ponies, and in-hand adult ponies.

For the second year in a row the Horse of the Year Show hosted six classes for registered Riding Ponies, prior to this only in-hand classes were scheduled. Quality entrants competed in each event, and quality examples of Riding Ponies carried away sashes.

Other than supporting Riding Pony Society classes, the other business-as-usual role of the society is the registering of Riding Ponies. This process is by way of classification. The Society's appointed classifiers have again viewed many

nominated ponies; the majority viewed have been accepted and consequently admitted to the Stud Book. The Society is fortunate to have knowledgeable equine enthusiasts acting as classifiers in both island.

In moving forward the Society has some initiatives in the planning stages... an initiative to promote and support people interested in becoming equine judges, and an initiative to support and promote young people producing Riding Ponies for the show ring.

In the pipeline, is the intention to upgrade our website and have available an on-line stud book. All Riding Pony Society Councillors and supporters are volunteers, therefore our initiatives can take many months to be realised, however we are most grateful to all those persons who give their time so generously to ensure that the Society continues to move forward and offer services and opportunities to current Riding Pony breeders and owners, and to prospective Riding Pony breeders and owners.

Debbie Schnell (NZRP President, May 2017 – April 2018)

Pony Breeders Report

Chair – advised that Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith and Christine Rowe were made Honorary Life Members at the Pony Breeders NZ recent Conference held in Palmerston North.

A Windle / A Thomson

MOVED: That the Breed Reports, as tabled be received.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

9. Breed/Kindred related business

Royal A&P & Minimum Breed Schedules – all Breed Societies were asked for their minimum schedule along with Royal Show Schedule – what has been received is on the RAS website for A&P Shows to access as needed.

10. Review Royal Show & Standard Schedule of Classes

To be discussed at Open Equestrian Meeting

11. General Business

NZ Standardbred Breeder's Assn – have adopted a Card to record their breed section wins at A&P Shows.

Gypsy Vanner – Lex Peddie asked of the difference between Gypsy Cob and Gypsy Vanner, as Canterbury A&P have had a request to hold a Gypsy Vanner section at their Show?

Chair – Gypsy Cob is affiliated with the RAS and Gypsy Vanner is not.

CEO – Outlined the history of how the 2 Societies evolved and asked that Shows support the affiliated breed and run a Gypsy Cob Society section if able to.

12. Election of Chair

Election not required - Alan Windle, two years in to a three-year term.

Due to there being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 2.15pm

REPORTS FROM BREED SOCIETIES

The Donkey & Mule Society (Inc) Report to the RAS for 2018.

Many of our current membership are over the age of fifty, and on investigating further we have found that the younger donkey owner is more likely to join Facebook groups around the world instead of a local Society, as it costs them nothing. This can be an issue as they can be given the wrong information for donkeys in the NZ environment. This also reduces our ability to encourage showing or breeding of donkeys. Our paid up membership numbers have dropped again this year to 190 which is a little concerning. There is only a very small number of our membership that show, these people are very keen to promote the breed and their donkeys are presented to a very high standard.

Interest in showing mules seems to have waned with no mules being shown in the North Island for the 2017/2018 show season and only one mule being shown in the lower South Island for the season. Due to the lack of interest mule classes have been taken out at most shows, should there be interest in the future we would like to think these classes would be reinstated.

We have noted that some A & P shows have decided to remove donkey classes from their schedule due to a reduction in entrants, and yet other shows have proactive in offering new donkey classes, in particular performance classes which have been well received by the competitors and the viewing public. This has attracted some new interest. Our own Donkey & Mule Society South Island and North Island Shows are still the best supported.

We want to encourage our members to show and to enjoy good competition. To do that, our Society is planning to improve our standards for all donkey competitors. We hope the RAS equestrian judges and stewards will be encouraged to include judging of donkeys at their judging workshops. Our Society will be updating the showing rules for Donkeys and Mules and publishing these on our website to be available to both competitors and officials.

It was great to see some younger judges this season. Many were new to judging donkeys and did a fine job, but they have commented that they looked for the information on our website as it was not covered in the equestrian judges training. We hope publishing this will help address some issues which were observed this past showing season.

Our Society provides sponsorship funding to some A & P Shows to encourage them to continue with donkey classes. This has been well received by these shows. Our Society has appreciated working with them this year and hopes our support will ensure Donkeys and Mules will be well represented at A&P Shows throughout NZ in future years.

NZ HACKNEY SOCIETY INC. BREED REPORT 2018

The outlook for the Hackney Horse and Pony in New Zealand is dire. Only one pure bred has been registered in the last five years and breeding stock are at an all time low with only one purebred breeding stallion remaining. Part bred registration numbers have increased slightly.

Worldwide the numbers are better but still registered as endangered. Unless more people can become interested in breeding and owning this unique breed the future is dire.

The New Zealand Hackney Society Inc continues to register all horses/ponies containing 25% or more Hackney blood.

CH Cooling, Registrar

NZ Pinto Horse Society Breed Report 2018

The NZ Pinto Horse Society has gone from strength to strength every year. We have a good number of members throughout the country competing in all sorts of disciplines. And have nearly 2400 horses registered.

We currently have Pinto showing sections throughout New Zealand so all our members can hopefully get to at least one section within their area. Several A&P shows have added a Pinto section this year which is very positive. However, there are a couple of areas we are hoping will include a Pinto section in the up-coming season so some of our members don't have to travel as far to be able to qualify for HOY.

Regards Julie Pascoe - Secretary NZ Pinto Horse Society Inc

PBNZ RAS report

Our AGM this year was held at the same venue as the Welsh Pony & Cob Society and the NZ Carriage Driving Society. This was an awesome weekend which was finished off by all the societies coming together for a dinner.

While the registration of ponies was down this year but an increase of transfers was pleasing to see and our membership was up.

The new website is working well helping people get in contact with the society. Our new newsletter editors are doing a wonderful job. Bringing new interest with competitions for the younger membership and new ideas to keep our membership up to date with what is happening with the society and RAS.

This season we have had a great support in our youngstock and ridden sash classes at the shows. Thank you to the A&P's who have held our classes and sent in their results to us.

Michelle Taylor, Secretary

New Zealand Side Saddle Association - Breed Report 2018 to the Royal Agricultural Society

NZ Side Saddle Association welcomes riders of all ages on horses and ponies. Adults may ride ponies and juniors may ride horses, although of course the combinations should still be in proportion, look elegant and effortless, and the horse or pony impeccably mannered.

At Horse of the Year show this year there was a junior rider competing on a horse. This highlighted that there needed to be a rule change regarding length of riding cane that a rider may carry. Previously there had been a different rule for riding cane length for adults (1m) and juniors (76cm). This rule has been updated and needs to be amended/updated in the RAS Handbook Breed Society section.

The rule from 19th May 2018 is that: Junior and adult riders may use a riding cane not exceeding one metre in length, but should be in proportion to the size of rider and mount.

Due to the RAS/ESNZ rule changes regarding compulsory use of approved headgear for all mounted competitors, the NZSSA set-up and trialled a voluntary 2 phase version of our Turnout class at some Spring A&P Shows. The consensus from that trial was mixed – with some riders and members supporting the change, while others opposed it.

Judges felt there were pros & cons, while most shows were happy to run the classes this way.

The 2 phase turnout meant that riders were able to present to the judge unmounted wearing their top hats or bowlers and veils for the turnout section, then change to approved headgear and mount their horses.

AT NZSSA championship shows riders may continue to wear top hats and bowlers. NZSSA are not advocating the wearing of a Top Hat or Bowler for or by all riders – but the freedom and responsibility of an individual to choose to wear what they prefer.

South Island - After losing part of our tradition and characteristic attire, our riders have enjoyed entering the arena on foot, correctly dressed with Top Hats and veils, leading their mounts, for Turnout. This was trialled at Canterbury and all riders were happy with this arrangement. Mounting inside the ring, was no problem to our riders.

Junior Riders - We had 2 Junior riders competing this year at HOY alongside the adults, and 4 yr old Libby Brockhurst on her Shetland in the side saddle Lead Rein at Canterbury Show proving there is a future with young riders coming on.

Sarah Gault - Secretary - on behalf of the NZSSA

Standardbred

On reflection, this season has been a positive one in the opinion of NZSBA.

To begin with I would like to thank all the A and P Shows who have worked with NZSBA to put the wheels in motion to establish a similar schedule throughout the country for the Standardbred section, and also to those who have run our section for the first time. Co-operation has been much appreciated in establishing the cohesion we were looking for at the end of last season.

Show numbers were again varied throughout the country.

The addition of In-Hand classes being run at many shows in Canterbury has anecdotally been a success with entries being strong.

Having them has also encouraged a step up to the next level for many competitors, exposing new faces to A and P showing.

We look forward to the upcoming season, with hope for another positive year and again, we would like to offer sponsorship to those shows wishing to run a NZSBA compliant schedule.

Finally, on behalf of John Mooney, Chairman of NZSBA, Brad Reid our Executive Manager and myself, we would like to extend our thanks to RAS for the support of our breed. In particular to Debbie and Christine who have been invaluable to myself with their support and advice.

Julie DeFilippi

CONFERENCE DAY 1
EQUESTRIAN MAIN MEETING
CHANCELLOR 2

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- Welcome from RAS Executive:** Brent Snellex
1. **Chairman:** Alan Windle
2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Christine Roberts
3. **Apologies from any Organisations not already taken at Meeting One.**

Apologies were received from John Caviedes, Kim Cawte (Te Puke A&P), Louellen Davies (Katikati A&P, MND Equestrian Chair), Ginny McLeod (Manawatu), Mel Clelland (Malvern).

M Jebson / M Mulligan

MOVED: That the above apologies be received.

CARRIED

4. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Horse Stewards Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No. 214 (2017), pages 24-40.

A Windle / C O'Connor

MOVED: That the Minutes of the Horse Stewards Council Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5. Matters arising from Minutes

No matters were arising from those Minutes.

6. Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.

16.5 Fe Howie – Height Certificates

7. Correspondence – Inward & Outward

No correspondence was tabled.

8. District Horse Stewards Chair Reports

As tabled in Agendas under Reports to be received – pages 49-58.

- Northern Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith
- Mid Northern Bruce Calder
- Western David Schumacher
- Eastern Robert Pattullo
- Central Annabelle Read
- Southern Ian Tippett

M Jebson / J Fleet

MOVED: That the District Horse Stewards Chairs Reports as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

9. Judges

- **District Judge Convenor's Reports - excerpts from reports throughout the year.**

Northern

In the District there is a group eligible and ready to upgrade 2-1. One judge ready to tackle 3-2 and we plan a workshop and examination for a number of people who have expressed an interest in joining us at group three level.

Workshop date has been set for the end of April and hope to manage the upgrades the same weekend.

We have invited a guest speaker for our annual seminar although this appointment has not been confirmed at time of writing.

As last year we were the last to know about guests going to other areas and did not manage to get a joint seminar agreed with Mid Northern. Our decision

has been to just get on with things and organise a seminar for our District although invitations to attend will be sent to all judges

This should not be seen as us stepping back from our position of believing that a Road Show annually is the best way to manage the required seminars.

Mid-Northern

Our annual judge's seminar was held in conjunction with Northern District and the guest speaker was Lynda Hayes, Australia, which finished off the road show of her speaking at the SI seminars in 2016. We held a judge's workshop and exam day in September with 2 new judges to the list and 1 upgrade. Details being:

One upgrade and new Judges have come on to the list. We have a couple of young judges that are close to completing their nomination forms with regard to stewarding alongside tutors, and once they have completed this, will be ready to sit their exams. A couple of Grade 2 judges have indicated their wish to upgrade to Grade 1 recently.

I am grateful we have such a great group of tutors in our area and the support they provide me.

Eastern

Last year's annual judge's seminar was again held jointly with Western District and hosted by Western on 22nd July, 2017 held at Manfeild in Feilding. Our guest speaker was Lynda Hayes from Victoria, Australia. Lynda covered judge procedures from accepting invitation to judge, to judging protocol to dress code etc. Lynda also spoke on Formal Turnout in regard to the Garryowen, and what it takes, and the lengths competitors go to, to win this prestigious class. A lot of humour with the seriousness! All in all, a very good seminar with good number turnout.

At Eastern I have one new judge go through the system and is now a Grade 3. We also have two Australian judges who have moved to Dannevirke and have come on to the Judges list. Unfortunately, one Tutor Judge has resigned.

A joint Eastern/Western District Tutor judges meeting was held on 10th February, in Dannevirke.

I would also like to thank all the tutor judges in Eastern District for their time, dedication and assistance in these important roles.

Western

The Western District held a very successful judges seminar hosting Lynda Hayes from Victoria. We managed to give a tiki tour of the area thanks to Christine Rowe which Lynda totally enjoyed.

We had a good attendance and I sent her on her way to speak at Northern/Mid Northern the next day completing the required road show of covering off all Districts with the same speaker.

Our next tutor judges meeting was in February. Our district has helped other districts requiring tutoring for their upgrading candidates, thanks to all tutors concerned. Our entries at the shows are at record lows and shows are either cancelling shows or low entry sections.

Very pleasing to see at conference two initiatives from Western/Eastern adopted and adjustments to rules so thanks to all behind this, onward and upward.

Central

The district has held 2 seminars one in Blenheim 8th & 9th July at the R.D.A centre with a great attendance of 27 people Guest speaker was Mavis Harris and hunter jumping quest speaker was Paddy Stronach. Then on the 29th, a seminar was held in Christchurch at Selwyn Equestrian we had an attendance of 57 people - speaker was Mavis Harris. Mavis spoke about conformation, types, rider then everyone was divided into groups of 6 and did workshops/practical sessions.

Tutor Judges Meetings, a workshop and written paper day were held throughout the year.

We have had 3 judges who passed level 3 papers then they did their practical at Spring into Action Show at Canterbury Park in September. Three judges have also upgraded.

A workshop is being held in June and our District Seminar is on 14 July in Christchurch – Dale Plumb, Guest Speaker.

Southern

Everyone was busy over the Show season.

It is with great sadness I report the passing of Margaret Dickie – she was one in a million.

Organisation underway for workshops and exams to be held mid-year, out of the busy show season.

Our seminar for 2018 is being held on 8 July at the Lake County Showgrounds in Queenstown – Dale Plumb from Australia is the guest speaker.

I would like to thank everyone for their work and support throughout the year. Without their input, the clock would not tick.

C O'Connor / Sandra Pilcher

MOVED: That the Districts Judge Convenors Reports as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

- **Notification of District Judge Convenors**

- Northern – Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith
- Mid Northern – C/- Cara O' Connor
- Eastern – Christine Rowe
- Western – Alan Windle
- Central – Sandra Pilcher
- Southern – Kristine Russell
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- **Notification of New Judges**

- Northern – Gerald Birdsall (3)
- Mid-Northern – Amanda Barlow (3), Maureen Harvey (3)
- Eastern – Andrew Matheson (3), Vicki Matheson (2)

- Western – None
- Central – Sandra Evers (3), Nichola Hamburger (3), Julie Ryan (3)
- Southern – None

- **Notification of upgraded judges**

- Northern – None
- Mid-Northern – Peter Hill (3-2)
- Eastern – None
- Western – None
- Central – Stephanie Bishop (3-2), Kevin Lawrence (3-2),
Jo Pasley (3-2), Yvonne Watson (1-T1), Vicky Ratcliffe (2-1)
- Southern – None

10. **Forbidden Substances**

National Forbidden Substance Convenor's Report – Maxine Mulligan

Twenty-two tests have been undertaken this season, plus three more which had to be aborted because a vet was unavailable to take blood samples, due to not getting urine from the horse/pony.

I had the opportunity to attend testing with Christine at a North Island Show.

I am pleased to report that of all the results for the Show season returned clear analytical reports. The Person's Responsible (PR) for the horse/pony, the Testing Stewards and respective Shows were all advised of these results. I am also pleased to report that all the PRs of horses/ponies tested, have been very amenable and co-operative to work with. I think that most competitors are now accepting of testing as a necessary part of the showing movement; and that sooner or later, their turn will come.

Our new test steward in the North Island, Tracey Reynolds from Mid Northern District who is also a Vet, is proving to be a great asset to our testing panel. John Cavedies has also joined the team as a fully-fledged tester having moved from a training role. However, we still only have one active test steward in the South Island. We have one Central District person who has indicated an interest in learning however, was unavailable when called upon to attend. We recognise the need for more trainee stewards in the South Island. Our trainee steward in the Western District has attended one test with Christine, but the Eastern District trainee was unavailable to attend because she was judging at the same show.

Concern has been expressed that we have limited people who are capable of carrying out the testing competently and adhere to the procedure/rules especially in regard to the paperwork. The Horse Stewards Council Executive have acknowledged this, and training will be undertaken at a suitable time for all concerned (currently being done on a one-to-one basis). It remains a balancing act – to have enough competent people on hand to do the tests yet not too many that they only get to do one or two tests a year. Competency comes from undertaking tests on a regular basis and being familiar with the processes.

I must thank Christine for the wonderful job that she does with testing. It takes a special person to undertake this work on behalf of the RAS. She is calm, methodical, reassuring, and thorough in following due process. We are lucky to have her as a role model and tutor for future test stewards.

Comments from meeting...

Lex Peddie – Good to see that the 2 different Testing procedures had no reactors. There is a difference between the two lots of testing procedures - the NZ Racing and Show Horses/Ponies. If we are going to align with FEI and Clean Sport then we need to have a list of substances. Lex read out a response from Legal Director FEI, Switzerland. There is confusion with the 2 lists of substances – we need to advocate and use only one.

Sandra Pilcher – understands that FEI allow a certain amount of Bute in the horse's system to compete. Showing has no allowance – zero tolerance.

Cara O'Connor – RAS are well aware there are two different testing procedures – FEI and RAS Showing. RAS have been and are still working closely with the NZ Racing Laboratory regarding this.

Mike Smith – Lex has confused the situation. The rule is to not allow or alter a horse's performance in any way.

Richard Holst – unless a vet has prescribed drugs, it is illegal for owners to give their animals drugs.

CEO – RAS are comfortable of where they are at the moment. It is RAS Clean Sport, not FEI Clean Sport. There is only a change in terminology and RAS are well known for their Zero Tolerance Policy.

Lex Peddie – What happens when a RAS Test Steward test at an ESNZ Show?

CEO – RAS Stewards undertake their own section testing, not testing of other disciplines.

M Mulligan / D Chesmar

MOVED: That the National Forbidden Substance Convenor's Report as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

- **Test Stewards**

RAS Executive will review any recommendations on a case by case basis.

11. Measuring

National Measuring Convenor's Report – John Fleet.

2018 has been another good year for our measuring stands. As with all the other years, this has not been incident free.

We will always be dealing with owners who try to pull the wool over our eyes, for instance, when we ask if the pony has been measured before and we are told no. This is one area where the measuring stewards have to be on alert and dig into their memories and remember if they have measured said pony before. This is usually the case when the height certificate has been lost & the owner thinks they can just get a new one.

Owners still haven't always caught onto the fact that the RAS has a database and any duplicates are identified at time of inputting. The owner is then sent an invoice for a replacement certificate.

Some owners think they can bully the measurers into giving them the height they want, or need, or require, for the season. There are rules in place that allow a reasonable amount of time to measure a horse or pony. However, people's views on a reasonable time for measuring differ. The owners idea of a reasonable amount of time to measure their borderline pony might be 30 – 60 minutes, whereas the measurers idea of reasonable could be 15 minutes. It comes down to the pony/horse being properly prepared for measuring. Arriving a little bit earlier to allow the animal to relax before entering the stand and having their feet properly prepared. We still see people arrive at our stands expecting a 148cm pony with six weeks worth of growth on their feet. Thus, it is not fair on the measurers at all.

The stands also must take ownership on some sloppiness when it comes to their paperwork. We keep stressing how important it is to get the paperwork into RAS within seven days of the measure. The information must be loaded so the database is kept up to date. Holding on to paperwork for a longer time, sometimes a month, is unacceptable. If the stand still requires some information to complete the form, they should be holding that one back and advising National Office of that, and not holding all the paperwork back. This will be stressed again at the Measuring Seminars.

So, after another year, the Measuring Stewards are doing a great job out there. I am contacted often by the stands to clarify questions or rules, which is great.

Comments from meeting...

Ann Watts – Is the RAS looking at microchipping horses again?

John Fleet – In 2017 the Remit on Microchipping of Horses was voted against. Since then people have asked why it did not go through. A Remit will be considered again, in the near future.

CEO – Microchipping will be discussed at the upcoming rounds of Equestrian Forums.

Ann Watts - Temporary Measuring Certificate – can it be extended to the North Island as well?

John Fleet – It is national wide, and any A&P can apply for it, if they do not have a Measuring Stand on their grounds.

J Fleet / D Schumacher

MOVED: That the National Measuring Convenor's Report as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

- **Measuring Inspectors**

RAS Executive will review the District nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

- **Measuring Stewards**

RAS Executive will review the District nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

- **Measuring Fees**

The Executive have reviewed the measuring levies. The CPI for 2017 was 1.4%. the Executive resolved to increase the measuring fees by the CPI over the last year (rounded).

- Measuring Fees will be as follows
- First measure - \$31.00
- Annual re-measure - \$21.00
- Youngstock re-measure - \$11.00
- Life measures - \$76.00
- Replacement Certificates - \$76.00
- Temporary Measures – 11.00

12. Report on Equine Health – Brent Snellex

Government Industry Agreement (GIA)

The mandatory two-year re-signing of the GIA gave the NZEHA the opportunity to meet with Director General Primary Industries Martyn Dunne, his staff and GIA representatives. This meeting was used to renew the MPI member's knowledge of the equine sector including who was represented, the size of the industry, challenges and any GIA issues. The equine disease surveillance project was raised as being a worthwhile Readiness Activity under the GIA and it was encouraging to receive assurance from the Director General that NZEHA claims would be further investigated.

GIA Operating Agreement (OA)

The GIA has been re-signed but work is still progressing on the Operational Agreements. Initially there was to be a Readiness/Response OA but this was going to be very complicated with the complexities involved with a Response Agreement. In an attempt to see progress and make use of the transitional discounts benefit, it has been agreed that a Readiness Operational Agreement is a first step to get 'some runs on the board'. The NZEHA Executive and MPI have worked through some of the concerns in the agreement and the agreement is now reportedly very close to being ready for signing. It is likely that this signing could take place this year with more details to follow.

Equine Vetintel

The equine disease surveillance project (Equine Vetintel) based on real time data being collected anonymously from equine veterinary practices across the country is progressing. Dr. Trish Pearce received very positive feedback on the initiative at the Equine Veterinarian Association (EVA) Conference.

This system involves coded data from the veterinary practice software system being fed daily to a central collection point of commercial-grade servers.

Funding for this work has come from NZEHA, Equine Research Foundation and the Equine Trust. It is anticipated that going forward this NZEHA contribution will be matched by MPI under a Readiness/Response Agreement.

The system is currently undergoing a trial initially utilising vet practices in Auckland and Waikato, before moving to a number of key equine practices in Canterbury. The outcomes of these trials will then flow into the Operating Agreement.

EHV-1

Following the Waikato Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy outbreak of 2014 the NZEHA commissioned a small survey to try and establish a baseline of latent virus presence in our equine population. It also wanted to identify the prevalence of the D genotype associated with neurologic syndrome of this particular outbreak. The EHV-1 survey final report was presented by Dr. Magna Dunowska during the year. 63 lymph nodes were collected from central North Island horses where EHV-1 infection detected was 9.5%. It was also noted that none of the horses detected with EHV-1, harboured the D genotype associated with 2014 outbreak.

Added comment on report...

Brent Snelllex - Closer relationship now between Equine and Government, with more support coming through. There is a linkage to operational agreements, so there are plans in place if needed. Data is being picked up now of equine visits to Vets – data being extremely good. Research work re recent virus in the Waikato, found that it wasn't the neurological strain that was evident in 2014. MPI are looking at tracking horses and their movements, which may include microchipping.

Comments from meeting...

Jo Linton – Vets on call at the Shows – should the Shows be working with those Vets to see if there are any concerns of horses attending?

Brent Snelllex – Vets and Owners need to work together and Vets will inform the Show if there are any concerns.

Lex Peddie – separate Horse Boxes at HOY are provided in case of an outbreak of a virus. Canterbury are looking at a similar format.

B Snelllex / L Peddie

MOVED: That the Equine Health Report as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

13. Standard Schedule of Breed & Rider Classes for Royal NZ Show

This committee has the responsibility for the annual review of all Royal Show Equestrian classes, as well as the approval of judges, and is required to submit any recommendations for alterations to the UBS Meeting – copies will be available at the meeting.

Jo Linton – Apologies but the Hawkes Bay Equestrian Convenor is a little behind in confirming all the 2018 Royal NZ Show Judges. Confirmed so far are - Vaughn Cooper/Riding Pony and Colin Brown/Clydesdale. Hawkes Bay will also be hosting the World Cup and also good support so far from Hawkes Bay Show Jumping.

Royal NZ Show 2018 Equestrian Schedule of Classes was tabled and circulated at the meeting.

14. Report from HOY – Cara O'Connor

The Horse of the Year Show was, again well supported with good entries in the Showing section, as well as across the other disciplines during the busy six days.

The grounds, especially in the Showing section were well groomed and grass very green - a big contrast of what we saw at the end of the 2017 HOY week! The weather, although a couple of mornings misty rain fell, was warm and the trees around the arenas are an asset to our section.

This year all Qualification forms came direct to RAS Head Office for verifying, enabling the process to be managed promptly, rather than what was experienced the year before. Unfortunately, as in previous years, a couple of competitors sent in their entries/qualification forms beyond their respective closing dates, resulting in them having to withdraw their entries.

Facebook and the RAS website was again used to their advantage, with posting of information and notices prior to HOY, as well as important information, timetables and scores following the classes throughout HOY week. This proved very favourable and they will continue to be used this way in future years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our great band of Judges (NZ, Australia and United Kingdom), Stewards, Helpers and Committee who gave up a lot of their time to work tirelessly over HOY week, as well as the many hours that were spent putting this Showing Section together.

Thank you also to the RAS affiliated A&P Shows and Events for running Minimum Standard Schedule (MSS) Sections within their Show Schedules enabling such quality animals qualify to be shown at this prestigious annual event.

Questions raised at the meeting...

Q. On website, Hunter Jumping and Working Hunter are mentioned – what qualification will be needed or will the HJ be judged with the WH class?

A. A Hunter Jumping section will be included at the 2019 HOY Show in the Showing section, and the qualification needed will be advised.

Q. There is the same prize money being paid out for most classes – should you not be supporting Horse of the Year Title classes with more prize money.

A. Committee are looking at the prize money, but needs sponsorship, and is a work in progress.

Q. Due to running late on one night at 2018 HOY – should the RAS not be looking at running lead-up classes the day before?

A. RAS Showing Committee have acknowledged the concern with running late and have had a look at the whole weeks programme and have addressed issues, so hopefully it will resolve some of the competitors concerns. A different timetable was sent out by Equestrian Entries (unaware by RAS) which did not help the situation either, as it conflicted with the RAS timetable.

Q. Collecting ring – need to monitor numbers in this ring before they go in to the showing ring, regarding Health and Safety issues.

A. This has been addressed by the Committee and changes will be made at 2019 HOY.

Q. Has the Committee looked at starting a day earlier?

A. This has been asked for, but due to H&S this has been declined by HOY Management.

Q. Trade Sites by Showing Arena are a Health and Safety issue.

A. This has been addressed with HOY many times.

Comments included...

Lex Peddie – Show Jumping runs pretty well, communication needed within other sections and HOY Event Management.

Cara – We acknowledge there is a communication gap between Showing section and HOY Management, which we try to remedy every year, but to no avail.

Concern of the area that Showing Section have to run their section.

HOY is not the RAS pinnacle event, the NZ Royal Show is the RAS pinnacle event.

C O'Connor / M Mulligan

MOVED: That the Horse of the Year Report as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

15. Report from Equestrian Youth Team – Tryphena Carter

The Canterbury A&P hosted the NZ-UK Equestrian Youth Competition in November 2017. The NZ team consisted of 4 Members- Rebecca Aplin, Denby-Rose Tait, Grace Thomson & Kate Fleming.

The competition had four segments consisting of junior judging, paced & mannered, In hand & rider classes held over four days.

Both teams had a field trip together to Akaroa for the day to get to know each other and show our visitors a lovely part of Canterbury. The teams arrived into the showgrounds on the Monday for the week and had a choice out of 5 horses to choose their mount.

The girls did a marvellous job on their junior judging segment with a clean sweep. With the rest of the classes coming there were more trying times with the girls being placed in the other classes with mixed results. A big credit to the UK team who kept on going and to everyone's surprise a draw was awarded.

The competition allows great camaraderie between the two countries in the showing world and is a competition with room for growth and many years of future competing for the teams which allow I believe forever friendships on the other side of the world.

The Canterbury A&P did a fantastic job of organising the event and like every year there will be pitfalls but allow us to make it better every time and learn from it.

Comments from meeting...

Maxine Mulligan – where is the next Youth Equestrian Event to be held?

Melissa Jebson - contact has been made with Jerome Harford in England. Unfortunately, no one in Australia have put up their hand to host the event in 2018. England will host it in August 2019 – more details to follow.

A vote of thanks recorded to Canterbury A&P Association for hosting such a great event in 2018, which ended in a draw between New Zealand and England.

Lex Peddie – on behalf of Canterbury, I would like to offer again to host it at Canterbury A&P Show in the future.

T Carter / M Jebson

MOVED: That the Equestrian Youth Team Report as tabled in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

16. Discussion Points

Chair - These are discussion points only – need to move forward and comments need to be positive.

16.1 Alan Windle – First Ridden, Pony Rings

Chair – tabled and read his Discussion Paper

Comments/questions from meeting...

- If you recognise at your Show in the First ridden Section, that there is a need to add a class to allow competitors to canter in a group, can a class be added?
Reply – yes Shows can add classes as they see fit, as a local class.?
- Good discussion paper – a FR Pony is not what you have in the Open Pony sections. FR section is an area to foster the children, as we don't want to lose them to other areas.
- Parents and Children appreciate the extra local class(es) included in Show schedules if the need is there at a Show.
- FR Section was bought in so children could go to a Show and compete in a safe environment – if too many major adjustments are made to the section, then it is not what it was bought in for.
- Can't mitigate every single circumstance, therefore must find a common ground. Competing in the FR section is for such a long time frame, which is not seeing riders coming through as quickly as they should be to the Open Pony sections. It is hindering their rider skills.
- Give as much time as permitted to enable a child to gain confidence and learn to ride. Some riders should be in the open rings, but there are a lot that still need to be in the FR section for 2 years. FR Section is a stepping stone but may not need to be a section at HOY.
- Is it the competitors who are disgruntled with the FR Section?
- Delete the section from HOY and let Shows run what they want.
- Has there been discussions been had with the families/competitors?
- There is a MSS which Shows can run, but they can add any extra classes they wish.
- The fun should be there for riders to enjoy competing in the FR section, not for riders that should be in the Open section.
- A true FR Pony, which a safe, should not be in the Open sections.
- Should the Lead Rein section also be deleted at HOY?

Cara O'Connor – there was a discussion at the 2017 Conference on the FR Section, and whether it should be at HOY or not. It was unanimous that the section should not be at HOY. We have two options – remove it as a section therefore it is removed from MSS, Shows and HOY, and let Shows run classes similar to what is currently in FR; or continue with the section and have it at HOY.

A Windle / J DeFilippi

MOVED: That a recommendation go to the Horse Stewards Council Executive that a remit is submitted in 2019 for the First Ridden and Lead Rein Sections be removed from the HOY Showing Section of the Schedule if the feedback from the equestrian forums is positive.

CARRIED

Jo Linton and S Jackson asked that their names be recorded as voting against the motion.

16.2 John Fleet – Hack, Park Hack

John outlined the different Horse sections run at RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and our population basis compared to overseas.

- Shows need to reduce the pressure of the need to run all these horse height sections.
- Heights of horses overseas were highlighted
- Park Hacks and Hacks are the same type, but different heights.
- Average height measured at the Pukekohe Stand over past 3 years has been 162cm

Comments from meeting...

- Ensuring there is a spectacle for the public.
- Sponsorship of sections need to be looked at.
- Workshops and Seminars discussion have been on height of Riding Horses.
- Riding Horse were instigated as they did not fit in the category of Saddle Hunters or Hacks.
- There is a need to train Judges to know the difference between the type of horses.
- Removed the maximum height of a Hack.

More discussion on this to be had at the Equestrian Forums

16.3 Waikato – First Ridden being a title class at HOY

No representative from Waikato was in attendance to speak.

16.4 Waikato – Measurement of three-year olds

No representative from Waikato was in attendance to speak.

16.5 Fe Howie – Height Certificates

Fe Howie – tabled and read her discussion paper.

You spend a lot of money going to a Show but if you do not take your height certificate, then you cannot compete, but you should be able to. The weight of the data should be on the RAS website.

Comments from meeting included...

- With ESNZ you register your horse, and all its info are on their website – RAS should be the same.
- Registering your horse with ESNZ is expensive, therefore the data is expected to be on their website.
- Height certificate – is to record wins, current measure and height.
- One of the problems with the measuring stands is that they do not forward the measures immediately following their measuring day.
- Funding issue for the RAS website to enable all the information to be recorded correctly.
- Photocopy of a height certificate should be sent in with entries and checked off before show day, and any discrepancies should be sorted prior to the Show.

NOTE: These matters will be discussed further at the equestrian forums as well as any other applicable items from this meeting.

Mosgiel – 7th July

Christchurch – 14th July

Pukekohe – 21st July

Dannevirke – 22 July

17. General Business

- **Levies collected** as tabled – see pages 30-33.

Non payment of levies to be followed up by their Districts.

CEO – there is a huge amount of time spent chasing up unpaid equestrian levies. An Equestrian Levy invoice is sent out prior to Shows and must be paid within one month of Show date. Penalty will be imposed on any levies remaining unpaid.

- **Equestrian Finances**

Brent Snelllex – tabled and circulated the equestrian section finances – unconsolidated. Now proportioning expenses in to the area where there are costs involved. Basically, the same performance as in 2017, and progressing towards a more positive result in the future.

- **Remit Results**

The following Remit results were tabled and read...

REMIT	FOR	AGAINST	AB/STAINED	IN/VALID	RESULT
1 – Clydesdale - Helmet Exempt	67	8	2	0	CARRIED
2 – Pony-Horse-Pony	64	9	3	0	CARRIED
3 – First Ridden – Combination	71	1	3	0	CARRIED
4 – Novice Classification	73	2	1	0	CARRIED
5 – Novice Classification – pt 2	69	5	2	0	CARRIED
6 – Hats & Safety Helmets	75	0	2	0	CARRIED
7 – MSS Schedule – Working Hunters	73	3	0	0	CARRIED
8 – Clean Sport	66	3	7	0	CARRIED
9 – Measuring Fees	73	2	1	0	CARRIED
10 – Royal Show Schedule	73	1	2	0	CARRIED
11 – Waikato A&P - Youngstock			<i>Withdrawn</i>		
12 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden	24	44	3	0	FAILED
13 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden 2	18	55	1	0	FAILED
14 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden 3			<i>Withdrawn</i>		
15 – Donkey & Mule Soc – Eq Rules	66	3	6	0	CARRIED
16 – Donkey & Mule Soc – Mini. Donkeys	58	11	5	0	CARRIED
17 – Miniature Horse Assn – Measuring	7	64	4	0	FAILED
18 – Courtenay A&P – Temporary Meas.	17	51	7	0	FAILED

18. **Election of convenors**

- **Chair** – not required. (Alan Windle, two years in to a three-year term)
- **Measuring** – not required (John Fleet, two years in to a three-year term)
- **Judges** – no nominations received. (Cara O'Connor taking care of this portfolio currently)
- **Forbidden Substance** – not required. (Maxine Mulligan, two years in to a three-year term)

Due to there being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 5.05pm.

Royal Agricultural Society Equestrian Levy 2017/18 show year

A&P ASSOCIATION	Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy
	2009 .50c	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bay of Islands	555.00	1233	894	1055	975	1030	1096	1129	1478.40
Clevedon	935.00	1936	1776	1762	1520	1208	1465	No Show	1257.30
Kaikohe	502.50	874	957	1015	884	549		484	548.90
Whangarei	1482.50	3191	2494	2371	2112	2318	1880	1596	1758.90
Warkworth	397.50	756	769	781	1152	1173	883	1446	1272.10
North Kaipara	338.00	536	614		625	724	704	641	607.40
Nthn Wairoa (Arapohue)	471.00	989	805	1092	812	710	845	593	773.30
Waitemata	171.50	391			No show	No show	No show	No show	No show
North Hokianga	138.50	260	299	289	401	375	285	221	No show
Helensville	679.50	1172	1067	994	875	839	761	884	No show
Kaitaia	348.00	271	341		392	435	317	267	317.90
Kumeu	946.00	1763	1562	1333	1306	1114	1108	811.00	947.10
Auckland	521.00	1524	1392	1712	1918	No show	-	-	1166.00
Franklin	1086.50	2473	2336	1967	1819	2019	1777	1809	1789.70
Matamata	456.00	751	874	936	707	868	960	No Show	836.00
Waikato	1146.50	1867	2292	2100	1900	1819	1774	1557	1800.00
Tokoroa	Member	Non	334	271	352	390	280	307	374.00
Waihi	255.00	345	501	589	610	578	670	584	504.90
Te Aroha	90.00	518	501	577	545	722	545	816	644.40
Cambridge	694.50	1551	1355	1758	1912	1528	1398	1137	1272.70
Te Kauwhata	143.50	372			592	400	724	365	
NI Premier	374	553	820	715	130	281	347	299	463.32
Paeroa	351.00	853	571	983	816			746	

A&P ASSOCIATION	Levy	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries
	2009 .50c	2010 & Levy	2011 & Levy	& Levy 2012	& Levy 2013	& Levy 2014	& Levy 2015	& Levy 2016	& Levy 2017
Tauranga	547.00	880	1048	302	544	625	583	459	453.20
Rotorua	814.50	1570	1087	1101	996	894	797	686	608.30
Katikati	113.00	293	194		204	192	228	243	220.00
Taumarunui	275.50	283	375	412	329	396	-	1312.82	-
Te Puke	228.00	388	206	422	309	266	275	215	205.70
Morrinsville	115.00	538	886	859	663	713	587	573	636.90
Poverty Bay	801.00	1057	1487	1598	1608	1523	1495	1740	1822.70
Hawkes Bay	1532.50	2914	2687	2712	2764	2585	3101	2593	2429.90
HBS Championships					447	551	554	861	724.90
Wairarapa	1386.50	2406	2612	2268	2442	2300	1066	2439	1098.90
Central Hawkes Bay	999.50	1810	1964	1739	1925	2026	2271	1852	865.70
Wairoa	Show	1225	1193	1248	1449	1419	1510	481	1290.30
Dannevirke	651.50	1377	1232	1879	1815	1419	1741	1639	1142.00
NZ National H & P	754.50	1188	1387	1537	1404	1584	1194	1157	No show
Pukahu								364.00	475.20
Masterton	743.00	1617	2029	2068	2048	2379	688	2070	
Manawatu	1111.00	1440	1392	1198	909	1167	1167	1564	1857.90
Wanganui	735.00	1950	1621	1572	1691	1474	922	752	No show
Waverley	440.00	238	216	216	1098	771		525	669.90
Egmont	743.00	1290	1118	736	1334	913	768	744	884.40
Stratford	718.00	1270	1342	1377	1433	1230	565	840	915.20
Feilding	1110.50	2122	2117	2014	No show	1485	1533	1282	2466.20
Taranaki	section	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No show
Taranaki H & P		387	401	442	368	509	442	359	487.30

A&P ASSOCIATION	Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levies	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy
	2009 .50c	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Horowhenua	580.50	1486	1298	1630	1495	1359	1374	1288	1149.50
Royal A&P Show					960	-	HB	HB	HB
Taihape	462.50	838	665	463	419	775	636	405	429.00
Waimarino	199.00	498	230	348	70	273	424	513	556.60
Sth Canty (prevTimaru date)	662.50	803	785	749	785	650	920	992	497.00
Ellesmere	735.50	1638	1219	1338	1226	1190	1324	1312	869.00
Northern (Rangiora)	1084.50	2200	2300	2100	1864	1580	1750	2067	2058.10
Ashburton	792.00	1548	1905	1874	1574	1568	1500	1312	1158.30
Amberley	682.50	1401	1132	1377	1281	1310	1173	1171	1421.20
Marlborough	430.50	935	923	1412	1311	1308	1323	1027	904.20
Canterbury	1797.50	3192	2971	2700	2750	2963	3078	3197	2928.20
Waimate * Sth Canterbury	441.00	749	405	501	468	429	920	No show	1522.40
Courtenay	810.00	1271	1197	992	1113	1321	1090	1252	1563.10
Nelson	614.00	1235	1164	1169	1072	1109	933	945	946.00
Motueka	610.00	616	1178	1184	1357	1264	1089	1050	562.10
Buller	151.50	615	298	500	296	173	197	178	206.80
Duvauchelle	362.50	741	632	665	787	176	153	829	751.30
Golden Bay	245.50	477	532	503	370	411	364	377	247.50
Banks Peninsula	309.50	667	722	780	724	828	708	721	726.00
Westland (Hokitika)	241.00	424	431	364	388	490	324	339	339.90
Inangahua (Reefton)	315.50	507	473	585	593	441	375	388	388.30
Murchison	272.00	544	469	582	489	418	701	627	679.00
Sth Westland (Whataroa)	188.50	300	113	279	314	154	112	168	330.00
Kaikoura	315.00	509	906		648	804	637	No show	665.50
Amuri (Rotherham)	352.00	820		769	780	884	805	805	288.20
Rai Valley	261.50	476	636	483	490		292	515	399.30

A&P ASSOCIATION	Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy
	2009 .50c	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Temuka & Geraldine	538	796	634	680	719	648	659	712	776.60
SI Premier Show		-	783	804	512	702	723	1150	-
Cheviot	534.00	1032	1025	991	828	949	879	803	759.90
Mayfield	382.50	743	786	541	673	395	609	668	666.60
Hawarden	452.00	755	937	736	772	792	983		705.90
Methven	387.50	750	895		923	622	912	725	753.50
Flaxbourne	300.00	599	612	526	375	588	507	472	541.20
Malvern	597.50	1089	1351	719	756	880	788	760	1057.10
Mackenzie Highland	572.50	1122	1152	1171	849	856	771	721	757.90
Oxford	658.50	1374	1623	1363	1481	1482	1540	1415	1289.20
West Otago	437.00	720	1025	696	1010	611	665	829	567.60
North Otago	245.50	414	630	458	398	510	677	631	433.40
South Otago	281.00	453	411	422	351	353	89	740	366.30
Gore	391.00	958	897	732	798	934	866	832	1158.30
Wyndham	376.50	537	433	495	531	No show	490	461	574.20
Otago Peninsula	50	50	50	60	30	Not affil	Not affil	Not affil	Not affil
Southland	430.50	835	1075	1035	1263	1055	1079	669	1245.20
Tokomairiro	399.50	760	620	578	565	550	684	721	707.30
Lake County	260.00	376	380	439	368	555	498	521	526.90
Palmerston/Waihermo	218.50	434	457	518	478	502	888	928	981.20
Waiau	131.50	282	283	142	143	375	388	292	
Otago Taieri	889.50	1628	1425	964	575	777	1272	815	1101.10
Winton	605.50	882	912	824	858	802	637	748	982.30
Central Otago	261	824	664		1032.17	760	886	922	1073.60
Maniototo	242.50	479	367	511	475	592	580	591	935.00
Mt Benger	217	508	475	536	591	632	589	827	793.10
Upper Clutha	610.00	1112	1027	1295	1708	1496	1625	1598	1722.60
Blueskin	Eq	No	No	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq	No eq
Strath Taieri	398.50	491	502	516	171		127		

CONFERENCE DAY 2
WELCOME FROM RAS PRESIDENT

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

CONFERENCE DAY 2
GUEST SPEAKER – HON. D O' CONNOR

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

Due to a change in the Minister's schedule, this session was brought forward to the morning. He was joined by Carol Barnao, General Manager for Responsible Dairy and Sam McIvor, CEO for Beef & Lamb. *Mycoplasma bovis* was the hot topic. The resulting discussion that took place here continued at the beef and dairy meetings, and the UBS and AGM meetings.

CONFERENCE DAY 2
GUEST SPEAKER – SAM MCIVOR
CEO, BEEF & LAMB

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

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CONFERENCE DAY 2
BEEF BREEDS' COMMITTEE MEETING

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

Present: Lisa Berthold (NZ Lifestyle Highland), Simon Collin (Charolais Breeders delegate), Wendy Collin (Dannevirke A&P), Sue Crawshaw (NZ Angus delegate), Mark Fleming (Chairman), Peter Gardner, Susan Harris (NZ Lifestyle Highland delegate), Philip Worthington (Lowline delegate)

Welcome from RAS Executive: Rachel Walker

1. **Chairman:** Mark Fleming

2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Mark Fleming

3. **Apologies:** No apologies

4. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Beef Breeds Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No. 214 (2017), pages 49-60.

Moved: The minutes are a true and accurate record.

P Worthington/S Collin

CARRIED

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere in the Agenda** No Matters Arising

6. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.** Handlers in Ring, Future Showing of Cattle, Judging Seminars.

Obituaries – Fergie McCormack from the Dexter Society and Dave Pacey from the Salers Society

7. **Chairman's Report**

Welcome to this year's RAS Beef Breeds Meeting.

Well the winter held off for quite some time, but now after a couple of cold snaps we have plenty of snow around on the mountains. The heavy dews and frosts are certainly around each morning helping cool the ground temperature and slow the grass growth. The opening up of feed crops and supplementary feed are therefore well under way.

Some stud owners and exhibitors have had a trying time in preparing stock for the showing season because of the issue of Mycoplasma Bovis. Some shows have not been able to run their normal Cattle classes and some plan to cancel their classes (in the coming season) because of the risk to breeders and their cattle. The last thing we want in the industry is to see top genetics being removed from our studs and commercial herds because of this disease.

The main highways up the east coast are now open after all the earthquake issues helping transport our cattle more freely throughout the country. This will also help stud breeders get to the bull sales that are in full swing now.

It seems that all stock are in very good condition coming into the winter, which is a relief compared to other years. The prices/kg are holding up reasonably well for beef with the dollar now under .69 cents. The looming trade wars are having a lot of influence on the markets at the moment.

NAIT seems to be well imbedded into our minds and businesses now. The reports are actually helpful if you use them to reconcile with stock movements on and off properties. The traceability system that helps keep track of our stock as they grow and move off our properties into the export, domestic and stud markets are working, but not well enough it seems. We have disease problems now and we don't know where and how a lot of these animals have travelled since the outbreak. This has occurred because some farmers have been diligent in there recording but then being let down by others not updating there NAIT recording efficiently. In the case of *Mycoplasma bovis* outbreak, we can see now where the short falls are. The end user is the consumer of our beef products and dictates the price for our beef. One of the criteria in pricing is the knowledge of where the product came from and how it moves through the system to them. This gives a standard and a point of difference to whom we sell to in New Zealand and export to worldwide. This system will have grown in five to ten years' time and hopefully the problems will be ironed out and the system streamlined.

On the showing circuit we continue to see strong shows with our Royal having been in Hawkes Bay last year and will again be hosted in the Bay this year.

To our other A&Ps keep up the good work with your diverse schedule of classes and events that are unique to your shows. Every A&P, s formula is different which makes them strong and fun for their community.

Our Junior judging competitions continue to grow and continue to produce some very clever young stockmen and women that then represent us in the Australasian Competitions very successfully. Please remember if you have young stockmen and women that wish to be involved in the judging competitions or the Rural awards competitions please put their names forward at you're A&P shows or your Breed Society.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support and help over this last year with differing beef issues and invite anyone who has concerns or questions to please contact me as I am here as your Beef Representative to help you and your breed

8. Beef Breed Society Reports – see pages 38-41

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas.

- Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society - No report
- Belgian Blue Cattle Society – No report
- Charolais Breeders NZ Inc Simon Collins – Good numbers in Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, and Carterton Shows. Royal Show feature breed this year. Lucy Collins won Scholarship – world exchange.
- Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc. – Tribute to Fergie McCormack
- Galloway Cattle Society – received
- Gelbvieh Cattle Breeders Soc – Won crossbred Steak of Origin. Membership increasing in South Island.
- Limousin Beef Breeders Soc – No report
- NZ Angus Association – as below
- NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn – No report
- NZ Charolais Cattle Society – as below
- NZ Hereford Association – No report
- NZ Highland Cattle Society – No report

- NZ Highland Lifestyle Society - received
- NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc - No report
- NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle – No report
- NZ Pinzgauer Society – No report
- NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders – No report
- NZ Salers Society - received
- Santa Gertrudis Breeders – No report
- Lowline Promotion Group – No report
- Simmental Cattle Breeders – No report
- South Devon Cattle Society – No report
- Welsh Black Cattle Breeders – received

Moved: Reports be received M Fleming/P Worthington CARRIED

9. **Standard Schedule of Breed Classes for A&P and Royal Shows**

This committee has the responsibility for the annual review of all Royal Show Beef Breed classes and is required to submit any recommendations for alterations to the Members Representative Committee – Royal Show Judges are also to be approved – copies will be available at the meeting.

When approving schedule please note suggestion below from Simon Collin & Max Tweedie

ROYAL SHOW CLASS PROPOSAL PERFORMANCE HEIFER AND BULL CLASS

The New Zealand Beef Seedstock industry is evolving. There now is wide acceptance of performance recording and its value in the breeder's toolbox for making selection decisions. With performance recording comes genetic evaluation. Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) are the product of genetic evaluation and have been recently proven many times over in the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Genetics Beef Progeny Test. Incorporating a performance component (using EBVs) into the Royal Show schedule has genuine merit- as it is now an important part of the way farmers select animals for their breeding programmes. This is not to say that the foundation of stockmanship and physical stock assessment should be ignored but rather enhanced in this instance. Providing a class of this kind assists with the need for the Royal Agricultural Society to maintain relevance and prominence within New Zealand and agriculture. This following concept has been used at three events (of profile) over the last 18 months;

- 2016 New Zealand Beef Expo- *Performance Heifer class*
- 2016 Hawkes Bay Show- *Local All Breeds Performance Heifer and bull class*
- 2017 New Zealand Beef Expo- *Performance Heifer class*
- 2017 Hawkes Bay Show- *Local All Breeds Performance Heifer and bull class*

The class has been well received and there have been very few issues with the way this has been judged and the relevant points awarded. We ask you to consider this judging format for inclusion in the Royal Show schedule or a development/improvement of it.

One of our issues is the confusion about criteria to enter. Animals have to fit the criteria of being recorded and in Breedplan (on top of the age and pedigree criteria). Animals have been entered into the class wrongly in the past and have had to be reimbursed. This isn't a weight of calf vs cow class- this is a genetics class. So maybe calling them 'Performance Heifer/Bull' classes is wrong? Either way the name of the class needs to be followed by the small print in the royal schedule if it is to be used- to avoid breeders paying for a class they are ineligible for.

Also need their herd book numbers beforehand- not just names?

After a very good presentation by Max Tweedie and Simon Collin

Moved: The classes be added to the Royal Show Schedule for this 2018 Royal Show.
S Collin/S Crawshaw **CARRIED**

The Meeting passed the Motion for the new classes.

10. General Business

Discussion on Mycoplasma Bovis with some of the Dairy Meeting... Ran out of time.
Continued at UBS meeting

Handlers in Ring.... Should not be helping the animals to walk. Only there for safety.

Future Showing of Cattle.... Not discussed as we ran out of time

Judging Seminars.... Plans to have a Seminar in Wellsford next April 2019.

Theileria disease in the North Island ...MPI advised to contact your vet for information regarding the disease and treatment.

11. Election of Chair – not required. (Mark Fleming, two years in to a three-year term)

Note - Judging Competitions to be discussed at the UBS meeting.

Reports

Galloway Society

The membership of our society currently stands at 86 herds – 42 Belted, 39 White, and 5 Standard Galloway. We also have 21 Associate (non-breeder) members and 4 Honorary Life members. About two-thirds of our members are located in the North Island, while the remaining third, which include the largest herds, are located in the South Island.

Our AGM and annual Herd Tour weekend took place in May in the Nelson/Tasman area, with some very good cattle viewed, comprising all three types of Galloways, and members enjoyed excellent local food and wine at our annual dinner. The main topics of discussion were the introduction of mandatory DNA testing and inspection of all Galloway stud sires, and the ever increasing demand from dairy farmers for pedigree White and Belted Galloway bulls for use over dairy heifers.

Our society and it's members are dedicated to promoting and preserving the purity of the three Galloway breeds, and the outstanding qualities that they are known for, by continuing to limit the registration of Galloway animals to those with five or more generations of purebred Galloway ancestry. We support the observance of RAS rules for showing purebred registered cattle in breed classes at A & P Shows, by requiring that each animal accepted for entry is registered (or registerable if under 12 month's) in their breed's Herd Book.

The *Mycoplasma bovis* outbreak has affected the opportunities for our members to show their cattle, as many A & P Societies cancelled dairy and beef cattle classes at their annual shows, and the usual display of Galloway cattle at the Southern Field Days in February was replaced by static displays as a precautionary measure, however it was well received, despite the absence of live Galloway cattle and lots of enquiries for bulls were received. A static display at the Canterbury Rare Breeds Society Auction in April created local interest and enquiries also.

Galloways were successfully shown by our members at West Otago and Wyndham A & P Shows in the South Island, and at Hawera A & P Show in the North Island. Hopefully next show season will see our showing members given the opportunity to return to the show rings again to display our unique breed of cattle.

In September/October a group of about 14 members will be attending the Galloway World Congress in Melbourne, to view Australian Galloways and liaise with other Galloway breeders from around the world.

Angela McNaughton
Secretary/Treasurer GCSNZ

NZ Angus Report 23 June 2018

It is with great pleasure that I represent Angus NZ and present the report of the Angus bred in NZ. I am Sue Crawshaw from Nuhaka, Northern Hawkes Bay.

Total Angus members within NZ: 170. Total Breeding cows: 34412
Angus top prices reached the lofty heights of \$62 000 for an on-farm sale this year at Ian and Karen Borck, Springdale, following on from the success of Rangitira Angus' top priced bull for \$50 000 last June.

This year Beef Innovation demonstrated digital presentation of bulls with a national video auction. The auction was held at the Palmerston North Conference Centre with video presentation of each bull lot as the auction ran. The top prices for Angus were \$27k and \$35K for the Champion and Reserve Champion Angus respectively. The 25 bulls that sold at the National sale averaged \$11 880.

The fact bulls were not run through Manfield Park with associated cost involved with yarding and sale set-up demonstrates information technology being used with efficiency within agriculture. I have heard from stud breeders who missed the rivalry and camaraderie amongst various beef stud breeders which the sale day format, didn't provide the same meeting and crossover that has occurred previously.

I suggest this can be a positive opportunity for the Royal Agriculture Society. By having a guest speaker breakfast meeting at A & P shows it would be ideal to get people early to the show. It would provide an opportunity to socialise and interact with people whose passion lies within beef cattle, breeding or agriculture.

In 2017 NZ Angus selected two teams of youth to represent New Zealand at the World Forum in Scotland. The NZ teams impressed judges with their passion, enthusiasm, 'can-do' attitude and willingness to work as a team, problem solve and collaborate. I was impressed when NZ Team Kaha. took out the stone wall building against the locals. Team Toa from NZ won the team presentation at the forum, with their promotion of Angus to the world with a powerful powerpoint created quickly from research, organisation and oral presentation highlighting their skill-set. The competition also involved judging cattle on the hoof, and then seeing the results of the hook, with competitors scoring the carcasses against the Euro standards. Stock judging involved judging beef cattle, sheep breeds, pigs and horses, and handler classes. On the practical skills day, driving quad bikes, JCBs, to move materials and navigate obstacles proved to be achievable for the kiwi teams. They supported each other and demonstrated team work. The NZ teams took out first and second place, a huge achievement and sweeter for beating our great rivals the Australians, who came third equal with Canada.

I know all the competitors have competed in A & P Shows in stock judging, along with Future Beef and Young Farmers. I am sure many of you will know people within these champion youth teams, who are making their mark within the agriculture industry of New Zealand.

Marie Timperley, Patrick Crawshaw, Emma Pollitt and Amy Hoogenboom Team Toa 1st place

Nancy Crawshaw, Alan Gregory, Max Tweedie, and Georgia Davies. Team Kaha 2nd place.

The RAS organisation can be very proud of the opportunities you provide for youth to learn and then excel in NZ and beyond. I thank you whole heartedly for your vision and drive for youth, you are making a difference as these results demonstrate.

Over the past decade the interest by young people in stock judging has blossomed. We need to give these young people opportunity to judge as part of succession planning within the A & P Shows. Some of the Junior Stock judges are very good on a national and international stage. I challenge you all to ask at least one young person to be one of the judges at your A & P show so you continue to foster their interest and passion in cattle and judging.

On behalf of Angus NZ, I would like to sincerely thank Pete Gardner for his contribution and passion for representing the Angus bred at RAS since 1992, a total of 27 years.

NZ Charolais Cattle Society

The NZCCS (Inc) recently celebrated their 50th Annual General Meeting and held a herd tour in the Palmerston North and Whanganui regions.

Mr. Stuart Bryant (of Nelson) was elected as the new President of the society for a four year term. It was a poignant moment when the election result was announced, given that his father, Barry Bryant, was the President of the Society 1996-1997. Mrs. Jan Bell of Tauranga was appointed Vice President.

In the past decade the membership of the Society has remained steady, and despite several key stud dispersals, the small group remains passionate about the breed and its future as a terminal sire for the beef industry. The option of re-forming one Society (merging with Charolais Breeders NZ) has been considered by the membership, however the preference for our existing recording system and independent administration were factors that precluded a change.

The Society has 23 breeding members, 17 associated members and 3 life members and our next AGM and her tour will be in the Central Otago region from 6-9 March 2019.

NZ Lifestyle Highland Society Inc Breed Report 2018

The past year has been successful for our society.

We have been gathering greater interest by Lifestyle Farmers to farm our Scottish Highlands.

A number of our members have been doing well within the Show Ring. We sponsored classes at the Levin A and P Society Show. We also had members man stands at both the Levin Show and Masterton Show. The Masterton A and P Society Show had a Highland Theme and ran a Special Highland Show Ring and A Scottish Breeds Ring.

We have a South Island breeder who took two of her Highlands to two shows at the top of the South Island and is looking to travel further South to Shows this year.

We much appreciate all the work RAS and A and P Societies do in New Zealand, so we can showcase our beloved Scottish Highland Breed.

Susan Harris

Salers Cattle Society of New Zealand-Report for R.A.S.

2017/18 has been a super-successful season for our Willow Creek showing team, campaigning their team to great effect. They scored several Supremes and Meat and Wool cups, with a range of cattle from yearlings through to mature 4yr olds. Scoring the front cover of the New Zealand Farmer must be the 'showies' equivalent of "the cover of Rolling Stone" for a rock star...The Woolley and Pacey families and their team of helpers are certainly our rock stars! Karen Woolley has also been mentoring another young handler, Andrea Scott, who has this season registered our newest Salers stud. Dave Pacey has been an inspiration, prepping and showing animals while battling health problems.

Our Tours have been social and enjoyable, the 2017 tour ,New Plymouth based, featured a fantastic Salers, Salers Angus breeding herd on the east Taranaki hill farm of the Jury family. This year, we are looking forward to a Waiuku base, and were 'looking forward to touring the Awhitu peninsula, visiting Kohekohe Stud's small purebred herd, plus a boutique sheep milking operation. A day "over the river" will include Nikau Coopworths, Nikau Café, and Dr. Rebecca Hickson will update us on the dairy beef bull trials onsite at Limestone Downs station. 2018 is also the year of the International Tour ,which is featuring the home of our cattle-France. We are looking forward to visiting the unspoilt village of Salers, in the Massif-Central, and the major Sommet show, which has Salers cattle as the feature breed for 2018

Our condolences go to the Willow Creek Salers showie team, who lost patriarch, Dave Pacey, on 2nd May. Dave gave his cancer a great fight, and was still pouring on the energy with the show team till the end of the 2017-8 season.

Welsh Black Cattle – Breed Report

No breeders have been showing their cattle this last year and at present no one has indicated that they intend to do so in the coming year. There have been no changes to the standards of the breed.

Shirley Jenkins
Secretary

CONFERENCE DAY 2

DAIRY BREEDS' COMMITTEE MEETING

CHANCELLOR 5

Saturday 23 June 2018

Present: Kelly Allison (RAS Executive), Denis Aitken (HFNZ), Richard Bradly (UBS chairman), Sharon Cook (Bay Of Islands P&I), Courtney Davies (RA Northern District), Christine Fowles (Purebred Jersey), Peter Gilbert (NZ Ayrshire/NZ Jersey), Annaliese Goettler (2018 Rural Ambassador), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P), Jackie Kelly (Southern District Chairperson), Trevor Latimer (Western District Chairman), Bruce McRobbie (Morrinsville A&P), David Scott, Judith Steiner (Rotorua A&P).

Welcome from RAS Executive: Kelly Allison

1. **Chairman:** Peter Gilbert

2. **Secretary for the meeting:** Christine Fowles

3. **Apologies:**
Nil

4. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Dairy Breeds Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No. 214 (2017), pages 7-11.

Moved: The minutes be taken as read.

V Jagesma/K Allison

CARRIED

5. **Matters arising from Minutes not elsewhere on this Agenda**

Action Plan –

- Advise from M P I on the matter of Theileria was to contact your local vet.
- Plans to standardize a set of rules for the Dairy Heifer and Calf Club competitions had not been achieved.

6. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda**
Nil

7. **Chairman's Report**

After attending the Royal Show in Hastings, I would like to congratulate them on a very successful Royal. The Dairy Section was not large in numbers, but the quality was very good, and numbers seem to be rising each year.

Mycoplasma bovis is having a huge impact on South Island shows, with a number of Autumn Shows cancelling their Cattle Sections. Hopefully this situation can be resolved before the Spring Shows commence so they can go ahead as normal. Most On Farm Heifer Competitions in Canterbury, Otago and Southland were put on hold to try and help stop the spread of this disease. Because of these cancellations, no South Island Competition was held this year. The outbreak of mycoplasma bovis has put the NAIT system under some scrutiny and in the long run I think will only serve to make NAIT a better system.

As well as the Royal Show, a number of other A&P's had outstanding Dairy Sections. Keep up the good work, both A&P Committees and exhibitors as well as all volunteers that give their time generously.

Finally, thank you for the support I have had over the past year. If anyone has concerns to do with Dairy Cattle or Dairy Sections at Shows, please contact me, I'm here to help if I can.

Moved: The adoption of the Presidents report be accepted

P Gilbert/K Allison

CARRIED

8. Dairy Breed Society Reports – see pages 44-46

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas.

- Anglo Nubian Breed Society of NZ
- Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders
- NZ Ayrshire Association - received
- NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association
- NZ Guernsey Cattle Breeders
- NZ Holstein-Friesian Association - received
- NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders - received
- NZ Milking Shorthorn Association - received
- Premier Dairy Goats NZ -
- Purebred Holstein Friesian Society (NZ) -
- Purebred Jersey Breed Society - received
- South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – not held this year

Delegates present didn't have any further comments to make.

Moved: The reports be received.

P Gilbert/C Fowles

CARRIED

9. Standard Schedule of Breed Classes for A&P and Royal Shows & Judges

This committee has the responsibility for the annual review of all Royal Show Dairy Breed classes and is required to submit any recommendations for alterations to the UBS Meeting. Royal Show Judges are also to be approved – copies will be available at the meeting,

Moved: The 2018 Royal Show schedule be approved.

D Atkin/P Gilbert

CARRIED

10. Dairy Cattle Levy Report

Dairy cattle levies received - \$3826; Dairy cattle expenses - \$5211

- Results of offences – 1 serious at the N Z Dairy Event and 6 minor.
- Income down due to some shows cancelling their dairy sections.
- Recommendation that a schedule of levies received, similar to the Equestrian Section, be included in the agenda.
- Comments were being received from exhibitors, who either attend a number of show and/or enter large teams, that the levy was adding a noticeable amount to their entry fees.

Moved: The levy be renamed to Dairy Ethics Committee Levy.

C Fowles/D Atkin

CARRIED

11. General Business pertaining to Dairy Breeds

- Further discussion on *Mycoplasma bovis*

12. Election of Chair – not required. (Peter Gilbert, two years in to a three-year term) P Gilbert advised that he was not intending to seek re-election next year.

Meeting Closed at 1.10pm.

Note – Judging competitions to be discussed at the UBS meeting.

Dairy Breed Reports

AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND

Ayrshire New Zealand members have once again had a successful year in the show ring. The breed's two Island Championships are the main focus, with the North Island Championships taking place at the Bay of Islands 175th anniversary show. Sadly, the South Island Championships scheduled for Gore did not take place due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. In addition to providing Championship ribbons in both the Senior and Junior Championships at each of these shows, the Association also sponsors two young handler classes at each show, the Greenlane Trophy for young handlers aged 5-12 and the Fredrickson Trophy for young handlers aged 13-25 years. These classes are always keenly contested.

The Ayrshire Youth Achiever Competition is a points based competition run for three age groups within our junior membership, where competitors earn points for a variety of Association and farm related activities, and particularly around their showing activities both at calf club and A & P shows. A calf has been donated as an overall prize.

The Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition is also keenly contested amongst our membership. Now taking place at the NZ Dairy Event on an annual basis, the first and second placegetters in this competition also move on to represent the Ayrshire Breed in the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition held at the same event.

Judging Schools are run for all current and prospective judges each spring, two annually in the North Island and bi-annually in the South Island. This autumn, two of these schools were held in conjunction with Jersey NZ. All Senior Judges are now required to re-certify on a regular basis.

Holstein Friesian NZ

An improved payout to NZ dairy farmers has also led to a good year for the Holstein Friesian breed. While the recovery has been slow the signs are positive for the future.

Two full time Field Staff has allowed Holstein Friesian NZ to increase its presence around the country and drive core membership services. A direct result of this is an increased number of older animals registered for the second year in a row and an increase number of animals being classified. Holstein Friesian breeders understand the value added to their herd from classification and this message is slowly creeping out into the wider NZ dairy industry.

The Black & White cow has many great attributes, and these have been evident around the country where the Holstein Friesian breed has been dominant in the show ring. In the 2017/18 show season our North Island Championships were held at the Rotorua A & P Show and were well supported by members. North Island Champion Cow was presented to

Velvaleen Sanchz Audre-ET, owned by the Triple B Syndicate. The picturesque Marlborough A & P Show was host to the 2017/18 South Island Championships, with Parlan Damion Crystal S2F, crowned South Island Champion Cow.

Holstein Friesian NZ supports the work being done by the RAS All Dairy Breeds Show Ethics Committee to ensure that showing is a level playing field for all participants. Exhibitors on the whole have been very supportive of the work undertaken by the Committee to date. The challenge for the Committee now is to keep developing the standard and options for monitoring animal participation.

Judging is an important part of any Breed Society and Holstein Friesian NZ is no exception. Judges are monitored annually through Judging Schools held around the country in autumn. The Association believes that all judges in our breed must progress through the system, maintain the standard by attending a judging school every second year and have the ability to judge at any show. Youth and Young Breed members are encouraged to attend judging schools and work their way through the system as soon as they are ready. Specialised Youth Judging days are also run to initiate the development of our up and coming judges, as they are the future of our breed.

The National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp is a major focus for HFNZ's Black & White Youth programme. The camp is run over the 4 days prior to the NZ Dairy Event and is open to all young breeders, regardless of breed, over 15 years of age. In its fifth year the camp saw a large number of participants staying on to compete in the Youth Show, at NZ Dairy Event and put into practice the skills they had learnt at the camp. Young breeders attending the National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp cover a wide range of activities from preparing a heifer for showing, to learning about the NZ dairy industry and the welfare of animals prepared for the show ring. It is pleasing to see past camp attendees putting the skills that they have learnt to good use at many shows around the country and achieving success.

All in all a very successful year, but we cannot rest on our laurels, all Breed Societies must continue to fly their breed flag and ensure their relevance to the NZ dairy industry for a prosperous future. Holstein Friesian NZ is no exception, and as custodians of the breed will be working hard to drive the breed forward in the coming 12 months.

Regards,
Cherilyn Watson
General Manager
Holstein Friesian NZ

JERSEY NEW ZEALAND

Jersey New Zealand continues to drive it's new strategy and promote and drive the growth of the Jersey breed throughout New Zealand.

Championship shows were held in the North Island at the NZ Dairy Event in Feilding and in the South Island at the Blenheim A & P Show. The breed experienced another successful show at NZ Dairy Event.

Jersey New Zealand youth members also took part in the Murray Harnett Youth Judging Challenge at NZ Dairy Event, with the top two placegetters also representing Jersey New Zealand in the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition. Jersey NZ member Crystal Scown was the winner of both competitions.

Jersey New Zealand runs two annual youth awards. The Marcus Trotter Trophy and the Holley Geck Memorial Cup are both centred on youth showing. More recently, three annual awards have been reinstated and will be presented to Jersey NZ youth members from 2019.

Jersey New Zealand's Youth Council, having completed governance training, is now focussing more on youth programmes.

Three Jersey Judging Schools took place in autumn, two in the North and one in the South Island, two of which were in conjunction with Ayrshire New Zealand. The Judges guidelines and certification process has been update this year. All Jersey judges regularly re-certify.

NEW ZEALAND MILKING SHORTHORN ASSN

The Championship show took place in the North Island at the NZ Dairy Event in Feilding in the 2017/18 show season. The South Island Championships scheduled for the Gore A & P show were cancelled due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. During the year, a certification process has been adopted for new judges in the breed, which incorporates use of the judging schools operated by the other dairy breeds in New Zealand. This will mean that new Judges from 2017 will recertify regularly, this is optional for judges who first certified prior to this time.

Purebred Jersey Breed Society New Zealand Incorporated

The past year has been business as usual with much the same membership but with some promising new interest resulting from the Beledene complete dispersal sale, which was record breaking and reinforced the value of the Purebred Jersey.

This was a special occasion within Purebred Jerseys and a fitting tribute to the contribution the Revell family have made over the years.

Malcolm Revell is standing down as a director and the society is looking at reducing the number of directors on the board.

After initial discussions with Jersey New Zealand about the possibility of the two societies joining there has been no further movement in this direction.

We held our classification days with the numbers classifying remaining the same.

The Taranaki Club held its 30th annual club show and the Waikato Club held its 25th annual club show.

The annual conference is being held in the Pukekohe area this year.

Vice President
John Schnuriger

CONFERENCE DAY 2
SHEEP BREEDS' COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARDROOM 1
Saturday 23 June 2018

Present: Ian Stevenson (Chair, Canterbury), Tim Black (Canterbury), Greg Burgess (NZSBA), Pam Follett (Franklin), Craig Follett (Franklin A&P), Melissa Jebson (RAS Executive), Jo Linton (Hawkes Bay-2018 NZ Royal Show), Erica McNeil (Poverty Bay), Phillippa Sanders (Black and Coloured delegate), Mike Scurr (Wanaka), Brent Snellex (RAS Executive), Ian Stevenson (Chairperson), Diana Timms (Cheviot delegate), Gilbert Timms (Perendale delegate), and Christine Roberts (Minutes).

Welcome from RAS Executive: Melissa Jebson

1. **Chairperson** Ian Stevenson
2. **Secretary for Meeting** Christine Robert

3. **Apologies**

An apology was received from Duncan McArthur (Temuka-Geraldine).

I Stevenson

MOVED: That the apology for Mr McArthur be received. CARRIED

4. **Notes**

Notes of the Sheep Breeds Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No. 214 (2017), pages 41-48.

D Timms / I Stevenson

MOVED: That the Notes of the Sheep Breeds Meeting held on 24 June 2017 as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere in this Agenda.**

No matters arising from those Notes.

6. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda**

- Proposed Changes to National Golden Fleece Exhibition

7. Chairperson's Report

The 2017 -2018 year while still having regional production differences purely because of seasonal climate very dry or wet spells has otherwise been more positive on the product monetary return side of sheep farming. The areas of the country which have had a good or in some areas one of the best ever pasture growth years have been able to make good use of the rising sheep meat returns.

All sheep meat returns are at very good levels. The returns for mutton are at record highs at the present. Meat company lamb schedules have maintained good levels through the peak killing period and are on an upward movement as I write this with some very good minimum price contracts on offer for later in the winter kill period.

Crossbred wool however paints a more dismal picture as auction prices have continued to hover around very low levels. In my opinion the removal of a marketing and promotion levy some years ago is proving to be completely wrong. Growers in the right regions of the country who can and are producing mid micron and fine type wools of good quality are being extremely well rewarded for what they produce. The promotion of the fibre and innovation in its use in garment production has the people in some parts of the world with a have to wear it attitude and has driven demand to new highs Long may it continue!

The National Ewe Hogget competition has more entries nationwide this year owing to increased profitability in sheep farming and a better growing season in some areas. The Golden Fleece competition was a very successful event hosted by Wanaka A&P.

I have again attended many shows again this year both as an exhibitor and a judge. The strong stud sheep areas have good entries and others struggle to attract many sheep at all. Some A & P associations have few stud sheep entries at their actual shows but run very good commercial two tooth and hogget competitions – this is driving an increase in production levels purely by creating a competitive environment with the use of better genetics and nutrition levels.

I Stevenson

MOVED: That the Chairperson's Report be received

CARRIED

8. Sheep Breed Society Reports – pages 53-54.

Breed Society delegates were all asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas covering specific showing issues.

- Black & Coloured Sheep Assn - **received**
- Cheviot Sheep Society - **received**
- NZ Romney Sheep Breeders – no report
- NZ Sheep Breeders Assn – no report
- NZ Southdown Sheep Soc – no report
- Perendale Sheep Society - **received**

Greg Burgess - Why are we still coming to these conferences? There is lots of apathy amongst members out there, resulting in 2 representative attending RAS Conference. Agenda items could be done in an email. Good to get people together, and socially its great. Historically a delegation attended conference – this has now whittled down, mainly due to the unsettled decisions with the Royal Show. What are we getting out of communication from the RAS? Agenda is not exciting, and it doesn't change.

Melissa Jebson – Then it is up to this meeting to amend the Agenda to encourage members to attend, and what is this meeting going to do about it?

Chair – we need to move showing of sheep forward to be relevant in a farming world. Every breed has their own preferences.

Diana Timms - Southdown Society had their AGM in the NI which was very successful.

Gilbert Timms – it is a backward step if you do not attend Conference. Commonsense maybe needed re voting delegates, due to people not being able to attend for various reasons.

CEO – agree, if the Sheep meeting is boring, then it is up to the Breed Societies to do something about it and put forward a solution.

Diane Timms – why can't some of the bigger Sheep Breeds under the NZ Sheep Breeds attend Conference?

Chair – Progressive breeders are going to other forums.

P Sanders / G Timms

MOVED: That the three reports that were received and tabled from the affiliated Sheep Breed Societies, be received.

CARRIED

9. Standard Schedule of Breed Classes for A&P and Royal Shows .

The Sheep Meeting has the responsibility for the annual review of all Royal Show Sheep Breed classes and is required to submit any recommendations for alterations to the Members Representative Committee. Royal Show Judges also to be approved.

Jo Linton – Three-four younger people are going to be involved and help run the Sheep section for the 2018 NZ Royal Show. Night pens, marquee format, and a presentation area, are all being looked at. It is an issue in having to incorporate the full schedule, having to pre-order ribbons etc., knowing that there will be no entries for that breed. Perhaps Schedules need to be relative for a NI Royal Show and a SI Royal Show. Also, maybe a need to look at the ribbons/sashes versus rosettes for the sheep section. Confirmations from judges that have been asked to adjudicate were still being followed up.

I Stevenson / P Sanders

MOVED: That the 2018 Royal NZ Show Sheep Schedule be adopted.

CARRIED

Chair – RAS CEO emailed through a sheep schedule for a Royal Event. A variation in the Schedule is needed between the Islands.

Jo Linton – a suggestion being, that the RAS host a Best of Breed Sheep Show with a point system.

I Stevenson / P Sanders

MOVED: That the Royal Event Sheep Schedule be approved by the RAS Sheep Breeds Committee Chair, with included sections being dependent on the area the Royal Event is being hosted in.

CARRIED

10. New Zealand Ewe Hogget Competition

- Results of the 2017 event, hosted by the NZ Sheep Breeders Association – overall winner Simon & Allan Paterson – Merino.
- Update on the 2018 competition.
Greg Burgess – Very good night, evening ran smoothly and a positive year for sheep farmers which was reflected by the evening.

11. Golden Fleece Exhibition – see Gazette 215 (2018)

- Mackenzie Highland have asked to drop back in the rotation, as not in a position to host for the next two years.

Mike Scurr– Another good well attended exhibition and Wanaka A&P have received positive comments. Good retailers support.

I Stevenson / D Timms

MOVED: That Wanaka be accorded a vote of thanks for hosting the exhibition in 2017 and 2018.

CARRIED

- 2019 Golden Fleece Exhibition is being hosted by the RAS at the Rangiora Showgrounds, 10/11 May.

A revised Schedule of Classes was tabled from Martin Patterson (Convenor of the 2017, 2018 host Society Wanaka A&P). In his view of poorly supported Strong Wool sections over recent years, he has deleted 23 classes in the Schedule.

Chair – 2019 is being 50 years of the Exhibition and feels that it is a good reason to amend the schedule.

Other comments from meeting included...

- Emphasis has been put on meat, and not wool
- Amalgamate the classes.
- This Sheep conference meetings are a forum to change the classes.

Secretary – voiced her concern that the RAS affiliated Breed Societies have not been consulted with deleting their breed sections/classes that have been outlined. Oxford had good entries in these sections/classes and as the Breed Societies were not written to in the past 2 years to encourage entries, sponsorship and prize money, then surely it is courtesy to contact them before any classes are deleted.

I Stevenson / D Timms

MOVED: That a recommendation go through to the UBS Meeting that the amended schedule of classes for the RAS National Golden

Fleece Exhibition be adopted.

CARRIED

Mike Scurr - Thank you to the meeting for actioning this. Martin Paterson has put a lot of effort in to the exhibition over the past 2 years and glad that his recommendation was carried.

Tim Black – Ian Stevenson and himself will look into a Points system for the Quarterbred/Polwarth Ram fleeces (currently no points system) and will email it through RAS Head Office.

12. General Business

- **Delegate Form**

Greg Burgess – why do we have to complete Delegate Forms before we can vote – never seen one and never had to complete one in the past. RAS Head Office knew he was coming therefore should be the delegate for NZ Sheep Breeders.

Brent Snellex - all organizations have delegate forms, and must be completed and sent in for the voting process, otherwise you could have multiple votes from one organization, depending on who attends the meetings.

- **Black & Coloured Sheep Breed Association**

Letter re change of shearing date from 'on or after 20 July' to 'on or after 20 May'.

Pip Sanders – A&P Shows/Events to note this accordingly in their schedule of classes. Judging card has been amended, and a copy will be sent to RAS Head Office.

13. Election of Chair

Not required - Ian Stevenson, two years in to a three-year term.

NOTE: Judging Competitions to be discussed at the UBS meeting.

Due to there being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 1.43pm.



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29th April 2018

To all A & P Secretary's

Re: Change of Shearing Date for Showing Black and Coloured Sheep

A motion has been passed at the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association AGM on Saturday 28th April 2018, that the shearing date for the Black and Coloured shorn sheep classes at all A & P Shows be changed from "on or after 20th July" to "on or after 20th May".

This decision is effective immediately. Please change your conditions of entry to reflect this ruling.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Wallace
National Secretary

Copy of letters sent to our Branches to forward to forward to A.P.s

Rational. - With wet weather and food being fed in May-June-July damage to the wool is very common. - Back wool deterioration
Mud on tips - Hay/Silage embedded in fleece.
hauling for some members is July also

REPORTS

Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of N.Z

Member numbers have slightly decreased, wish we could encourage younger persons to participate at Shows and Field Days with their animals.

Driving around the countryside one notices many smaller blocks with a few sheep on them. We in the South Island have had some big shows with between 60 and 80 sheep in the pens on some occasions. Some shows unfortunately have been much smaller in numbers. This also applies to the White sheep Breeders as well.

From our recent Annual General Meeting it was moved and seconded that our Shearing Date come forward to May 20th or after instead of July 20th. Members felt that with lambing, weather feeding out it would be much kinder on the animal. This is for Shorn Sheep classes at shows. There is approximately less than half our members that actually show sheep.

Three members supported Upper Clutha A & P with their introduction of a Black and Coloured Wool section.

Again, some of us will travel to the Golden Fleece competition in Wanaka to enjoy their hospitality.

Wishing all Black and Coloured and White Breeders a good forthcoming season.

Phillippa Sanders - RAS Delegate for BCSBANZ

The Cheviot Sheep Society of NZ Inc

The Cheviot breed has had a successful year with good demand for Cheviot rams, especially for cross-breeding and for hogget mating. Both ewe numbers and flock numbers have remained steady. The Society is working with a number of unregistered breeders and encouraging them to register their stock.

Cheviot breeders continue to provide quality stock for A&P Shows around New Zealand and these are a credit to their breeders.

Malcolm McKelvie, President

Perendale Sheep Society

It has been a busy and challenging year. We have increasing competition from other breeds, particular corporate type breeds.

The Perendale Council endeavour to promote our breed, and keep the Perendale at the forefront of the sheep industry, but our resources are limited. We have to be smarter to keep our breed up there in the sheep industry.

Our magazine has been well received, as many copies have been spread around the country. It was great to have it in with the Country Wide. Also breeders have handed out many magazines at shows, field days. As a Council, I think that we need to look at other options in producing another magazine or a pull-out in a farming publication. Possibly producing it bi-annually, to reach more of an audience.

The website has been updated and is now online. Also, Facebook is about to go live. The trick with these forms of media is input from everyone. We as a Council welcome your input, photos, stories, sale and show results.

Probably our biggest shop window is the next generation trial at Smedley Station run with BLGNZ. Apart from finding out some interesting maternal data, we are also exposing the

breed to the next generation of sheep farmers. A huge thanks to Smedley Farm Manager, Rob Evans for his work and support of the trial. Russell Proffit, Graeme Maxwell and Kerry Franc - thanks for all you do for the trial. We look forward to some positive results from Annie (BLGNZ).

The Royal Show was in the Hawkes Bay. Thanks to Tim and Woody Anderson for making the trip up to judge. John Henricksen took out the Golden Sash with a very tidy ram, receiving the Mt Guardian cup.

A great catch up was had by all at the Canterbury show. Proceedings ran smoothly, thanks to Ivan's organised team. Thanks to judges Phil Oldfield and Adam Thacker. Christie-Wilson partnership won the Ram Hogget class and Rae Mitchell winning champion Perendale with a classy ewe hogget.

The South Island Perendale stud ram fair at Gore, continues to be our premium sale. It was quite fitting that Peter Christie was awarded The Mervyn Ladbrook trophy. Top price to Howie Gardiner of \$8600. 39 rams were sold for an average of \$2686. A \$300 higher average than last year (though there were a few pass-ins), a brilliant result. The Taihape ram fair saw 58 rams sold for an average of \$905.60, a lift of \$100. Top price of \$1800 to John Spellman.

At last year's Conference, Robert Gardyne was awarded a Life membership, which was well deserved award as Robert has done countless hours work for the Society.

Congratulations to Melissa Jebson who was recognised with a Queens Service Award (QSM) in the New Year's Honours List for services to Community and Agriculture.

Finally, it has been another rewarding year, that has gone very quickly. We need to keep working together as a breed, to forge ahead and make sure we stay at the forefront of the sheep industry.

Thank you - Mike McElrea, President

April 2018

CONFERENCE DAY 2

STRATEGY SESSION – RACHEL WALKER

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

Present: Kelly Allison, Lisa Berthold, Tim Black, Geoff Bone, Richard Bradly, Greg Burgess, Debbie Cameron, Tryphena Carter, Wendy Collin, Simon Collin, Sharon Cook, Judith Crawshaw, Bob Curry, Courtney Davies, John Fleet, Mark Fleming, Brooke Flett, Craig Follett, Pam Follett, Christine Fowles, Peter Gardner, Annaliese Goettler, Stephanie Gowing, Merran Hain, David Harricks, Susan Harris, Tabitha Hazlett, Anne Hjorth, Richard Holst, Fe Howie, Sally Jackson, Vicki Jagersma, Melissa Jebson, Jackie Kelly, Jo Linton, Trevor Latimer, Sarah Manning, Chris Mason, Bronwyn McCarthy, Malcolm McKerrow, Erica McNeil, Bruce McRobbie, Lex Peddie, Emma Pollitt, Christine Roberts, Annette Robinson, Phillippa Sanders, David Schumacher, Mike Scurr, Mike Smith, Geoff Smith, Brent Snelllex, Jane Stalker, Doug Stalker, Judith Steiner, Ian Stevenson, Samantha Tennent, Lyn Tetenburg, Gilbert Timms, Diana Timms, Ian Tippet, Max Tweedie, Rachel Walker, Anne Watts, Alan Windle, Philip Worthington.

How

- respect
- pragmatism

What (we actually do)

- listening to the feedback – good or critical
- Districts are an extension of the members up
- RAS has no relevance with A&P customers
- show tangible value to farmers (relevance)
- increase home industries – craft beer
- uncomplicate/simple processes i.e. conference, yellow card
- be more collaborative
- develop next generation – reduce fees for conference, mentor
- collaborate with Young Farmers
- help people grow through i.e. judging
- provide competition/activity for children at shows
- mentorship
- being professional
- strengthen shows in our area (Districts)
- involve more lifestylers/small blocks/field day type activity
- parade in urban area to attract attention to show
- provide opportunities for kids who might not otherwise show

Can be viewed on the RAS website - <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/ras-conference/>

CONFERENCE DAY 2

YOUTH MEETING

BOARDROOM 1

Saturday 23 June 2018

Five attended the meeting and discussions were held on how the council was started and heavy conversations on structure and focus on where we want to go from here...

WE posed three questions to the rest of the conference- Is there a place for RAS youth? What are the member's expectations? What do the member's want us to achieve?

We had mixed responses but what was definite was they want us. I think what we walked away with was that we need some governance in the future. And that the youth council will have a structured meeting with an open forum for everyone to attend.

We are working on sending out a survey to all our members with some key questions of what they would like from us and hope to have a new structure in place for next conference. A couple of key items we would like to work on this year is a stock judging guideline and getting every district to have a representative involved and attend conference.

CONFERENCE DAY 2

UNITED BREEDS' SOCIETY MEETING

CHANCELLOR 2

Saturday 23 June 2018

No quorum reached so these are the notes from that meeting.

Present: Kelly Allison (RAS Executive), Lisa Berthold (NZ Lifestyle Highland), Tim Black (Canterbury A&P), Geoff Bone (Canterbury A&P), Richard Bradly (UBS Chairperson), Greg Burgess (NZSBA), Debbie Cameron (RAS CEO), Tryphena Carter (Gore A&P delegate), Simon Collin (Hawkes Bay A&P/Charolais Breeders delegate), Wendy Collin (Dannevirke A&P delegate), Sharon Cook (Bay of Islands P&I delegate), Sue Crawshaw (NZ Angus delegate), Bob Curry (Galloway Cattle delegate), Mary Davis (Western District Manager), Mark Fleming (RAS Beef Breeds Chairman), Craig Follett (Franklin A&P), Pam Follett (Franklin A&P), Christine Fowles (Marlborough A&P/Purebred Jersey delegate), Peter Gardner (RAS Life Member), Peter Gilbert (Dairy Breeds Chairman/NZ Ayrshire/NZ Jersey delegate), Annaliese Goettler (2018 Rural Ambassador), Jannine Goodhew (Franklin A&P), Stephanie Gowing (Northern District Manager), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P delegate), David Harricks (Tauranga A&P delegate), Susan Harris (NZ Lifestyle Highland delegate), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P delegate), Fe Howie (Wanaka A&P), Anne Hjorth (Cambridge A&P delegate/Mid Northern Chairperson), Sally Jackson (Hawkes Bay A&P), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P delegate), Melissa Jebson (RAS Executive/Malvern A&P delegate), Jackie Kelly (Southern District Chairperson/Lake County A&P delegate), Trevor Latimer (Western District Chairman), Jo Linton (Hawkes Bay A&P), Sarah Manning (Canterbury A&P), Chris

Mason (Whangarei A&P delegate/Hon. Life Member), Paula McLraith (Ellesmere A&P delegate), Malcolm McKerrow (Hon. Life Member), Erica McNeil (Poverty Bay A&P), Bruce McRobbie Morrinsville A&P, Waikato A&P delegate), Maxine Mulligan (Manawatu A&P/NZ National Horse & Pony delegate), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Amanda Parkes (Franklin A&P), Lex Peddie (Canterbury A&P), Christine Roberts (Oxford A&P delegate), Annette Robinson (Nelson A&P/NZ Charolais), Phillippa Sanders (Black & Coloured/Mackenzie A&P delegate), David Scott, Mike Smith (Southland A&P delegate), Geoff Smith (RAS President), Brent Snellix (RAS Executive), Jane Stalker (Wanaka A&P), Doug Stalker (Wanaka A&P delegate), Judith Steiner (Rotorua A&P), Ian Stevenson (Canterbury A&P), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P delegate), Gilbert Timms (Perendale delegate), Diana Timms (Cheviot/Horowhenua A&P delegate), Ian Tippet (Courtney A&P delegate), Jeannette Tippet, Rachel Walker (RAS Executive/Otago Taieri A&P delegate), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P delegate), Alan Windle (Pony Breeders delegate/Equestrian Chairperson, Philip Worthington (Lowline delegate)

- Welcome from RAS Executive:** Geoff Smith
1. **Chairman:** Richard Bradly
 2. **Secretary for the Meeting:** Debbie Cameron
 3. **Apologies:** Barry McAlley (Galloway Society)
Moved: Apology be accepted P Worthington/P Gardner **CARRIED**
 4. **Minutes**
 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No. 214 (2017), pages 63-66
Moved: Minutes accepted as a true and correct record
 M Fleming/S Collin **CARRIED**
 5. **Matters Arising**
 - Letter sent to Ministry of Primary Industries along the lines outlined in last year's minutes. Response was very generalised.
 - Azure came on board for testing alpacas
 - Theleria – need to consult your local vet when moving stock as this situation is no longer being monitored. It is suggested that Baytical be used before moving them.
 6. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.**
 7. **Chairman's Report** as tabled in Gazette 215 (2018)
Moved: Report be received R Bradly/P Worthington **CARRIED**
 8. **Correspondence – nil.**
 9. **Other Breed Reports pages 57.**

Llamas

Llama numbers in New Zealand continue in slow decline, a trend begun several years ago, in line with what are considered to be social lifestyle changes. Registrations with New Zealand Llama Association indicate llama numbers to be in the vicinity of 1500 animals.

No new health issues have emerged or become prevalent, small numbers of facial eczema are reported, but llamas continue to demonstrate a resilience to staggers and there are, once again, no reports of TB in llamas.

There appears to be a growing interest in the original llama type, often called 'ccara' which in addition to having a shedding double coat, also require less maintenance when allowed a healthy diet.

There also appears to be a gradual acceptance that a commercial market for llama fleece will never be realised and accordingly llama owners are more likely to breed for lower yields of finer fleece destined for the individual craft market in NZ.

Resolved to take report as read.

10. Report from Dairy, Sheep, Beef & Equestrian Breed Meetings

A full report can be found under the various meetings

11. Report Golden Fleece Exhibition – as tabled in Gazette 2015 (2018)

Refer to Gazette

2019 exhibition to be held on the 10/11 May in Rangiora.

12. Report from Equine Health & Animal Welfare – Brent Snellex – see pages 22-23.

Refer to appropriate pages

Moved: Reports from number 10, 11 and 12 be received.

M Fleming/P Gilbert

CARRIED

13. Youth Judging Competitions

13.1 General discussion, updates from District Competitions

Southern – excellent day, combined with Young Farmers - held with a variety of stock to judge from wool, sheep, horses, poultry etc. It also included judging baking and photography.

Central – Canterbury and Oxford shows include the judging components and many of the competitions run by the youth.

13.2 Report from recent FCAS meeting

D Cameron attended the meeting. It was the first meeting since the amalgamation, and it would be safe to say that matters aren't progressing as smoothly as they would like. Once again it was commented on how lucky New Zealand was with their format of having the governing body (RAS) with the family of shows and breed societies working together. However, unless we work together for the good of the Movement rather than for individual wants and needs, this will be under threat.

Report taken as read.

13.3 Royal A&P Show Youth Judging Competitions – days/times

Competitions to be held on the Thursday & Friday – times to be confirmed.

14. Other Breed Royal A&P Show Schedules for approval – copies will be tabled at the meeting.

15. *Mycoplasma bovis*

At the Breeds meeting in Central District, I (Geoff Smith) raised the concern about the lack of leadership and clarity on what was happening and a focus on eliminating the disease. This followed a question being raised at the Southern District meeting about

the role of the RAS in distributing information. With the focus solely on the elimination of the disease, which was looking less and less likely, should there be productive and educative information on living with the disease as many other countries do.

As a result of that excellent discussion, and it helped that the Chairmen of both the UBS Beef and Dairy Committees were there, the breed meeting took a recommendation to the AGM which was adopted.

They recommended to RAS Conference that, "The RAS, and its constituent District Councils individually, to press the Minister of Primary Industries and his Department to provide our showing movement with comprehensive guidelines for the continued showing of cattle in light of the emergence of *mycoplasma bovis*. It is requested that these guidelines include:

- information about the proposed new and simplified test to identify diseased animals;
- information as to whether the management of cattle herds is a common denominator – e.g. wintering barns – and as to what effect, if any, different management practices might have in terms of aggravating or ameliorating the spread and consequences of the disease; and
- what contingency plans the Government and MPI intend to implement if the disease cannot be eliminated, considering that we have been told New Zealand and Norway are the only two countries which had been without the disease, yet the commercial cattle industry continues to prosper and cattle showing continues unabated and unhindered in dozens of other countries.

Moved: The above recommendation be accepted.

P Worthington/M Fleming CARRIED

You can sign up to MPI here <http://mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/mycoplasma-bovis/> for regular updated information on mycoplasma bovis.

You can also sign up for a range of other information including Consultation topics, Media Releases, Topics such as Dairy products and farm dairies, and Meat & meat products; Newsletters such as Agri-gate - about MPI's investment programmes for anyone interested in primary sector innovation and investment and Welfare Pulse - for people interested in domestic and international animal welfare developments.

Discussion followed with varying opinions. Some delegates had hoped to be given direction by the RAS Executive as to what to do at their shows, others felt that shows needed to make their own decisions.

It was agreed the RAS needed to support MPI in their efforts to eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis*. It was also agreed it was important to follow the MPI guidelines and information from that source in regards to any showing of cattle.

Moved:

I Stevenson/M Fleming CARRIED

Discussion followed on keeping current exhibitors engaged with the Showing Movement even if there wasn't the traditional cattle livestock classes held – e.g. raising a calf, ask the children to take photos or livestream photo/video of them caring for the calf – this "virtual" could then be judged at the show.

16. General Business - nil

17. Election of Chair – not required. (Richard Bradly, two years in to a three-year term)

Closed at 4.40pm

CONFERENCE DAY 2

RAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JAMES COOK HOTEL, WELLINGTON

Saturday 23 June 2018

Present: Kelly Allison (RAS Executive), Lisa Berthold (NZ Lifestyle Highland), Tim Black (Canterbury A&P), Geoff Bone (Canterbury A&P), Richard Bradly (UBS Chairperson), Greg Burgess (NZSBA), Debbie Cameron (RAS CEO), Tryphena Carter (Gore A&P delegate), Simon Collin (Hawkes Bay A&P/Charolais Breeders delegate), Wendy Collin (Dannevirke A&P delegate), Sharon Cook (Bay of Islands P&I delegate), Sue Crawshaw (NZ Angus delegate), Bob Curry (Galloway Cattle delegate), Mary Davis (Western District Manager), Mark Fleming (RAS Beef Breeds Chairman), Craig Follett (Franklin A&P), Pam Follett (Franklin A&P), Christine Fowles (Marlborough A&P/Purebred Jersey delegate), Peter Gardner (RAS Life Member), Peter Gilbert (Dairy Breeds Chairman/NZ Ayrshire/NZ Jersey delegate), Annaliese Goettler (2018 Rural Ambassador), Jannine Goodhew (Franklin A&P), Stephanie Gowing (Northern District Manager), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P delegate), David Harricks (Tauranga A&P delegate), Susan Harris (NZ Lifestyle Highland delegate), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P delegate), Fe Howie (Wanaka A&P), Anne Hjorth (Cambridge A&P delegate/Mid Northern Chairperson), Sally Jackson (Hawkes Bay A&P), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P delegate), Melissa Jebson (RAS Executive/Malvern A&P delegate), Jackie Kelly (Southern District Chairperson/Lake County A&P delegate), Trevor Latimer (Western District Chairman), Jo Linton (Hawkes Bay A&P), Sarah Manning (Canterbury A&P), Chris Mason (Whangarei A&P delegate/Hon. Life Member), Paula McLraith (Ellesmere A&P delegate), Malcolm McKerrow (Hon. Life Member), Erica McNeil (Poverty Bay A&P), Bruce McRobbie Morrinsville A&P, Waikato A&P delegate), Maxine Mulligan (Manawatu A&P/NZ National Horse & Pony delegate), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Amanda Parkes (Franklin A&P), Lex Peddie (Canterbury A&P), Christine Roberts (Oxford A&P delegate), Annette Robinson (Nelson A&P/NZ Charolais), Phillippa Sanders (Black & Coloured/Mackenzie A&P delegate), David Scott, Mike Smith (Southland A&P delegate), Geoff Smith (RAS President), Brent Snellix (RAS Executive), Jane Stalker (Wanaka A&P), Doug Stalker (Wanaka A&P delegate), Judith Steiner (Rotorua A&P), Ian Stevenson (Canterbury A&P), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P delegate), Gilbert Timms (Perendale delegate), Diana Timms (Cheviot/Horowhenua A&P delegate), Ian Tippet (Courtney A&P delegate), Jeannette Tippet, Rachel Walker (RAS Executive/Otago Taieri A&P delegate), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P delegate), Alan Windle (Pony Breeders delegate/Equestrian Chairperson), Philip Worthington (Lowline delegate).

1. **President's Welcome:** Geoff Smith
2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Debbie Cameron
3. **Apologies:** Ben Burgess (Manawatu A&P), Kim Cawte (Te Puke A&P), Louellen Davies (Katikati A&P/Mid Northern Equestrian Chair), Clare Grattan, John Jebson (Central District Councillor), Duncan McArthur (Temuka Geraldine A&P), Robert Pattullo (Hawkes Bay A&P)
Moved: Apologies be accepted. M Jebson/M Mulligan CARRIED
4. **Obituaries**

Northern District: Mr T Falk, Mrs N Poyner, Mrs M Hutchings, Mr D Pacey

Mid Northern District: Jan Wills

Eastern District:

Western District: Mrs H Haylock, Miss M O'Donohue

Central District: Mrs N F MacPhail, Mr. Fergie McCormack, Mr. John Sheed

Southern District: Mrs G H James, Mr R.T Vial, Mr I.B Sutherland, Mrs. M Dickie

5. Minutes of the RAS Annual General Meeting

Held 25 June 2017, as circulated in Gazette No 214 (2017), pages 67-75.

Moved: Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record

G Smith/B Snellex

CARRIED

5.1 Confirmation of Constitution Changes (clause 3.4 as voted in by the members at the 2017 Conference (complying with suggested wording from Charities Commission)).

Moved: Reconfirm this change

G Smith/P Worthington

CARRIED

6. Matters arising from those minutes - Nil

7. Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda. Nil

8. President's Report

Report as per Gazette No.216 (2018), to be received and/or adopted as necessary.

Moved: Report be received

G Smith/R Walker

CARRIED

G Smith requested any items for discussion, when there were none he

Moved: Report be adopted.

G Smith/M Jebson

CARRIED

9. Treasurer's Report

Annual Report and Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended March 31 2017 as per Gazette No. 215 (2018), to be received and/or adopted as necessary.

Sponsorship Equestrian Youth - \$1,807.00

Sponsorship/Fund Raising Youth Activities - \$7,722.00

B Snellex overviewed his report and the finances and called for any questions. When there were none he

Moved: Report be adopted

B Snellex/P Worthington

CARRIED

J Kelly (Southern District Chair) queried whether there was an equestrian rebate.

Advised this had not been paid out for the last few years, firstly as the equestrian section was not making a profit and secondly the RAS equestrian finances already support training for measurers, testing stewards and judges. It was also advised all district rebates contained an equestrian component.

10. Election of Officers - tabled

Patron – Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy. Current Patron for her term as Governor General.

President – not applicable. Mr. G Smith in third year of a three-year term.

Vice President – not applicable. Mr. B Snellex in third year of a three-year term

11. Election of Executive - tabled

Ms. R Walker retired by rotation.

Ms. R Walker offered herself for re-election for the Legal/Constitutional Portfolio

Nominated: Jackie Kelly
Seconded: Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith

Mrs. C O'Connor finished her co-opted term
Mrs. C O'Connor was nominated for the Equestrian Portfolio
Nominated: Alan Windle
Seconded: Maxine Mulligan

There being no other nominations, no election is required.

12. Appointment of Auditor

The Executive recommends that the AGM agree to appoint Ashton Wheelan & Hegan as auditors for the 2018/2019 year.

Moved: Ashton Wheelan & Hegan be the auditors for 2018/2019
B Snellex/K Allison CARRIED

13. Review of any levies/fees

13.1 Measuring Fees – the RAS Executive resolved to increase the measuring fees as allowed under M2 Fees for Measuring, Life & Replacement Certificates (note this will need to be updated in the Equestrian Rulebook) with CPI used as a guide.

First Measure - \$31.00
Annual measure - \$21.00
Youngstock measure - \$11.00
Life Measure - \$76.00
Replacement Certificates - \$76.00
Temporary Measuring Fee - \$11.00 (not increased in 2017)

Tabled for notification

13.2 Equestrian levy – the RAS Executive recommend an increase in the Equestrian levy of 5 cents, from 1.10 to 1.15 per entry.

Rationale: The current Executive believe small increases on a regular basis is a better philosophy than a significant increase every now and again. The equestrian levy increase has used the CPI rate of 1.6% but has been rounded off (1.12 to 1.15)

Moved: Equestrian levy increase to 1.15 per entry
C O'Connor/W Collin CARRIED.

13.3 A&P Association/Events Membership Fee – the RAS Executive recommend an increase in membership fees of 1.6%, being the CPI rate for the last year, and this includes joining fees. This relates in dollar terms to an increase of \$10.78; currently paying \$673.82, proposed payment \$684.60

Rationale: The current Executive believe small increases on a regular basis is a better philosophy than a significant increase every now and again.

Moved: Membership fees for A&P Association/Events increase to \$684.60 per association/event
B Snellex/K Allison CARRIED.

13.4 Breed/Kindred Society Membership Fee – the RAS Executive recommend an increase in membership fees of 1.6%, being the CPI rate for 2017, and this includes joining fees. This relates in dollar/cents

terms to an increase of 0.5 cents per member; currently paying \$3.19 per member, proposed payment \$3.24 per member. The minimum fee would increase to \$130.67 (currently paying \$128.61)

Rationale: The current Executive believe small increases on a regular basis is a better philosophy than a significant increase every now and again.

Moved: Membership fees for Breed & Kindred Societies increase to \$3.24 per member and the minimum fee increase to \$130.87

B Snelllex/P Worthington CARRIED

14. **Consideration of any Notices of Motion, Business or Proposed Resolution of which notice has been given. Nil**

15. **Discussion on recommendations from Equestrian Meeting or United Breed Society Meeting**

Equestrian – it was agreed more input was needed from the competitors before any decision was made regarding Lead Rein and First Ridden being removed from HOY. Other discussion topics to also be tabled at the equestrian forums.

UBS

Moved: Letter to go to MPI as noted in the UBS meeting

P Worthington/M Jebson CARRIED

Moved: Support MPI in eradicating *Mycoplasma bovis* and follow any guidelines from MPI if shows choose to run cattle livestock classes

R Brady/M Fleming CARRIED

Moved: Reduce strong wool classes in the Golden Fleece Schedule from 53 to 30 classes.

I Stevenson/P Sanders CARRIED

C Roberts AGAINST

Moved: RAS Dairy Levy to be known as the Dairy Ethics Levy

P Gilbert/C Hughes CARRIED

16. **Report on remits or any postal ballots.**

REMIT	FOR	AGAINST	AB/ STAINED	IN/ VALID	RESULT
1 – Clydesdale - Helmet Exempt	67	8	2		CARRIED
2 – Pony-Horse-Pony	64	9	3		CARRIED
3 – First Ridden – Combination	71	1	3		CARRIED
4 – Novice Classification	73	2	1		CARRIED
5 – Novice Classification – pt 2	69	5	2		CARRIED
6 – Hats & Safety Helmets	75	0	2		CARRIED
7 – MSS Schedule – Working Hunters	73	3	0		CARRIED
8 – Clean Sport	66	3	7		CARRIED
9 – Measuring Fees	73	2	1		CARRIED
10 – Royal Show Schedule	73	1	2		CARRIED
11 – Waikato A&P - Youngstock			<i>Withdrawn</i>		
12 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden	24	44	3		FAILED
13 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden 2	18	55	1		FAILED
14 – Waikato A&P – First Ridden 3			<i>Withdrawn</i>		
15 – Donkey & Mule Soc – Eq Rules	66	3	6		CARRIED
16 – Donkey & Mule Soc – Mini. Donkeys	58	11	5		CARRIED
17 – Miniature Horse Assn – Measuring	7	64	4		FAILED
18 – Courtenay A&P – Temporary Meas.	17	51	7		FAILED

17. Acknowledgement of Service Achievement Awards

2018 District Service Awards (already presented)

Northern –

Mid Northern -

Eastern -

Western – Mr. C Wall, Miss. M O'Donohue, Mrs. J Pearce

Central -

Southern – Mr. C Bell, Mrs C Bell

18. General Business

18.1 Royal Show Schedule – other than breed related – to be approved

Moved: Home Industries schedule be approved

S Jackson/B Snelllex

CARRIED

18.2 Royal Show Host – Hawkes Bay A&P Society

- Simon Collin, Hawkes Bay A&P President introduced their new General Manager, Sally Jackson.
- Sally then gave an overview of plans for 2018 with the core philosophy of going back to the basics and doing the basics well, as well as going back to the three days. This would include an educational section for children introducing them to the Primary Sector.
- An invitation was extended to all to attend the 2018 NZ Royal A&P Show hosted by Hawkes by A&P Society on the 17/18/19 October 2018

18.3 Royal Shows/Events 2019 onwards

Geoff Smith gave the following overview – the members requested a Royal Show in the North Island and a Royal Show in the South Island. Canterbury A&P and Hawkes Bay A&P were identified as the two parties. The Executive asked them to meet and agree on a concept that would then come to the Executive. Canterbury wanted to be the NZ Royal A&P Show with Hawkes Bay as the Royal Show in the North Island however Hawkes Bay felt the shows need to be on an equal footing. The Executive then appointed B Snelllex to work with Canterbury. Discussions were underway with Canterbury but there was no mention of the rebranding (NZ Agricultural Show) during these discussions until the announcement went public. Concern was expressed from members and the Executive is duty bound to canvass the opinion of all the members as to whether they agree with the re-branding and whether we keep working with Canterbury A&P Association

- Geoff Bone, Event Director of the Canterbury A&P Show was invited to speak on Canterbury's position of hosting a Royal A&P Show. G Bone advised Canterbury supported a Royal Show in the North Island, but they felt the naming would be confusing (Royal A&P Show hosted by Hawkes Bay, Royal A&P Show hosted by Canterbury) and there needed to be a point of difference. Canterbury have rebranded to the New Zealand Agricultural Show and this differentiates from the New Zealand Royal A&P Show hosted by Hawkes Bay A&P. When promoting the livestock sections, it would be referred to as the Royal A&P Show hosted by Canterbury A&P Association. G Bone also suggested the current Royal A&P logo was difficult to work with hence the suggestion to change it, so it would be a better fit with what they were hoping to achieve.
- G Bone then suggested the meeting should talk about the content of any MOU between the RAS and Canterbury. Chairman, Geoff Smith reminded the meeting that the conference meeting was not going to debate or decide any issues that were not notified business, likewise the situation with the logo. The members would follow the process outlined to make any decisions.

- Ian Stevenson, representative from Canterbury then asked, "What will they be voting on, we have changed the name already?" G Smith once again reminded the meeting that the matter was not going to be debated and decided at conference.



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June 2018

LIST OF NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION:

The following nominations for office were received:

Election of Executive Committee

Ms. Rachel Walker

Executive – Legal/Constitutional Ms. R Walker offers herself for election

Nominated: Jackie Kelly

Seconded: Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith

Mrs. C O'Connor

Executive - Equestrian Mrs. C O'Connor offers herself for election

Nominated: Alan Windle

Seconded: Maxine Mulligan

No election required for Executive