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**Annual Conference MINUTES**

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# CONFERENCE DAY 1 DELEGATES PRESENT

## NEW PLYMOUTH

Friday 21 June 2019

Kelly Allison (RAS Executive, Tokomairio A&P, Life Member), Christine Barton (Auckland A&P), Lisa Berthold (NZ Lifestyle Highland), Richard Bradly (UBS Chairman, Helensville A&P), Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Debbie Cameron (RAS CEO), Tryphena Carter (Next Generation, Winton A&P), Gabrielle Cashmore (Northern Rural Ambassador), Lucy Collin (Eastern Rural Ambassador), Wendy Collin (Eastern Chair, Dannevirke A&P), Simon Collin (Hawkes Bay A&P), Sharon Cook (Northern Chair), Zandra Cook (Welsh Pony & Cob), Leanne Cook (Northern District), Courtney Davies (Northern District), Louellen Davies (Mid Northern District), Mary Davis (Western District), Julie De Filippi (NZ Standardbred), Cara Ferris (Showing Waikato), John Fleet (RAS Measuring Convenor), Christine Fowles (Marlborough A&P), Melda Gibson (Horowhenua A&P), Donna Goettler, Katrina Gosney (NZ Standardbred), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P), Fe Howie (Upper Clutha A&P, Life Member), Sally Jackson (Hawkes Bay A&P), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P), Jo Kahlenberg (Northern District), Jackie Kelly (Southern District, Life Member), Trevor Latimer (Western District), Catherine Lord (Wairarapa A&P), Liz Maslin (Waikato A&P), Chris Mason (Whangarei A&P, Hon. Life Member), Karen McKechnie (Auckland A&P), Helena McLeod (Egmont A&P), Erica McNeil (Poverty Bay A&P), Bruce McRobbie (Mid Northern District, Morrinsville A&P), Janet Morgan (Egmont A&P), Maxine Mulligan (Clean Sport Convenor), Tracey Nolan (National Miniature Horse, Waikato A&P), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Bruce Orr (Hon. Life Member), Amanda Parkes (Franklin A&P), Sandra Pilcher (Central District), Rupert Power (Southern Rural Ambassador), Christine Robert (RAS Administrator, Oxford A&P), Christine Rowe (NZ Riding Pony), Kristine Russell (Southern District), David Schumacher (Stratford A&P), Anne Scott (Auckland A&P), David Scott (Auckland A&P, Life Member), Geoff Smith (RAS President, Life Member), Mike Smith (Southland A&P, Life Member), Brent Snellix (RAS Vice President), Ruth Stiven (West Otago, Southern District), Leigh Taylor (Te Kauwhata A&P, NZ Side Saddle), Michelle Taylor (Pony Breeders, Taranaki All Breeds Show), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep, Life Member), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Ian Tippet (Southern District, Courtney A&P), Rachel Walker (RAS Executive), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P), Alan Windle (HSCE Chair, Canterbury), Philip Worthington (Lowline Cattle), Danielle Wright (Clevedon A&P)

# CONFERENCE DAY 1 STRATEGIC UPDATE

NEW PLYMOUTH

Friday 21 June 2019

**Facilitator – Rachel Walker, RAS Executive**

Presentation can be found on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) – About RAS –  
NZ RAS Conference

# CONFERENCE DAY 1 GENERAL FORUM

## NEW PLYMOUTH

Friday 21 June 2019

Facilitator for General Forum – Brent Snellex

This forum has one item on the agenda – Competitor Organisation Memo and then will move to items of interest for Show Managers & Committees.

C McKecknie (Franklin)

- competitors want opportunities to enter at A&P Shows – more opportunities lead to more entries.
- If they wish to fund ribbons etc. they should be allowed to – brings in more competitors and people through the gate.
- What is the issue with Show Horse Council? They should be allowed to run their classes and provide ribbons & prize money at A&P Shows but these classes don't qualify for Royal Shows.

B Snellex (Facilitator)

- Show Horse Council have had several opportunities to affiliate but they have chosen not to. If they affiliated there would be no issue.

R Holst (Franklin)

- Supported the idea that Shows should be able to run additional classes according to any local strength.

Advised that this was possible if it didn't conflict with any affiliated party.

A Watts (Clevedon)

- Problems in the past because the "RAS Executive" shut down conversations

C O'Connor (Executive)

- Why do Societies affiliate to the RAS? Because they get the benefits of belonging to a national organization and they have access to the RAS Intellectual Property.
- Met personally with Mr. Copeman of Show Horse Council and he advised the RAS had nothing to offer so why would he affiliate? But the RAS does have something to offer and that is their 90 member A&P Shows & Kindred Events.
- What classes do Show Horse Council run that the RAS can't?

C Rowe (NZ Riding Pony)

- Societies such as the NZ Riding Pony pay to have their classes at A&P Shows. They pay and affiliation fee to belong and enjoy the benefits. Why should organisations such as Show Horse Council get a free ride?

General discussion followed with for and against. The majority view appeared to be that if these parties affiliated then everyone would be on a level playing field.

The CEO advised it was then time to move on with other discussion topics for the meeting. This was challenged by A Watts who advised this was just another example of the RAS Executive shutting down a conversation when things got interesting. The CEO replied everyone had, had an opportunity to express their views and this meeting was meant to be multipurpose and give Show

Administrators & Committees an opportunity to discuss ways of improving their shows and exchange ideas. If there was time at the end of the meeting, we would return to this discussion.

B Snellex added that this is not the only opportunity to discuss this matter, there will be other opportunities during conference to discuss this as well.

The meeting was asked for any further discussion points.

S Cook (Bay of Islands) – some years ago Bay of Islands Show was in the red. Competing events on their show day caused issues. Brought the Wine & Food Show in to be part of the Show and have never looked back. They keep their entry prices down and the show has gone from strength to strength.

E McNeil (Poverty Bay) – agreed with the previous speaker. Keep prices down and work hard on sponsorship to ensure all areas break even.

B McRobbie (Morrinsville) – looked to run their 100<sup>th</sup> show and then close the door due to financial strain. B McRobbie personally took on sponsorship and they have been very successful. There show has continued. On talking to sponsors – the suggestion had been that smaller, struggling shows should amalgamate and provide one big show. While Field Days is competition for trade, trade exhibitors still see value in A&P Shows. Cost of a stand is much less at an A&P Show and opportunity to meet and talk with grassroots people.

Question – how much are shows charging as an entry fee?

- Avoid gold coin entry, one show's gate take went from \$28,000 to \$7,000.
- Range \$10-\$15 for small to medium shows
- Auckland took a gamble and offered a free gate as numbers attending had dropped to 38,000. Food and trade people subsidize the loss in gate take by paying bigger site fees however it is a win-win for all. The no gate fee brings in the people and therefore the food and trade sites benefit.
- Winton offered the gate keeping job to a local group and they were to receive a 10% percentage. This motivated them to do a great job and the gate take went up as a result i.e. no freebies were given

Question – what do shows offer in return for membership?

- Waikato, \$35 gives reduced entry fees for exhibitors, lunch and tickets
- Poverty Bay \$50 – 4 adults, 4 children; \$25 for round the ring parking

Question – C Fowles had been show administrator to Stratford for 19 years and recently moved to Blenheim and had taken up the show administrator job for Marlborough A&P Show. She was asked for any difference she had noted between the North & South Island. Her response was to always make sure you retain ownership of grounds – Stratford owns their showgrounds, Marlborough used to but then gifted it to the Council.

This led on to a discussion of what other income streams A&P Associations have other than their show.

- West Otago run a farm operation plus receive training fees from racecourse
- Rotorua have had cattle auction
- Wairarapa held a lifestyle auction for stallholders – any sale or purchase they received 10%, total overall - \$8,000
- Manawatu rent out their equipment, receive \$5,000
- Egmont – grazing of sheep, silage. Book out the indoor arena, have a number of other groups running activities at the grounds – dog training, BMX championships
- Franklin – lease out saleyards, also have a number of different groups renting buildings
- Hawkes Bay – campground, graze sheep, Farmers Market, other Events, weddings, lease out land, Menz Shed
- Winton – Research Farm



Those shows that don't own their grounds – how do you manage?

- Auckland have a perpetual lease but huge outgoings. Allowed to sub lease. Have concentrated on building facilities and now home to the Boat Show, Home Show etc.
- Racecourses closing down – is this an opportunity?
- Helensville have 30-year lease, able to sub lease
- Rangiora – own the grounds but surrounded by residential growth and this poses problems with Town Planning
- Canterbury have a Board that deal with lease issues, currently have a long-term lease
- Documentation is essential – even if you don't have an agreement ensure you keep all correspondence on file around any discussions of use of land
- Wairarapa reinforced the message about good documentation and correct wording – a deal signed with hockey has left them vulnerable. Look at worst case scenario, dot your I's and cross your t's.
- Rangiora – be aware of other parties putting buildings on your ground – be clear on who owns what and what happens to the building if they leave the grounds
- Upper Clutha lease their show area for 2 weeks. Issues looming for them.

### Entertainment Options

(Note the carnival operator referred to is the same – some shows have a good relationship, others not so good. Suggestion that there is strength in numbers – utilize the good relationships to help your not so good one.)

- Manawatu had problems with a certain carnival operator. Wet show meant low gate numbers and carnival operator refused to pay agreed fee. In the future looking to utilise local entertainment options in the form of bouncy castles.
- Whangarei moved away from having a carnival operator 4 years ago as didn't believe it was a good fit with their mission statement (bring urban and rural together). The show has a much better country feel. Recently put together a stage show – “Where your food comes from.” This is exclusive A&P Show entertainment. Based in Auckland – happy to share information if other shows would like to use it.
- Rotorua dropped carnival. Gone back to old fashioned small type entertainment (company from Tauranga). Run a Kids Free area and received a grant to cover the cost.
- Morrinsville – carnival operator wants to change their agreement, cost of rides too high
- Auckland wanted a family package and better rides; carnival operator left and chose to set up carnival rides in another location competing with the Auckland date. Chose to deal with smaller companies plus a couple from Australia – have turned their gate numbers around. Carnival operator wanted to come back and Auckland have negotiated a deal that suits them.
- Poverty Bay have a very good relationship with their carnival operator. Pays a year in advance. Important to their Show.
- Hawkes Bay also have a good relationship and looking at long-term deal. Brings in a different crowd and that is an opportunity for rural education.
- Franklin – carnival operator left as didn't want to pay agreed fee. Went for smaller operations, placed them strategically so crowd had to go through other parts of the show to get to them.

### Wood Chopping

- Wairarapa have wood chopping but comes at a heavy price of \$9,000. What do others pay?
- Katikati run a demonstration - \$1500
- Rotorua have excellent relationship and their woodchoppers organize own sponsorship
- West Otago have speed shearing & wood chopping
- Lucy Collin suggested Young Farmers in the area would be keen to do a demonstration
- Clevedon normally have a wood chopping competition but they pulled out at the last minute. Did a demonstration instead and it worked very well.
- Hawarden had a sheep milking machine – great drawcard

### Royal Events

- Oxford advocated for running Royal Events. They have run 3 in the past few years and had more entries (some of which they retained in the following years) and more people through the gate. Normally would have 250 sheep, with Royal Event went to 400 sheep. Ran a Dairy Goat Royal Event and had 100 pens of dairy goats.

With time at an end, the discussion on Show Horse Council will need to be picked up in the equestrian meeting however facilitating Show Horse Council to become a member would be the simplest alternative.



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**TO: Member Societies**  
**FROM: RAS Executive**  
**DATE: 22 March 2019**  
**SUBJECT: Competitive Organisations**

At the recent Executive-District meeting there was a discussion around competing organisations or parties attempting to utilise the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) Showing Movement to run their classes or schedule. While this has been mainly equestrian orientated, there has been the odd occurrence surface within other livestock sections as well.

The meeting unanimously agreed that this is not acceptable. Breed Societies and A&P Associations pay an affiliation fee to belong to the Royal Agricultural Society. This gives them certain rights and privileges. Understandably they are less than impressed if other parties, who do not contribute to the overall organisation, get those same rights and privileges, and rightly ask the question, "Why should we affiliate if that is the case?"

The policy is as follows - where a Breed Society is affiliated to the RAS, part of the affiliation benefit for that Breed Society is to be able to provide a minimum schedule for A&P Shows to run as well as providing a Royal Show Schedule for their particular breed. The A&P membership get the opportunity at conference to approve any Royal A&P Schedule so if there is a concern with the schedule that is the time to raise it.

A problem has arisen where some local A&P Societies have a direct relationship with a local party that is not affiliated to the parent body which is affiliated to the RAS.

An example of this would be within the Miniature Horse Section. Currently the National Miniature Horse Society and the NZ Miniature Horse Association are affiliated to the RAS however, there is a third group AIMS that is not affiliated to the RAS. AIMS is established predominantly in the Northern region and their schedule of classes has been included within some Shows. When we have become aware of this, we have notified the Shows this is against RAS policy and have asked them to withdraw those classes.

Equally an issue can be created where shows wish to encourage local Miniature groups to compete at the show or local Miniature groups offer to run something for the Show and then do not abide by the rules in place.

For example, an RAS judge or a judge on the NZMHA list (on the RAS website) is required to be used, the approved schedule needs to be run, and RAS height certificates are required. RAS is aware of the view that it is too costly to get RAS certificates for a team of Miniature horses and are currently in discussions with the NZMHA regarding this. Any discussions and agreement would need to go through the remit process and should there be any discount suggested this would apply for all other equestrian parties as well.

A reminder to all of the Gypsy Cob situation – the NZ Gypsy Cob Association is the affiliate. The Gypsy Vanner Society applied for affiliation however were turned down due to the RAS Conference Minutes 2019

current RAS One Breed Affiliation Policy. Please do not offer Gypsy Vanner classes as part of the Show Schedule.

There has also been discussion around Warmbloods – specific Warmblood classes/sections are held at several shows and Champion and Reserve Champions are awarded. Some shows are also allowing the following - if they have an overall Supreme Led Exhibit, they have been allowing the Warmblood Exhibit to come through. Equally in the South Island a points accumulator is run.

There is a Warmblood Association, they have been offered the rights to affiliate to the RAS, but have chosen not to, yet several shows still accord them the same privileges as they do to those breed or kindred societies that are affiliated to the RAS. This is neither right nor fair for the reasons previously explained.

This leads to the next discussion around having the ability to hold local classes if there is a certain strength within an area. For instance – Kaimanawa Horses. This has always been allowed as long as certain rules are followed – a local class is exactly that – no supreme, champion or reserve champion ribbons are meant to be awarded, only 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.

For many years the RAS has been the showing equestrian movement within NZ. More recently the NZ Show Horse Council has also established themselves within NZ. Show Horse Council were offered the opportunity to affiliate but have declined on the basis that “they feel the RAS has nothing to offer.” That is their decision and we accept that however that being the case they are a competing organisation to the RAS. If affiliated shows or events are being approached to run their classes, and wish to do so, this would be a breach of the RAS rules.

Recently the Speckle Park Cattle Breed has become affiliated to the RAS and this has tidied up the situation where some shows were allowing Speckle Park cattle to exhibit along the same lines as affiliated beef cattle breed societies.

Unregistered sheep have also been allowed entry to shows – again this has caused concern from NZ Sheepbreeders Association, who represents several of the sheep breeds. The same theory of fairness to our affiliated societies applies here as well.

We will be asking all Districts to have this memo as an agenda item at their District AGM and it will also be on the agenda for RAS Conference – it is important that the members discuss and have a good understanding of the situation. We understand that shows are wishing to retain as many entries as possible however there needs to be some checks and balances to protect the rights of the affiliated members. If members believe changes should be made there is a process for that.

This is a timely discussion at the close of a season before the beginning of the next season however if ever in doubt RAS Head Office is only a phone call away to check the content of any schedule. If we don't know the answer, we will assist by putting you in contact with people that do know the answer.

Asking first will avoid potential conflicts and the ultimate consequences of those conflicts.

## **CONFERENCE DAY 1**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**NEW PLYMOUTH**

**Friday 21 June 2019**

#### **Guest Speaker 1 – Cara Ferris, Showing Waikato – “Bringing Two Organisations Together”**

Presentation can be found on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) – About RAS – NZ RAS Conference

#### **Guest Speaker 2 – Mary Bourke – “Meeting Procedure 101”**

Presentation can be found on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) – About RAS – NZ RAS Conference

**CONFERENCE DAY 1**  
**EQUESTRIAN BREEDS' DELEGATES MEETING**

**NEW PLYMOUTH**

**Friday 21 June 2019**

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**Welcome from RAS Executive:** Cara O'Connor

**1. Chairperson:** Alan Windle

**2. Secretary for the Meeting:** Christine Roberts

**3. Apology – Clare Grattan (National Miniature Horse Assn),**

**MOVED: That the apology of C Grattan be received.**

**C Rowe/M Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**4. Minutes**

Minutes of the Equestrian Breed Meeting held on 22 June 2018 – Gazette 216 (2018) pages 9-14.

**MOVED: That the Minutes of the Equestrian Breed Meeting held on 22 June 2018, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.**

**A Windle/C O'Connor**

**CARRIED**

**5. Matters arising from those minutes.**

No matters arising.

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

No additional items received.

**7. Reports**

Breed Society delegates were all asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas. Those received were in Agenda, pages 10-13.

- Clydesdale Horse Society - received
- Connemara Pony Society of NZ Incorporated – no report received
- Donkey & Mule Society of NZ - received
- Morgan Horse Association of NZ - no report received
- National Miniature Horse Society of NZ - no report received
- NZ Arab Horse Breeders Society - no report received
- NZ Carriage Driving Society - no report received
- NZ Golden Horse Society - no report received
- NZ Gypsy Cob Association - no report received
- NZ Hackney Society - no report received
- NZ Miniature Horse Society - no report received
- New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated – received
- NZ Riding Pony Society – verbal report received at meeting, as below
- NZ Shetland Pony Breeders - no report received

- NZ Side Saddle Association - received
- NZ Standardbred Breeder's Association - received
- Pony Breeders Society of NZ - received
- Welsh Pony & Cob Society - no report received

Chair read out a verbal report from the NZ Riding Pony Society.

A successful twelve months for the NZRPS and again lovely to see our sashes, rugs, vests and prizes awarded throughout NZ through the RAS Shows.

Our stud book continues to include new stock with classifiers continually inspecting and including stock under our proven generation system.

Our annual Riding Pony Show in Kirwee is a well run and respected event and certainly helps the wheels to keep turning for the Society.

This year, our AGM was held in Christchurch and returned to the original formula with four society meetings for AGM at the same time and location and this will continue next year in Palmerston North.

This year our NI Melville Black Memorial was held for the first time at HOY and worked well with needed stud book classifications being held the day before.

We continually fine tune our judges list to be totally in line with the RAS lists meaning all our Society judges are also able to judge at RAS Shows when required.

We have a number of new projects in the pipeline to keep interest and progress forward.

I thank all Shows who host our classes – we do appreciate you.

All our hard-working councilors, personnel and our members - thank you to all who make the Society what it is today. A Windle – NZRPS President.

**MOVED: That the NZ Riding Verbal Report as given be received.**

**A Windle/C Rowe**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: That the Breed Reports as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received.**

**M Taylor/C Rowe**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Correspondence**

No Correspondence tabled.

## **9. Breed/Kindred related business**

Royal A&P & Minimum Breed Schedules – all Breed Societies have been asked for their minimum schedule along with Royal Show Schedule – what has been received is on the website for A&P Shows to access as needed. Hawkes Bay A&P Society had draft schedules for review at conference, at the main equestrian meeting.

Breed Judges updated lists to be forwarded to RAS Head Office following AGM's so they can be uploaded to the RAS website.

## **10. Review Royal Show & Standard Schedule of Classes**

To be discussed at Open Equestrian Meeting

## **11. General Business**

### **Breed Performance Cards**

J DeFilippi - NZ Standardbreds use their own Performance Cards, which are working well, although in the future they would like to be included on the RAS Height Certificate (Horse/Pony ID Form).

K Gosney - NZ Pinto have not got their own performance card and they also would like to be included on the RAS Height Certificate.

### **Breed Reports**

C Rowe (Pony Breeders) – Commends the Reports that have been furnished, and in particular the NZ Standardbreds and their comments about the advantage of being affiliated with the RAS.

## **12. Election of Chair – no nominations received.**

### **Acknowledgment of Alan Windle**

CEO – acknowledged the time and support, in particular as the Horse Stewards Council Chairperson for many years, of Mr Alan Windle.

Meeting showed their appreciation by a round of applause

There being no further the business the Equestrian Breeds Meeting was declared closed at 2.10pm.



## **Reports**

### **Clydesdale Society of NZ**

The Clydesdale Horse Society membership remains strong, although numbers of people showing Clydesdale horses is in decline. The Clydesdale Horse Society, along with affiliated clubs (Canterbury Clydesdale Club, Waikato Heavy Horse Association, and the Tararua Heavy Horse Social Club) are actively encouraging our members to participate in local shows by holding show preparation days and showmanship days.

Of greater concern for our society is the current decline in the number of horses being mated each year, when demand for registered Clydesdales is very high.

The Clydesdale, first introduced in 1842, was the horse that helped build our nation. It is now under pressure, not only from people's limited time, land and money, but from other breeds. 50 years ago, the Clydesdale was virtually the only draft horse breed in New Zealand. Now people can choose from Shires, Gypsy Cobs (Introduced 2005), Gypsy Vanner (Introduced 2004) and Drum Horses (Introduced recently). Not only do these breeds compete with the Clydesdale for people's resources, but are also taking registered Clydesdale horses out of our gene pool as they are used for appendix breeding.

The Rare Breeds Conservation Society of New Zealand and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (UK) lists the Clydesdale horse as a rare breed. As a breed society, we have been actively encouraging our members to breed, register, and show their Clydesdale horses to keep this wonderful breed alive.

### **Donkey & Mule Society**

There were 23 A & P Shows that held Donkey & Mule classes over the 2018/2019 show season. The Donkey & Mule Society of NZ also ran the North & South Island Donkey & Mule Shows which were both well supported. Showing numbers in the South Island were consistent with last show season. It was pleasing to see 3 mules shown in the lower South Island and 1 mule in the North Island. Donkey numbers in the North Island were down a little, but there is still a keen interest in showing throughout the country.

Many of our competitors have expressed an interest in performance classes and we note that some shows do not offer this opportunity. The society is happy to liaise with these shows in organising performance classes as they are a lot of fun for the competitors and their donkeys and mules. The performance classes are also a drawcard for the viewing public with younger children.

No showing competitors utilised the Miniature jack/stallion rule that came in to affect last year.

The Society would like to encourage RAS equestrian judges to give judging Mules and Donkeys a go. All necessary showing information will be provided. Those that have judged in the past have said they enjoyed the experience and would gladly do it again.

Our Society provides sponsorship funding to A & P Shows to encourage them to continue with donkey and mule classes. These funds can be applied for by contacting the Society Secretary.

### **NZ Pinto Horse Society**

The NZ Pinto Horse Society has gone from strength to strength every year, with an increase in members this year. We currently have Registered Pinto showing sections throughout New Zealand so all our members can compete in at least one section within their area.

We have spent some time working with the A&P shows to ensure they have consistent schedules throughout New Zealand, so everyone competes on the same playing field. This helps with the Hi Points competition we run and qualifying for HOY in the Pinto section. And

our members like the fact that everyone has the same classes with a couple of exceptions in some areas that include some extra classes due to popularity in that area.

We hope this will continue as we are always happy to work with the shows to get the benefit for the A&P show and our members. We are also open to any other A&P shows who would like to include a Pinto section as we are happy to offer some sponsorship for these sections.

### **NZ Side Saddle Association**

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 2019 the side saddle section was well-supported with 9 combinations coming forward. All competitors had achieved qualification over the season by meeting the qualifying criteria. Three of these competitors were junior riders. There was genuine interest and intrigue from judges and spectators who came along to watch a very professional and popular side saddle demonstration at the Evening Gala.

NZSSA has had two 'National Instructors' appointed this year. The knowledge these ladies have gained in recent years and their ability to share effectively is being seen by an improvement in side saddle rider performance in the ring.

The North Island held a side saddle championship show in Waiuku in January. The South Island held a side saddle championship show and camp in Ashburton in February. A number of years ago much work was done with the RAS to cater for young children (LR & FYR) competing side saddle. The time and effort was well worth it, with the production of several small size pitch (child side saddles) right here in NZ. NZSSA Committee:

Like many groups, there are many roles to fill on the NZSSA Committee with few people willing to take on the "bigger" roles. However, there are many people keen to be a part of the general council and liaison officers for their area as everyone is very keen to see the Association and side saddle riding continue.

### **NZ Standardbred Association**

Firstly, NZSBA would like to extend their thanks to all the shows who continue to support the Standardbred breed by running classes for us, and also to those shows who adopted our section for the first time this season. It is much appreciated in our effort to promote the breed and show they can have a second career in their life after racing.

NZSBA would again like to offer sponsorship to shows in the upcoming season who choose to run a Standardbred section. However, I must stress that Standardbred schedules should be forwarded to me before they go live so they can be checked to ensure they are correct, especially when they are used as Horse of the Year qualifying. (If there are any queries over this I am happy to resend minimum and royal schedules to any shows).

It would be greatly appreciated if results were also sent to me. We try to list all results on our website ([www.nzstandardbredshowing.co.nz](http://www.nzstandardbredshowing.co.nz)) which we have set up as a one stop shop for those showing standardbreds at A and P level. They are vital for me to have when checking Horse of the Year qualifications, and quite often the Breed results are not listed on any online copies so direct correspondence of them would be much appreciated.

This is the first season we have had the Standardbred Performance card in use for horses holding novice status, and with it has come mixed feedback. Some stewards have continued to sign the RAS performance card, some competitors have got cards but haven't carried it or not obtained one despite extensive publication of having to, and then - we have had a few not disclosing previous novice wins to be added on the card before the cards were instated.

We would assume this will reduce in time, but it is still a preferred option that the RAS card would have room for Breed wins on it.

At this time, I would also like to take the opportunity to bring up the discussion that has been held around the remit 12, which has been withdrawn.

In the past few years since we first became affiliated, it has enabled us to obtain some uniformity throughout the country in the Standardbred schedules. RAS show rings at this level are the pinnacle of the sport and we want our Standardbreds to be looked upon as any other show horse at this level. These shows are used as HOY qualifiers, and as much as everyone can say 'it's not all about HOY' reality is - it is a big carrot for those competing at this level & even if not planning to attend HOY, people like to say their horse has qualified.

Being affiliated has enabled us to create a schedule based off the RAS classes to be used in shows nationwide. Before this there was a mishmash of classes throughout the country with no cohesion at all. Adopting similar schedules nationwide has eliminated any unfairness of qualifying and definitely makes sense... Why should some regions have a completely different core selection of classes than others often do, leading to an easier road to HOY (remember this is the top level of showing!)

If remit 12 were to be adopted we can see various problems arising. It could open the door to return back to the mishmash of classes being run by an unaffiliated society, therefore the ring would not be a HOY qualifier. Or in turn have a NZSBA approved schedule run and an unaffiliated one run.

This would dilute the ring by creating 2 Standardbred sections which is not going to increase entries. All it will do is split the rings in two and this will lead to higher costs for the shows (prize money... More 1st to be paid, ribbons etc) but no more entries, just smaller classes across 2 rings.

It will also lead Breed societies to question what is the point of being affiliated? If shows let any breed to have a section, then why would current affiliates bother? This undermines the point of being affiliated.

Why can't these Breeds who are not affiliated do as others have and affiliate? Then they could also have cohesion by having a nationwide schedule of what classes should be included and make sure horses competing in their sections are correctly registered have the right to be there.

Finally I would like to thank John Mooney, our Chairman of NZSBA - for his continued support & promotion of Standardbreds in their Life After Racing (LAR).

### **Pony Breeders Society**

Congratulations to the winners of our lovely sashes and rugs. Thank you to the shows that support our classes in the different sections from the led and ridden classes. This helps to promote our breeders and members.

Over last winter one of our councilors with help of her family ran a day helping people with showing their ponies along with providing information and promoting the different pony breed societies. This was an awesome success and maybe we will see more in the future around the country.

At our 2018 AGM we moved to opening up registrations of Pinto ponies. This is a move forward for our society as there are a lot of lovely ponies out competing and nice to see them taking part in our classes as well.

With changing times and the cost of traveling I think it would be a good idea with shows and breeds working together to provide 2 shows at the same venue on separate days. This would make it worthwhile for the exhibitors who have ponies who are registered in more than one breed society as well as making use of travelling judges. This happens with the North Island Foal show for Pony Breeders and the North Island Youngstock show for the Welsh Pony and Cob Society held at Ohaupo.

At the start of June, we had our AGM and for the first time all three pony breed societies and carriage driving had their AGM's all at the one venue which was a great weekend in Christchurch.

We would like to wish everyone all the best for the coming show season and thank you for your support of our society.

**CONFERENCE DAY 1**  
**EQUESTRIAN MAIN MEETING**

**NEW PLYMOUTH**

**Friday 21 June 2019**

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**Welcome from RAS Executive:** Cara O'Connor

1. **Chairman:** Alan Windle

2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Christine Roberts

3. **Apologies from any Organisations not already taken at Meeting One.**

Wendy Collin (Dannevirke), Simon Collin (Hawkes Bay), and Melissa Jebson (Executive).

**MOVED: That the apologies as noted above be received.**

**R Walker/B Snellex**

**CARRIED**

4. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Horse Stewards Meeting held on 22 June 2018, as circulated in Gazette No. 216 (2018), pages 15-33.

**MOVED: That the Minutes of the Horse Stewards Meeting held on 22**

**June 2018, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.**

**D Schumacher/ I Tippett**

**CARRIED**

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters were arising.

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

- I Tippett - Clean Sport Testing

7. **Correspondence – Inward & Outward**

**Wyndham A&P Association – running HOY qualifying sections**

Letter was read from the Association regarding having to run HOY qualifying sections for only 2-3 competitors who end up qualifying and competing at HOY.

H Bennett – Shows need to look at Prize Money that is handed out. If there are only a few entries in a class, then reduce the money that is paid out, than if there were 6 or more entries.

K Russell (was asked to speak on behalf of Wyndham) – the distance in travelling to Shows that have qualifying sections are big. It is a lot of hard work running good shows, and why do shows have to amend their schedule so people can attend a qualifying section Show – they would like to go back to the old system.

R Stiven – stated that she disagreed with K Russell. She didn't know that there was a problem in their district. It is only adding sometimes 2 extra classes, which is not a major to add to the sections.

I Tippett – there is only 2-3 people in Southland that attend HOY on a regular basis, so a lot of Shows in Southern are not interested in providing extra classes in a section to become qualifying sections.

R Stiven – there are 17 Shows in Southern District, of which 8-9 Shows run qualifying sections.

C O'Connor – HSC Ex have asked that the current HOY Schedule be looked at and reviewed, so it reflects the RAS Minimum Standard Schedule (MSS). A Schedule that is clearly defined for competitors and shows.

S Pilcher – Problem most Shows are finding is the cost of running a Royal Show/Event and the sections that they must include in their schedule but then receive no entries.

CEO – replied that you include the sections in the schedule but if there are no entries, then you do not run them. Ribbons for those sections that there may be no entries in, can be worked out with your ribbon provider nearer show time.

## 8. District Horse Stewards Chair Reports

As tabled in Agendas under Reports to be received – pages 62-74.

Northern	Sharon Cook
Mid Northern	Louellen Davies
Western	Trevor Latimer / David Schumacher
Eastern	Dave Martin
Central	Diane Chesmar
Southern	Ian Tippett

**MOVED: That the District Horse Stewards Chair Reports as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received.**

**J Fleet/D Schumacher**

**CARRIED**

## 9. Judges

Co-Opted Convenor's Report Cara O'Connor

All of the Districts have been busy with various workshops and opportunities for judges and aspiring judges to sit their written papers. It is great to see.

It is evident that we have an ageing judging population. That being the case we need to do all we can to encourage new faces and bring people through the ranks. All Districts have a focus on bringing through new judges and providing an environment in which they can feel comfortable and confident within.

The re-writing of the Red Judge's Manual and Tutor Judge's Manual was completed at the end of 2018, and all judges should have received their updates by now. From those updates alternative written papers are being compiled to ensure we have more than one written paper for any grade, as well as Hunter Jumping & Working Hunter.

A Policy Manual has also been established at the District Convenor's level. Any new policies that are proposed and agreed to at the District Convenor's meeting are noted in the Policy Manual until, if applicable, they are transferred

in to the appropriate manual. At the most recent meeting some new policies were formatted, they were then sent to all tutor judges for feedback. With a majority consensus from all tutor judges, the new policies were then outlined to all RAS Equestrian Judges in a memo. This is a practice that will be followed for the future.

We are making slow progress towards forging relationships with shows within Australia in the effort to secure judging positions for our NZ judges. To date we have had a positive reception from the Sydney and Toowoomba Royal Shows and we will be sending CV's for them to review from interested parties.

On a sad note, we lost Chrissie Beatson recently. Our sympathies were extended to family and friends.

I would like to take the time to thank all Convenors, Judges and RAS Head Office for the work they do. Without the huge support that is received, the equestrian section would be unable to function.

**MOVED: That the co-opted National Judge Convenor's Report as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received.**

**C O'Connor/H McLeod**

**CARRIED**

- Notification of District Judge Convenors  
Northern – Leanne Cooke / Linzi Jobbitt  
Mid Northern – Cara O'Connor  
Eastern – Christine Rowe  
Western – Megan Hawkins  
Central – Sandra Pilcher  
Southern – Kristine Russell
- Notification of International judges  
Western – Eva Best  
Central - Julie Douglas
- Notification of new judges  
Northern – None  
Mid-Northern – None  
Eastern – None  
Western – None  
Central – None  
Southern – None
- Notification of upgraded judges  
Northern – Gerald Birdsall (WH/HJ); Jeanette Caldwell (3-2);  
Amanda Parkes (2-1).  
Mid-Northern – Cherie Saxon-Carey (3-2);  
Eastern – None  
Western – None  
Central – Kevin Lawrence (WH/HJ); Duncan Norrie (3), Janelle Shaw (3)  
Southern – Georgina Bell (3).

## 10. Clean Sport

Convenor's Report – Maxine Mulligan

The 2018-2019 Show season testing got underway in early October and to date, twenty-three Clean Sport Tests have been undertaken around the Country – 13 in the North Island and 10 in the South Island.

I am pleased to report that all of the results for the Show season so far have returned clear analytical reports. The Person's Responsible (PR) for the horse/pony, the Testing Stewards and respective Shows have all been advised of these results. The PRs of the horses/ponies tested have also been very amenable and co-operative to work with.

We continue to have a small team of active Stewards. A variety of reasons has seen our team in the North Island only be able to attend some Shows. This has resulted in the main Testing Steward, who is based in the South Island, coming through to the North Island on occasion, as well as attending to the testing in the South Island. We will continue to seek interested parties for the Clean Sport role. While we have had some people who have offered their help or indicated that they would like to become a Test Steward, when contacted they are unable to attend the Show as they are out there still competing most weekends, or have immediate family members they are taking to Show to compete. It is a work in progress.

A concern this season is that some Veterinarians who are on the grounds on Show Day or are called to the showgrounds are not confident around horses or with taking blood from them. Concerns witnessed by Stewards have been the lack of rapport with or confidence Vets have around the horse/pony, and/or not being able to draw blood on the first time they insert the needle. It was decided to mention in the letter that goes to a Show prior to arrival, that a Vet on the grounds who is confident with horses, would be preferable.

I believe that the testing for Forbidden Substances throughout the showing season remains absolutely relevant and essential, to help ensure a level and fair 'playing field' for all competitors.

I would like to sincerely thank Christine for the very valuable work that she does as our main test Steward. She does this cheerfully in her own time, on most weekends, often involving travelling some long distances. It is a huge contribution to our sport of Showing.

I also thank both she and Debbie for their support of myself as the Clean Sport Convenor.

**MOVED: That the National Clean Sport Convenor's Report as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received.**

**M Mulligan/J Fleet**

**CARRIED**

- **Test Stewards**

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

## 11. Measuring

Convenor's Report – John Fleet.

It's great that I have had to field phone calls from various measuring stands around the country, asking for clarification and advice on some points regarding measuring. Thank you for checking on things before making an error. After emphasising the need to change the owners' details on height certificates, we have been pleased with the stands informing owners of the



need to complete a change of ownership form. RAS Head Office are receiving a lot of changes. Great work people.

On saying that, there are still things that I have keep on about. A fair few forms are still not being completed correctly. Please take care when filling in the measuring forms. Year of birth, classifications, and even the owners' address are just some details that are being missed – these are important requirements so the horse can be correctly recorded on the database. It takes more time if Head Office doesn't have this information at the beginning. They then have to contact the stand and track down the details. Please take the time and check all these measuring forms at the end of the day.

Make sure the measuring forms are sent into RAS Head Office within the week after your measuring day. Please don't leave it for more than a week. Maybe people don't understand the implications of sending the forms in later on. These horses compete at shows and we must have their details on our database so we can record any wins they have gained. The paperwork with the results should not be stacking up at Head Office, while we wait for the measuring forms to finally be sent in. Please remember this and get those forms in within the week.

I have travelled around the country quite a bit over the season and have seen some interesting height certificates. Please ensure the height certificates are completed in full. They must be signed by **two** different people on the front where the measure is recorded, and on the back – once under where the owner signs, and again on the bottom right of the certificate under the horse diagram. All this has previously been passed on at measuring seminars. Please check the height certificates before handing them to the owner/lessee.

When people are requiring new height certificates for ESNZ reasons, we need to verify or check that they have the name okayed by ESNZ before we issue the height certificate. So often we see and hear that the name on the height certificate that was issued is different to the ESNZ name, as the chosen name is not available from ESNZ because it has already been taken. ESNZ have a policy that only one horse or pony can have the name. This is why you must send in three name choices when registering a horse or pony with ESNZ. The owner then wants the name changed on the height certificate to match the ESNZ name, and this can be done, at a cost. Just be aware of this when issuing height certificates for ESNZ registrations.

Classifications! It is up to the owner to classify their horse or pony. Often, I hear people saying it is our, the Measuring Stewards, job to classify. The onus is on the owner. All measuring stands should have a card with the definitions of each classification on them. This can be handed to the owner who can make the decision. Your Saddle Hunter is not a Riding Horse, just because you already have a Saddle Hunter, and you want to compete on both of them. If people want to change the classification, they can do this easily by completing the correct form on the RAS website, and sending it to RAS Head Office. The change is not to be carried out at the stand.

A big reminder too, that the annual height certificates expire on 31 July of the end of the current season, not a year from the date of issue. Yes, you are correct; this has been the case for some time now, and yet we still get certificates issued with the incorrect expiry date on them.

And finally, replacement height certificates are NOT to be reissued from the measuring stand. They are ALL (with the exception of an appeal) reissued from RAS Head Office. The reasoning behind this is that a lot of stands were not sending in a paper trail, meaning that horses and ponies were registered twice, sometimes three times.

It can be a tough job that we do sometimes. I hear great stories about different situations that we have all had to deal with at various times, and it is great that we can have a chuckle about these encounters and share our stories with other stands. We appreciate the work that the measuring stewards, along with the writers and witnesses, all do every year.

**MOVED: That the National Measuring Convenor's Report as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received.**

**J Fleet/M Mulligan**

**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 Executive resolved to maintain the status quo.

## **12. Report on Equine Health – Brent Snelllex**

### **Biosecurity Levy: Consultation**

The New Zealand Equine Health Association (NZEHA) prepared an application for a levy under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to meet the industry obligation under the Equine GIA for Biosecurity Readiness and Response. Details covering the composition, administration and management of a Biosecurity Levy were forwarded to members of the equine sector and in turn was distributed to the RAS membership for feedback.

The Biosecurity Act specifies that the application organization must state a maximum amount that could be levied and if the organization seeks to raise it above this amount then it must reapply to the Minister and any agreed change requires Cabinet approval. For this reason, the NZEHA have set the maximum at a high rate in the hope that the order will not need review for decades to come. The actual rate charged can be set each year and can vary from zero to an amount below the maximum, as agreed by the industry based on their projected readiness and response budget.

### **Equine Influenza in the Northern Hemisphere (Feb 2019).**

The NZEHA was made aware of a cessation of racing in the UK due to a number of outbreaks of Equine influenza (other countries also reported outbreaks). This is perhaps not unexpected as Equine Influenza is endemic in all countries except Australia, New Zealand and Iceland.

The import health testing and requirements already in place for New Zealand are designed to manage the risk of entry of Equine influenza, and many other organisms exotic to the New Zealand horse population.

MPI is currently updating the Import Health Standard for importation of horses into New Zealand and the NZEHA is working closely with them to ensure we manage the complex tangle of disease risks that arise when we import horses, semen and embryos into New Zealand.

### **GIA- Equine Readiness Operational agreement initiatives:**

A final report to MPI on their contribution to the VetIntel project has been sent. A number of further equine readiness initiatives should be progressed in 2019 in line with the operational agreement MPI and NZEHA have signed. These include updating Operational plans and equine biosecurity training. More discussions with MPI are to follow.

### **Equine Vetintel**

The Vetintel equine disease surveillance project is now being extended out to equine veterinary practices across the country. Whilst the distribution is slower than expected (partly due to practices needing to apply a software update to their current system) it is already collecting some useful data for future analysis.

### **Animal Products (Export Requirements for Live Animals Microchipping)**

MPI is proposing to replace the current Animal Products Notice 2012 with the updated Animal Products (Export Requirements for Live Animals Microchipping) 2019. The major changes from the previous notice include:

- incorporating live horses into the scope of animals requiring microchipping prior to the issuing of an official assurance (Export Certificate)
- requiring the exporter to retain the microchip information and have it readily available to reference for verification and certification purposes.

NZEHA has provided feedback to MPI requesting an exemption for the pre-export microchipping requirement for breed specific circumstances e.g. extremely high value shuttle stallions.

B Snelllex – spoke further to his report and further recent information noting...

- Vet Intel – recording system for further information on equine diseases.
- MPI have singled microchipping with equine leaving NZ.
- MPI – further information on surgical procedures listed on their website and the banning on same.
- Animal welfare – consulting work happening in background; ESNZ have signalled that they are adding an additional rule to Article 132: Abuse of Exhibits - 10 Trimming of horse's whiskers or inner ear hair and asking if this is something that also attends to outlaw in the near future, or is there some way we need to work together to make sure we're all on the same page?
- Biosecurity Level – currently only compacting on export equine only.

### **MOVED: That the Equine Health Report as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda and meetings verbal report be received.**

**B Snelllex/M Taylor**

**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 were available at the meeting.

CEO – Hawkes Bay have refined the changes needed over the past few years. Schedules will be distributed to Breed Chairs in the future before Conference each year for approval.

**14. Royal Show Judges – tabled at meeting**

Arab Horse - Leonie Crompton  
Carriage Driving/ Harness - TBA  
Clydesdale - TBA  
Connemara - Rod Crompton  
Donkey & Mule - TBA  
Golden Horse - Rod Crompton  
Gypsy Cob - Rod Crompton  
Hackney – TBA  
Morgan Horse – Rod Crompton  
Miniature Horse - TBA  
Pinto Horse – Leonie Crompton  
Pony Breeders – Bernice Southey and Carole Isaacson  
Riding Pony – Leonie Crompton  
Shetland Pony - Rod Crompton  
Side Saddle – Rod Crompton  
Standardbred – Rod Crompton  
Welsh Pony & Cob – Kristine Russell  
RAS Classes – Leonie & Rod Crompton (Australia), Kristine Russell, Alan Windle and Mark Isaacs.

**MOVED: That the 2019 NZ Royal Show Judges as noted above be approved. C O'Connor/G Smith CARRIED**

**15. Report from HOY – Cara O'Connor**

The RAS Showing Section at HOY, on the whole, was very successful. The four show attendance provided good support to our A&P Shows, and the two tick system for the Royal Show was also well received. Like any change, it takes time to bed in, so it is likely we will continue with that again for the coming season.

HOY is an event that a proportion of our competitors aspire to, and in the main, they have to work hard to get there. It is acknowledged that HOY can be a challenging environment, and this can mean a certain tension builds as competitors prepare for their classes. While it is a very small minority, there is always that minority that exhibit unsportsmanlike behaviour. The RAS HOY Showing committee have decided this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated, and if it means that yellow cards are required, then they will be issued.

For the first time, Hunter Jumping was introduced to the schedule. While the entries weren't huge, there was enough interest for this to continue as a section at HOY. Please note that an amendment to the Hunter Jumping Minimum Schedule is proposed for the Horses via the remit process. We believe this will make it very easy for Shows to hold a qualifying section. While on the topic of shows holding qualifying sections – at the forum held at HOY there was concern from one District that shows were not interested in holding qualifying sections. This will be tabled at the next Executive-District meeting to see if we can establish the reason why that is the case.

As well as introducing Hunter Jumping, the schedule was revised to ensure we had none of the time issues experienced the previous year. This worked well however it was noted even if there was a moderate increase in entries this could prove time challenging especially as we only have access to the grounds for half a day on the Saturday.

As previously stated, a successful event overall.

A Parkes – asked who was convening the Showing Section at HOY as there had been several rumours circulating.

C O'Connor – advised that confirmation has been received that the 2020 HOY Showing Section will be convened by the Royal A&P Society.

L Collin – asked if thought had been given to review the date (1 August) for novice entries in the Rising Star classes.

C O'Connor – HOY Committee have reviewed the eligibility date of Rising Star, and it will now be from 23 February.

**MOVED: That the Horse of the Year Report as tabled in the 2019 Conference Agenda be received. C O'Connor/M Mulligan CARRIED**

## **16. Equestrian Youth Team**

A team of four – Maia Waretini-Anderson, Courtney Mullen, Ashleigh Tawhera and Laura McNab along with Team Managers, Melissa Jebson & Tryphena Carter will travel to the United Kingdom in July, to represent New Zealand.

Thank you to those Associations who have donated money to assist with uniforms – this is very much appreciated

We wish the team and the managers all the best for the competition.

T Carter – Competition commences on 6-9 August. Team is excited and looking forward to their trip and the competition. Thank you to all Districts, A&P's and individual people who have sponsored and/or contributed towards getting the NZ Team to England.

## **17. Competitive Organisation Memo – see pages 11-12, discussed at General Forum.**

Discussion followed with points noted as follows

R Holst – what is the position of members of unaffiliated Societies running sections at A&P Shows?

C Rowe – why should affiliated Societies pay an affiliation fee to then allow others that are not affiliated to run sections with no affiliation fee paid?

M Smith – keep hearing of not costing any money. Cowboy Challenge – is an unaffiliated event at their Show which is welcomed with open arms, and Southland A&P would consider other unaffiliated breeds also at their Show.

B Snellix – Concern is when an unaffiliated breed/society is allowed to come into a Show and run a section against an affiliated breed which is already holding a section at that Show.

M Smith – What distinguishes a breed? Cob is an open class. Gypsy Cob is a small horse and Gypsy Vanner is a large horse.

G Smith – If it is simply a type, then there is no issue, but if it is a breed with different society/association name, then it is an issue.

I Tippett – Shows run a class for warmbloods, but those who are placed do not go forward for Championships but give the competitors who are competing in other sections at the Show an extra class to enter on the day.

C O'Connor – what can Show Horse Council bring to a Show that Shows cannot run themselves?

B Snellex – Warmbloods and Kaimanawas can be run as local classes. If the Warmblood Association affiliate, then they can run WB sections at Shows that wish to run them.

R Holst – Remit 12 that was withdrawn was to run the standard schedule and then run extra classes to support local competitors to enter extra classes

B Snellex – Two Miniature Societies are affiliated with the RAS, but a third nonaffiliated Miniature Association wants to have classes included at the Show and this is against the current policy.

C McKechnie – HBSC had their HOY qualification status withdrawn because they ran a Show Horse Council class – if other shows do the same will they lose their HOY qualification status?

CEO – It was an Executive decision to withdraw their HOY qualifying status as they could not reach agreement despite every effort, and yes if others did the same then there would be a similar result.

C McKechnie – If you put in an affiliated breed section in your schedule but have no entries, can another unaffiliated same breed be able to run a section?

CEO – as previously stated this is against the current policy.

M Smith – When a horse is entered in an A&P Show – how many horses show their breed card?

CEO – The two Miniature affiliates, have the right to set a schedule, which goes through to the Royal Show. AIMS - a Miniature breakaway group instead of working it out with the two other affiliates, asked Shows to run their sections/classes. Yes, we want more entries at shows, but want our affiliates to run sections at Shows. If Shows want to run the AIM sections and not the affiliated societies sections/classes then there is a problem.

#### **18. General Business including any other items raised at point 6**

- **Levies collected** as tabled - pages 32-35.

CEO – There was a misunderstanding with the amount of levies that were to be paid by Egmont, and a further levy amount has been paid. All other unpaid levies have been, and will continue to be, followed up on.

- **Equestrian finances** – tabled at meeting

B Snellex – Finances in the past have shown an incorrect administration component, but due to the amount of time that is spent on admin time in the equestrian section, it is now apportioned appropriately.

A Watts – no figures noted to compare them from previous years?

B Snellex – replied that it will be looked at for future reports.

M Smith – Equine Levies and Members Levies – where are they shown?

B Snellex – replied that they are shared across all components.

**MOVED: That the tabled Finance Report be received.**

**B Snellex/L Tetenburg**

**CARRIED**

• **Remit Results –**

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>	<b>INVALID</b>	
<b>1 – Hunter Jumping</b>	50	24	2	1	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>2 – Legal Age</b>	76	1	0	0	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>3 – Com.sense Changes</b>	PT 1 - 35	PT 1 – 43	PT 1 - 6	PT 1 - 0	<b>PT 1-FAILED</b>
<b>- Changes as listed</b>	PT 2 - 40	PT 2 – 22	PT 2 - 7	PT 2 - 3	<b>PT 2-PASSED</b>
<b>4 – Temp. Measuring</b>	75	2	1	0	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>5 – Temp. Measuring 2</b>	77	0	0	0	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>6 – Definitions</b>	39	37	0	0	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>7 – Hack Terminology</b>	30	44	0	1	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>8 – Weights in SH</b>	8	64	2	0	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>9 – Age of Riders</b>	14	55	4	1	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>10 – Naming of Judges</b>	18	58	1	0	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>11 - Volunteering</b>	11	63	0	0	<b>FAILED</b>

**Further General Business taken at the beginning of meeting and not on Agenda**

**Clean Sport**

I Tippett – No disrespect to any Clean Sport Steward, but at a Southern District Show, there was a test abandoned due to Health and Safety reasons. Evidently it is now acceptable for a horse that is to be tested, to be taken back to their own float. Question is – do we need something better or a requirement in place for Health and Safety reasons for a better place for a horse/pony to be tested?

**Note** – That it was not the RAS Test Steward that was taking the blood at the time the test was abandoned due to Health and Safety reasons.

M Mulligan – Already highlighted in her report that an equine vet is not always available at Shows. Persons Responsible often prefer that their horse/pony is tested at their truck/float. We do ask all shows when notifying them that a Clean Sport Steward will be in attendance, that an appropriate facility be made available for a test to be undertaken, but this is not always available or provided.

**19 . Election of convenors**

- **Chairperson** – Helena McLeod nominated and elected for a three-year term.  
Acknowledgment of Alan Windle –B Snelllex thanked Mr Windle for his dedication, support and facilitating the interesting discussions that have arisen over the years. Meeting showed their appreciation with a round of applause.
- **Measuring** – John Fleet nominated and elected for a three-year term.
- **Judges** – Alan Windle nominated and elected for a three-year term.
- **Clean Sport** – Maxine Mulligan nominated and elected for a three-year term.

**There being no further discussion the meeting was declared closed at 3.38pm**

## Royal Agricultural Society Equestrian Levy 2018/19 show year

A&P ASSOCIATION	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bay of Islands	1233	894	1055	975	1030	1096	1129	1478.40	1086.75
Clevedon	1936	1776	1762	1520	1208	1465	NS	1257.30	1159.20
Kaikohe	874	957	1015	884	549		484	548.90	745.30
Whangarei	3191	2494	2371	2112	2318	1880	1596	1758.90	1554.40
Warkworth	756	769	781	1152	1173	883	1446	1272.10	NE
North Kaipara	536	614		625	724	704	641	607.40	849.85
Nthn Wairoa (Arapohue)	989	805	1092	812	710	845	593	773.30	770.50
Waitemata	391			NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
North Hokianga	260	299	289	401	375	285	221	NS	358.80
Helensville	1172	1067	994	875	839	761	884	NS	914.25
Kaitaia	271	341		392	435	317	267	317.90	366.85
Kumeu	1763	1562	1333	1306	1114	1108	811.00	947.10	1048.50
Auckland	1524	1392	1712	1918	NS	-	-	1166.00	1437.50
Franklin	2473	2336	1967	1819	2019	1777	1809	1789.70	1689.35
Matamata	751	874	936	707	868	960	NS	836.00	959.10
Waikato	1867	2292	2100	1900	1819	1774	1557	1800.00	1888.30
Tokoroa	Non	334	271	352	390	280	307	374.00	NS
Waihi	345	501	589	610	578	670	584	504.90	529.00
Te Aroha	518	501	577	545	722	545	816	644.40	817.65
Cambridge	1551	1355	1758	1912	1528	1398	1137	1272.70	1513.40
Te Kauwhata	372			592	400	724	365	1295.20	1279.95
NI Premier	553	820	715	130	281	347	299	463.32	454.25
Paeroa	853	571	983	816			746	1038.17	654.35
Tauranga	880	1048	302	544	625	583	459	453.20	630.20
Rotorua	1570	1087	1101	996	894	797	686	608.30	603.75
Katikati	293	194		204	192	228	243	220.00	258.75

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Taumarunui	283	375	412	329	396	-	1312.82	-	-
Te Puke	388	206	422	309	266	275	215	205.70	332.35
Morrinsville	538	886	859	663	713	587	573	636.90	549.67
Poverty Bay	1057	1487	1598	1608	1523	1495	1740	1822.70	2139.00
Hawkes Bay	2914	2687	2712	2764	2585	3101	2593	2429.90	3638.60
HBS Championships				447	551	554	861	724.90	862.50
Wairarapa	2406	2612	2268	2442	2300	1066	2439	1098.90	2949.75
Central Hawkes Bay	1810	1964	1739	1925	2026	2271	1852	865.70	469.20
Wairoa	1225	1193	1248	1449	1419	1510	481	1290.30	1171.85
Dannevirke	1377	1232	1879	1815	1419	1741	1639	1142.00	1164.00
NZ National H & P	1188	1387	1537	1404	1584	1194	1157	NS	1369.65
Pukahu							364.00	475.20	NS
Masterton	1617	2029	2068	2048	2379	688	2070		1451.30
Manawatu	1440	1392	1198	909	1167	1167	1564	1857.90	1833.10
Wanganui	1950	1621	1572	1691	1474	922	752	NS	1733.05
Waverley	238	216	216	1098	771		525	669.90	773.95
Egmont	1290	1118	736	1334	913	768	744	884.40	1061.50
Stratford	1270	1342	1377	1433	1230	565	840	915.20	1191.40
Feilding	2122	2117	2014	NS	1485	1533	1282	2466.20	2488.60
Taranaki	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NS	NS
Taranaki H & P	387	401	442	368	509	442	359	487.30	518.65
Horowhenua	1486	1298	1630	1495	1359	1374	1288	1149.50	1322.50
Royal A&P Show				960	-	HB	HB	HB	HB
Taihape	838	665	463	419	775	636	405	429.00	
Waimarino	498	230	348	70	273	424	513	556.60	562.25
Sth Canty (prev Timaru date)	803	785	749	785	650	920	992	497.00	714.15
Ellesmere	1638	1219	1338	1226	1190	1324	1312	869.00	1403.00
Northern (Rangiora)	2200	2300	2100	1864	1580	1750	2067	2058.10	2118.30

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Ashburton	1548	1905	1874	1574	1568	1500	1312	1158.30	1611.15
Amberley	1401	1132	1377	1281	1310	1173	1171	1421.20	1189.10
Marlborough	935	923	1412	1311	1308	1323	1027	904.20	1061.45
Canterbury	3192	2971	2700	2750	2963	3078	3197	2928.20	2711.35
Waimate * Sth Canterbury	749	405	501	468	429	920	NS	1522.40	1377.70
Courtenay	1271	1197	992	1113	1321	1090	1252	1563.10	1576.65
Nelson	1235	1164	1169	1072	1109	933	945	946.00	1204.05
Motueka	616	1178	1184	1357	1264	1089	1050	562.10	780.85
Buller	615	298	500	296	173	197	178	206.80	428.95
Duvauchelle	741	632	665	787	176	153	829	751.30	792.00
Golden Bay	477	532	503	370	411	364	377	247.50	296.70
Banks Peninsula	667	722	780	724	828	708	721	726.00	717.60
Westland (Hokitika)	424	431	364	388	490	324	339	339.90	456.55
Inangahua (Reefton)	507	473	585	593	441	375	388	388.30	383.00
Murchison	544	469	582	489	418	701	627		886.65
Sth Westland (Whataroa)	300	113	279	314	154	112	168	330.00	NS
Kaikoura	509	906		648	804	637	NS	665.50	979.80
Amuri (Rotherham)	820		769	780	884	805	805	288.20	790.65
Rai Valley	476	636	483	490		292	515	399.30	377.20
Temuka & Geraldine	796	634	680	719	648	659	712	776.60	1012.00
SI Premier Show	-	783	804	512	702	723	1150	NA	NA
Cheviot	1032	1025	991	828	949	879	803	759.90	
Mayfield	743	786	541	673	395	609	668	666.60	853.30
Hawarden	755	937	736	772	792	983	926.00		698.05
Methven	750	895		923	622	912	725	753.50	777.40
Flaxbourne	599	612	526	375	588	507	472	541.20	635.95
Malvern	1089	1351	719	756	880	788	760	1057.10	1411.05
Mackenzie Highland	1122	1152	1171	849	856	771	721	757.90	878.60

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Oxford	1374	1623	1363	1481	1482	1540	1415	1289.20	1447.85
West Otago	720	1025	696	1010	611	665	829	567.60	583.20
North Otago	414	630	458	398	510	677	631	433.40	723.35
South Otago	453	411	422	351	353	89	740	366.30	31.05/NS
Gore	958	897	732	798	934	866	832	1158.30	1160.35
Wyndham	537	433	495	531	NS	490	461	574.20	552.00
Otago Peninsula	50	50	60	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southland	835	1075	1035	1263	1055	1079	669	1245.20	1399.55
Tokomairiro	760	620	578	565	550	684	721	707.30	976.35
Lake County	376	380	439	368	555	498	521	526.90	552.00
Palmerston/Waihermo	434	457	518	478	502	888	928	981.20	1012.00
Waiau	282	283	142	143	375	388	292.00	496.00	
Otago Taieri	1628	1425	964	575	777	1272	815	1101.10	1499.60
Winton	882	912	824	858	802	637	748	982.30	931.50
Central Otago	824	664		1032.17	760	886	922	1073.60	1139.65
Maniototo	479	367	511	475	592	580	591	935.00	1014.30
Mt Benger	508	475	536	591	632	589	827	793.10	672.75
Upper Clutha	1112	1027	1295	1708	1496	1625	1598	1722.60	1350.10
Blueskin	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Strath Taieri	491	502	516	171		127		121	

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## CONFERENCE DAY 2 DELEGATES PRESENT

### NEW PLYMOUTH

**Saturday 22 June 2019**

Kelly Allison (RAS Executive, Tokomairio A&P, Life Member), Christine Barton (Auckland A&P), Lisa Berthold (NZ Lifestyle Highland), Geoff Bone, Richard Bradly (UBS Chairman, Helensville A&P), Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Ben Burgess, Debbie Cameron (RAS CEO), Tryphena Carter (Next Generation, Winton A&P), Gabrielle Cashmore (Northern Rural Ambassador), Lucy Collin (Eastern Rural Ambassador), Sharon Cook (Northern Chair), Zandra Cook (Welsh Pony & Cob), Simeon Cook (Santa Gertrudis), Leanne Cooke (Northern District), Doug Courtman (Holstein Friesian NZ), Courtney Davies (Northern District), Louellen Davies (Mid Northern District), Georgia Davies, Mary Davis (Western District), Cara Ferris (Showing Waikato), John Fleet (RAS Measuring Convenor), Mark Fleming (Beef Breeds Chairman), Christine Fowles (Marlborough A&P), Melda Gibson (Horowhenua A&P), Peter Gilbert (Dairy Breeds Chairman), Richard Holst (Franklin A&P), Donna Goettler, Fe Howie (Upper Clutha A&P, Life Member), Sally Jackson (Hawkes Bay A&P), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P), Jo Kahlenberg (Northern District), Jackie Kelly (Southern District, Life Member), Trevor Latimer (Western District), Liz Maslin (Waikato A&P), Chris Mason (Whangarei A&P, Hon. Life Member), Barry McAlley (Galloway Society), Karen McKechnie (Auckland A&P), Erica McNeil (Poverty Bay A&P), Bruce McRobbie (Mid Northern District, Morrinsville A&P), Peter McWilliam (Masterton A&P), Janet Morgan (Egmont A&P), Maxine Mulligan (Clean Sport Convenor), Tracey Nolan (National Miniature Horse, Waikato A&P), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Bruce Orr (Hon. Life Member), Amanda Parkes (Franklin A&P), Wayne Pettersson (Dexter Cattle), Maureen Pettersson (Dexter Cattle), Brad Powell (Manawatu A&P), Rupert Power (Southern District Rural Ambassador), Christine Roberts (RAS Administrator, Oxford A&P), Pip Sanders (B & C Sheep), David Schumacher (Stratford A&P), Anne Scott (Auckland A&P), David Scott (Auckland A&P, Life Member), Geoff Smith (RAS President, Life Member), Mike Smith (Southland A&P, Life Member), Brent Snelllex (RAS Vice President), Lynne Snelllex, Ross Soffe (Milking Shorthorn Cattle), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair, Life Member), Ruth Stiven (West Otago, Southern District), Leigh Taylor (Te Kauwhata A&P, NZ Side Saddle), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep, Life Member), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Marie Timperley (Central Rural Ambassador), Ian Tippett (Southern District, Courtney A&P), Kelsey Vanner (Western Rural Ambassador), Paul Vanner (Stratford A&P), Rachel Walker (RAS Executive), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P), Alan Windle (HSCE Chair), Philip Worthington (Lowline Cattle), Kay Worthington, Danielle Wright (Clevedon A&P)

## CONFERENCE DAY 2 GUEST SPEAKER

NEW PLYMOUTH

Saturday 22 June 2019

**Guest Speaker – Joe Stockman, Manager Communications & Liaison for MPI**

**Followed by General Forum**

Presentation can be found on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) – About RAS – NZ RAS Conference

**After Joe finished his presentation there was a question and answer session and this led into the General Forum. Notes made as follows.**

- Closed herd is an excellent option for protection
- Risk of showing cattle at Shows and MB is very low. Identified sustained nose to nose contact is the risk, effluent is low risk. Have different exit and entry points to the ring, separate transport, polyurethane between yards helpful. Check the MPI website as they are continually updating information and there s a brief available for cattle sections at shows.
- NAIT tag – no tag = no entry to the show
- Question – what is the legal liability of the show should it be proven MB was transferred at the show? The view, while not a legal opinion was, there was no liability to the show. Any person entering a show that had a question mark over their cattle would be personally liable.
- Question – should shows have a declaration on their entry form? If shows wish to do so then seek advice to get the correct wording.
- Can MPI support shows with scanning? Currently there is some assistance at shows but this is more the role of OSPRI. All cattle should be “wanded” on and off trucks and NAIT numbers checked. Wands can be hired or borrowed. Every show should be doing this.
- Question – in light of the MB scene, does MPI have the resources to assist all shows with a “hands on approach” to running a cattle section if they wished to? Answer – yes this should be possible.  
**RESOLVED: If shows wanted “hands on assistance” at their show from MPI, point of contact would be RAS Head Office. They would facilitate the conversation with a specific contact at MPI and arrange assistance as required.**
- Question – does the NAIT system show which farms are under notice? Answer – No. Privacy rights of the individual are important however if anyone has a concern they should ask the question direct to the person/farm involved.
- Question – where is NZ at with the eradication model? Answer – it is a ten-year plan with most of the active work happening in the first two years with the remaining eight years being mainly a monitoring role. We are in 12-18 months of the 10-year plan.

- Question – risk of sire bulls? Answer -there is a risk but it is low risk and we're still trying to understand how much of a risk, and how to manage it. Using virgin bulls is a good option.
- Question – is nasal swabbing an option for disease discovery. Answer – nasal swabbing is not recommended due to the high risk of a false negative result.
- Question – what is the recommendation for calf clubs? Answer – MPI wrote to all rural schools just recently about best practice.
- Question – is there a prophylactic that can be taken to prevent MB? Answer – there has not been enough study on this to be able to answer this question.
- Raising calves – always question where are they getting their feed milk from. Pasteurizing eliminates MB. Waste milk should go to lambs/pigs etc. only safe milk should be used to feed calves.
- Remember when purchasing cattle, ASK THE QUESTIONS.
- Question – what is being done to ensure overall biosecurity is maintained? Answer – Biosecurity Act is being overhauled, looking to see we have the right controls in place. As every other country has MB and lives with it, it is difficult to get them to understand New Zealand's stance on the matter.
- Comment – MPI can regulate as much or as little as the industry or individual want, however everything we do has an economic impact. Risk versus benefit must always be weighed up.

Brent Snellix thanked Joe for a most informative session and asked for a show of appreciation.

Conference then moved into the General Forum. Shows that had held cattle sections were asked to give feedback.

#### Canterbury

- Held a meeting with their exhibitors and talked to them in the first instance, received a mixed reaction.
- Committee, with some expert advice, then developed a system whereby cattle could be shown. This was delivered back to the exhibitors.
- Entries were 45% of the usual number
- Arrival times at show separated, wandered, gaps between pens, more wash bays, taking cattle out in a controlled manner, sent a list of cattle exhibitors to MPI for checking before the show.

#### Franklin

- NAIT number had to be recorded on the entry form, no NAIT number, no entry.
- Kept dairy & beef sections totally separate
- Had set times to go to wash bays, after every session, each exhibitor had to spray wash bay out – hose and spray provided
- Different feed areas
- One person at all times in charge of communication
- If bays are grass and difficult to wash out, consider laying gravel.

Southland & Waikato – both held on farm competition. Kelly Allison judged the on farm competition in Southland and would be happy to discuss logistics with any party that wished to look at this option. The South Island run a very successful Dairy Heifer Competition and this may be something the North Island wish to take on?

#### Masterton

- Ran a small beef cattle section.
- Dedicated compliance officer
- Wandered in and out

## Hawkes Bay

- On farm competition. Top ten slaughtered and then cooked by master chef at the show

CEO asked the question, after this discussion, how many shows would feel more confident about having cattle sections at their shows. Several hands went up however it is important to note that you must respect the wishes of your exhibitors – talk to them in the first instance. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and if they choose not to show, that should be respected.

Courtney Davies asked how shows kept youth engaged with no cattle?

- Waikato ran an overnight camp for youth. An exhibitor with a closed herd brought in cattle and the youth had the opportunity to handle, clip and judge the cattle.
- Marie Timperley acknowledged the work Phil & Kay Worthington (Rangiora) with youth. They regularly liaise with Rangiora High School and have youth teams that assist them with cattle at the home farm and the Canterbury Shows. Recently Phil and Kay were recognized by the Waimakariri District Council for their work with rural youth or youth who wanted a rural experience.

## General/Health & Safety

- Should shows consider having multiple PICA numbers? One for beef, one for dairy and one for calves?
- Geoff Bone from Canterbury spoke on Health & Safety –
  - ✓ this is a challenging matter especially when you find professional advisors and solicitors who are very traditional and risk adverse. If you followed what they said to the letter, shows would be out of business.
  - ✓ Canterbury having taken the matter of H & S very seriously, compliance costs have gone up by \$46,000 as a result of this however much of the cost is a one-off.
  - ✓ Building an induction programme – willing to share with other members
  - ✓ Commenced with writing down the five killer (of people) risks (electricity – fire – moving vehicle – lose animal – carnival machinery, then with each risk identify how you are going to lessen and/or manage that risk. Looking to implement breath testing, urine and random testing.
  - ✓ H & S is a standard meeting agenda item – minute if there any issues, equally minute if there are no issues.
- Noted that Executive Member, Rachel Walker, had compiled a H & S template for shows to utilize. This is an excellent resource and is available to all RAS members – contact RAS Head Office.
- The CEO asked Geoff Bone if he could forward any information, he is willing to share and RAS Head Office will create an inventory file in order to be able to pass on information to other members.
- Comment that it is great to see youth present at conference and participating in the discussion.

General Forum closed.

## CONFERENCE DAY 2 NEXT GENERATION

### NEW PLYMOUTH

**Saturday 22 June 2019**

C. Davies welcomes and opens meeting, runs through the agenda. T. Carter to take minutes.  
C. Davies mentions collaboration and asks for some of the things the shows would like to see in regard to the introduction of youth and related projects.

D. Cameron suggests giving young people responsibility and a portfolio. They need to be accountable and learn from experience.

A. Watts suggests taking over the social media side of things such as Facebook advertising.

M. Timperley also mentions marketing and social media. The next-generation need to be provided with the correct information and a “story”, so they have an overall view of the show. A bit more instruction needed.

C. Davies replies that young people are prepared for this responsibility.

G. Cashmore suggests introductory days/workshops for younger/newer members.

C. Davies replies to G. Cashmore that this is a great idea and will be discussed later in the agenda. Also asks the audience what skills they would like youth to possess going into this position with the possibility of mentorship. Being able to identify suitable candidates coming through the showing movement and introducing them to these positions in advance.

M. Davis mentions a sponsorship portfolio. Better skills to engage people and businesses. Listen and learn from experienced members.

I. Tippet says to encourage and help where possible, bring them in quietly. Come further forward.

A. Scott suggest co-opting youth works out better. Sponsor/scholarships through Massey University Vet School with the proviso they have the work at the show.

C. Davies replies encouraging this idea for optimising show resources. Regarding the Rural Ambassador – what is expected? The Ambassadors are not sure what their role is. Age 20-30 so have some life experience. Asks the shows what they think they should be doing?

S. Jackson wants more involvement within Districts and at shows. Coming to District meetings. Need Ambassadors to be a highlight.

B. Burgess wants more leadership within areas they are from/at District level.

C. Davies replies that Morrinsville Show were welcoming and involved her in the show experience by judging some community events. As the NZ Rural Ambassador, was only invited to two shows in her position yet attended shows as a competitor/judge. Asks how the Rural Ambassadors can assist. Some shows do not understand what the Rural Ambassadors do. Also stated that some shows knew about the Rural Ambassador and did not involve them.

G. Smith says Rural Ambassadors are automatically elected onto District Councils with a mentor to encourage and get them involved. Leadership.

B. McRobbie appreciated the support of C. Davies at the Morrinsville Show and also suggests that shows need to be more inclusive and involving. Especially the shows present at this meeting who now know about the position.

D. Goettler says Annaliese went to some shows earlier to help and is involved in the Franklin show. States that interaction with young people can be awkward.

C. Davies responds asking when do they overstep the line?

C. Ferris did not know there was a Rural Ambassador. Could have a role translating information to the public and the show could find them other jobs.

C. Davies introduced the Next-Generation A&P Showing survey that was carried out since April 2019 to reach out to people in the showing movement. Three key questions:

- What turns you away from showing?
- What keeps you showing?
- What can we do to improve?



235 responses across Districts and disciplines. Survey aimed towards young people and those new to showing.

People were turned off showing due to entry fees (lack of prizes to make up for this), *M. bovis* and poor behaviour from competitors and show officials/judges.

Positive aspects include social aspect/comradery, building relationships, competition. Exhibitors like to display their exhibit. Least common reason was HOY qualifications.

To improve, the shows could recognise with ribbons down to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for youth classes. Lowering additional fees, sponsoring prizes (not necessarily monetary), more youth competitions (off-season, development sessions, keep relationships going and including the next generation as associate judges), 15-25yr age group could have novice breeder classes and young judge competitions. Consequences need to be firm, solve the problem, want to keep the competitors coming back.

C. Davies will circulate report to interested parties and to D. Cameron for inclusion in gazette.

J. Kelly would like to see a “widened genepool” with more lifestylers and more educational days.

C. Davies made notion to G. Cashmore’s earlier comment about introductory workshops of how to enter a competition at the show and prepare an exhibit, simple things to help encourage new exhibitors. Recognised that conference price is discounted for under 40yrs.

S. Jackson asked about bad behaviour and the strategy/process around it. Need for a safer and more transparent place.

G. Smith states there are processes in place, but people do not know about them or how to use them. RAS Constitution.

D. Cameron explains resolution process, report within 30 minutes. Each show has a protest system. Complaints are dealt with differently depending on if they are an RAS official. All RAS committees sign memorandum.

M. Timperley says it is difficult to run a show when exhibiting. Getting next-generation involved through local community outreach. Explained that lifestyle blocks are included, e.g. milking goals, alpacas.

C. Davies suggested identifying people with skills beyond the showring, e.g. with administration, or governance. Young but experience with the way NZ is changing.

C. Davies concluded with survey results also mentioning there was an opportunity for respondents to put forward the name of someone who is a role model. There were 93 names.

G. Smith acknowledges C. Davies for her effort and impact.

C. Davies asks for questions. No further questions. Thanks everyone.

Meeting closed 13.55pm

Survey results can be found on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) – About RAS – NZ RAS Conference

# CONFERENCE DAY 2 UBS MEETING

## NEW PLYMOUTH

Saturday 22 June 2019

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**Welcome from RAS Executive:** Brent Snellex

1. **Chairman:** Richard Bradly  
Introduction of the meeting chairpersons given.
2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Debbie Cameron  
Explanation of voting rights given.
3. **Apologies:** Greg Burgess (NZ Sheep Breeders), Simon & Wendy Collin (Charolais Society), Clare Grattan (National Miniature Horse), Melissa Jebson (Executive), Duncan McArthur, NZ Charolais Society.  
**Moved: The apologies be accepted. P Worthington/B McAlley CARRIED**
4. **Notice of any item to be discussed under General Business, not on this agenda**
  - Animal welfare
  - Calculation of affiliation fees (Dexter Society)
  - Showing non-affiliated stock (Galloway Society)
  - Equestrian Breed Meeting Report – overview given by C O'Connor.

### **Beef Breed Matters – Chair passed to Mark Fleming**

5. **Minutes**  
Minutes of the Beef Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2018, as circulated in Gazette No. 216 (2018), pages 35-41.  
**Moved: The minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
M Fleming/P Worthington CARRIED**
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere in the Agenda**  
As above
7. **Chairman's Report**  
Welcome to this year's RAS Beef Breeds Meeting.

As I write this report, winter is still holding off. We are getting heavy dews each morning helping cool the ground temperature and slow the grass growth. The opening up of feed crops and supplementary feed will soon be under way.

It seems that all stock is in very good condition coming into the winter. The prices/kg are holding up very well for Beef and Lamb with the dollar now under .66 cents. The trade wars are still having an influence on the markets at the moment. The biggest news though is the outbreak of African Swine Fever in China. I understand 50,000 pigs are being transported to China from Vietnam daily to try and meet Chinas requirements. The Fever is expected to be around for 5-7 years. This will have a huge impact on the Protein prices around the world. For New Zealand this should be very positive as more Beef and Lamb will hopefully move to China as exports and the world prices for Beef and Lamb should increase.

Nait has been going through a huge re structure trying to bring all Lifestyle, Stud and Commercial cattle in to line so the database is accurate and that all members are complying. The reports from the online system are very helpful if you use them to reconcile with stock movements on and off your 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 is very important as we have seen with the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. We have disease problems now and we can trace these animals and their movements. 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.

On the showing circuit we continue to see strong shows with our Royal having been in Hawks Bay. 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.

Some stud owners and exhibitors have had a trying time in preparing stock for the showing season because of the issues of Mycoplasma Bovis. Some shows have not been able to run their normal Cattle classes, and some have cancelled their classes all together because of the risk to breeders and their cattle. But it is pleasing to see all the planning and protocols that have been put in place between Hawkes Bay A&P, Canterbury A&P and MPI has allowed the shows to continue their cattle classes successfully. These Protocols are now on MPI, s website for all A&Ps to use. The protocols for running Cattle classes at your shows have now been tried and shown to work successfully. All Cattle exhibitors who showed last year have come back happy that everything possible was covered in protecting their animals.

There has been discussion about the Beef and Dairy animals that are not registered within Breeds, that wish to show at A&P Shows. The rules state that they have to be registered in a Stud Herd Book with that particular Breed. These guidelines and rules have been adopted by all Cattle Breed Groups and Societies.

Some shows run what they call “Local Classes” or “Commercial Classes”. This is a great idea as it helps supply classes that people can enter into with their non registered or cross bred animals. But these animals cannot be judged against Purebred Supreme or Champion animals. They have to be separate run classes.

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.

**Moved: The report be taken as read and received by this meeting.**

**M Fleming/B McAlley**

**CARRIED**

**8. Beef Breed Society Reports – see pages 45-46.**

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas. The Chair advised any other reports could be tabled up to one week post conference and they would be included within the minutes.

- Australia NZ Blonde d’ Aquitaine Society -
- Belgian Blue Cattle Society –

- Charolais Breeders NZ Inc
- Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc. – received
- Galloway Cattle Society -
- Gelbvieh Cattle Breeders Soc -
- Limousin Beef Breeders Soc -
- NZ Angus Association -
- NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn -
- NZ Charolais Cattle Society -
- NZ Hereford Association -
- NZ Highland Cattle Society -
- NZ Highland Lifestyle Society - received
- NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc -
- NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle -
- NZ Pinzgauer Society –
- NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders -
- NZ Salers Society - received
- Santa Gertrudis Breeders -
- Lowline Promotion Group -
- Simmental Cattle Breeders -
- South Devon Cattle Society -
- Welsh Black Cattle Breeders –

**The Chair moved all reports be received**

**CARRIED**

- 9. Royal Show Schedule – Beef Section –** annual review of schedule and classes. No proposed changes, other than the inclusion of the Speckle Park section, have been put forward to date. Hawkes Bay A&P Society provided draft schedules for review at the meeting.
- 10. Royal Show Beef Judges –**
- Blonde d' Aquitaine -
  - Belgian Blue –
  - Charolais -
  - Dexter –
  - Galloway -
  - Gelbvieh -
  - Limousin -
  - Angus -
  - Beef Shorthorn -
  - Hereford -
  - Highland -
  - Maine Anjou -
  - Murray Grey -
  - Pinzgauer –
  - Red Poll Cattle -
  - Salers -
  - Santa Gertrudis –
  - Speckle Park -
  - Lowline -
  - Simmental -
  - South Devon -
  - Welsh Black –
  - All Breeds -

## **11. Any other Beef Breed matters**

- Calculation of affiliation fees. The Dexter Society has approx.. 220 members yet only 5 of those members show their cattle at A&P Shows. Last year due to MB no benefits were received. The Dexter Society questioned whether there may be a fairer system. Feedback was as follows
  - More emphasis on a user pays system, levy the showing members more
  - Several other Breed Societies are in a similar situation however they see the A&P Show as a marketing tool and a “shop window” for their breed.
  - Offer made to invite a member of the Executive or management to come and speak at Dexter meeting.
- Showing of non-affiliated stock. Affiliation gives certain rights, where do unaffiliated stock sit? Feedback as follows
  - A local or commercial class is acceptable
  - Cannot be judged alongside registered stock.

## **12. Election of Beef Chairperson – Mark Fleming nominated and elected for a three-year period.**

### **Beef Breed Reports**

#### **Dexter Cattle**

At our AGM in Palmers ton North in June 2018 a new President was elected including a 70% new council. Over the past year council has instigated a number of system improvements and is conducting an investigation into an optional system to the existing brass tagging system for registering Dexters. It is also expected that a drive to encourage new members will take priority over the next year.

The 2018/2019 show year resulted in no Dexters being shown as a result of M Bovis. Even though some A&P shows were held our members were not prepared to take the risk with exposing their animals.

Our membership continues to fall mainly as a result of older members leaving the society which was formed 25 years ago. Our membership is now approx.. 220 and of these only approx.. 5 (2% of our membership) regularly show animals.

As a result of this some members have recently expressed concern at the amount of money the society was required to contribute to the RAS just to enable these few members to show their animals.

While the society is supportive of the RAS and its valuable work there needs to be more emphasis on a user pays system and possibly a different approach to the way the affiliation fees are calculated. The society will be giving this some priority and intends to approach the RAS on some suggested alternatives.

#### **NZ Lifestyle Highland**

2018/2019 Show year was fairly quite due to Mycoplasma Bovis.

Highland Cattle as a breed is still very popular especially with owners of Lifestyle Blocks, and our membership is steadily growing.

Our year started with both Lisa Berthold President and Susan Harris Vice President attending the RAS AGM down in Wellington. It was great to acquaint ourselves with other

Beef Cattle Breeders. A lot of good information was gathered on the Mycoplasma Bovis and biosecurity on farm and attending show grounds. Dinner was a great Social occasion although there were those excusing themselves to watch the Rugby!

Our President Lisa and Pete of Woolly Manor Moos had a display stand with a number of their Highlands at the Wairarapa A & P Sat 27 Oct 2018 and NZLHS Vice President Susan and Treasurer Grant manned a Society stand which were both highly supported by the public. At the last minute Horowhenua A & P made a request to Woolly Manor Moos if they could do a display stand at Levin 19/20 January of which Woolly Manor Moos also received 2nd place for Outdoor Trade & Display, presented by RAS's own Geoff Smith. Highland Cattle affectionately called woolly moos make a great draw card at A & P Shows. At Masterton A & P in February 15/16th Woolly Manor Moos showed their animals (the only show available to them for the season) but the breed numbers were down showing MPB still having a residual effect on numbers showing. Here's to a better showing year for the 2019/2020 season which is already looking to be gathering momentum with at least 3 shows in the Lower North Island now confirming beef classes.

Sadly, March this year also saw the passing of our 2 x President Greg Mudgway, Greg was instrumental in NZLHS gaining RAS affiliation, and will be missed by many.

### **Dairy Breed Matters – Chair to pass to Peter Gilbert**

#### **13. Minutes**

Minutes of the Dairy Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2018, as circulated in Gazette No. 216 (2018), pages 42-46.

**Moved: The minutes are a true and accurate record.**

**C Hughes/K Allison**

**CARRIED**

#### **14. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere in this agenda**

Nil

#### **15. Chairman's Report**

Well this has certainly been a quiet year for the showing of cattle, with the proposed eradication of M Bovis having a devastating effect on most A&P Shows. A small number of A&P Committees decided to continue with their cattle sections but most with drastically reduced entries. I do applaud the Shows that did continue with Cattle Sections. Hopefully this situation improves for the coming year. Some A&P's held On Farm Shows instead of bringing cattle to the show. This was quite a good alternative, but I have heard a number of exhibitors say they much prefer actually taking their cattle to the Show.

On Farm heifer Competitions were also severely compromised by the M Bovis Eradication Scheme.

The Dairy Ethics Committee are continually reviewing the regulations for showing of Dairy Cattle and have made some proposed alterations to the rules and we will know the result of their remit at Conference.

I have decided to stand down from the role of Dairy Chair. It is now eight years since I started this role and feel it is time for someone else to take it on. I do thank everyone for their support over the last eight years and wish the new Chair all the best for the future.

**Moved: The report be taken as read and received by this meeting.**

**P Gilbert/D Courtman**

**CARRIED**

**16. Dairy Breed Society Reports – see pages 48-49.**

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas. The Chair advised any other reports could be tabled up to one week post conference and they would be included within the minutes.

- 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 Jersey Breed Society -
- South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – not held this year
- Dairy Cattle Levy – minimal due to lack of cattle sections.

**Moved: All reports received.**

**P Gilbert/C Hughes**

**CARRIED**

**17. Royal Show Schedule – Dairy Section – annual review of schedule and classes.**

No proposed changes have been put forward to date. Hawkes Bay A&P Society provided draft schedules for review at the meeting.

**18. Royal Show Dairy Judges**

- Anglo Nubian Goats -
- Brown Swiss -
- Ayrshire – Andrew Thompson
- Dairy Goats -
- Guernsey -
- Holstein-Friesian - Sam Cunliffe
- Jersey -
- Milking Shorthorn –

**Moved: Judges nominated are approved.**

**P Gilbert/D Courtman**

**CARRIED**

**19. Any other Dairy Breed Matters**

- General discussion on MB – D Courtman acknowledged he had not been present for the MB speaker however noted caution was needed. P Gilbert mentioned it was important to respect the exhibitor's choice.
- Local classes for non-registered stock acceptable
- Dairy Ethics committee had worked closely with Australia when revising the rules – Remit 13 PASSED.

**20. Election of Dairy Chairperson – Kelly Allison nominated and elected for a three-year period. P Gilbert offered his congratulations.**

**21. Acknowledgment of Peter Gilbert - R Bradly thanked P Gilbert for his time in the chair and acknowledged his role as a dairy cattle judge and experienced exhibitor.**

## **Dairy Breed Reports**

### **Ayrshire New Zealand**

Championship shows were not held this season due to the cancellation of most A & P Show dairy sections due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. Likewise, the flagship dairy show in New Zealand, the NZ Dairy Event was cancelled.

With no A & P Shows, a couple of keen Ayrshire members set up the inaugural Ayrshire On Farm Competition. This was a huge success, with over 50 farms and 220 animals entered. National results will be announced at the Association's Annual Conference, but the North and South Island Champion & Reserve Champion Awards have been awarded to the top pointed cows for the 2018/19 season.

The 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 were not contested this season.

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. Once again with no shows this competition was adapted, and participants completed a 'summer portfolio' project specifically designed for each age group.

### **Holstein Friesian NZ**

The show season has been mostly non-existent in 2018/19 year with the planned eradication of Mycoplasma Bovis taken place in New Zealand. As a Breed Society this has made us look at different ways to run previous show orientated competitions and events.

The National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp is a major focus for Holstein Friesian New Zealand's Black & White Youth programme. Previously the camp has been run in conjunction with the NZ Dairy Event, however this year the camp was run on farm in Canterbury. The camp was still run over the 4 days and for the first time this year was opened up to all young breeders, regardless of age or breed. Young breeders in attendance who were under the age of 15, had to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and did not stay on farm.

This was the sixth year the camp had been run and was the largest camp to date. The revamped format and increased flexibility of holding the camp on farm, proved popular. The young breeders attending the National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp covered a wide range of activities from preparing a heifer for showing, to learning about the NZ dairy industry, photographing animals and the welfare of animals prepared for the show ring. This year it was pleasing to see past camp participants returning to assist with the running of the camp and passing on the knowledge and skills that they have gained along the way.

Holstein Friesian NZ now needs to consider the venue and format of future camps, especially based on the success of the 2019 event.

Holstein Friesian NZ has always supported the work done by the RAS All Dairy Breeds Show Ethics Committee to ensure that showing is a level playing field for all participants. With most shows not operating this year the Committee has taken the opportunity to review the RAS All Dairy Breeds Show Ethics document. As showing evolves around the world it is necessary



to ensure that the document is up date and in line with show practices used and techniques developed. The Committee has put a Remit to the 2019 Annual General Meeting with changes required to ensure that New Zealand Show Ethics are in line with the world of showing. Holstein Friesian NZ supports the updated document.

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 and this year was no exception. 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 Breeder members are encouraged attend judging schools and work their way through the system as soon as they are ready. Even with the lack of shows in 2018/19, the Association felt that it was crucial to maintain judging standards.

The Black & White cow has many great attributes and is seen by many farmers as their 'Breed of Choice'. Holstein Friesian NZ will continue to work hard on behalf of all Holstein Friesian breeders around New Zealand to ensure the black and white cow is to the fore.

### **Jersey NZ**

Jersey NZ continues to promote and drive the growth of the Jersey breed throughout New Zealand.

Championship shows were not held this season due to the cancellation of most A & P Show dairy sections due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. Likewise, the flagship dairy show in New Zealand, the NZ Dairy Event was cancelled.

Jersey NZ youth members also took part in the Murray Harnett Youth Judging Challenge in a different format this season. The competition winner, Luke Gilbert, was the highest certified youth member who qualified through our autumn judging schools.

The Marcus Trotter Trophy and the Holley Geck Memorial Cup are both centred on youth showing, but also had to be cancelled due to lack of shows.

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. All Jersey judges regularly re-certify.

In January 2019, Jersey NZ took a team of young women to compete in the International Dairy Week Youth Challenge at Shepparton in Victoria, Australia. International Dairy Week is the largest dairy show in the southern hemisphere. Our team the previous year placed middle of the field, as this was a 'fact finding' trip the team did not fully meet the age requirements. The 2019 team met all requirements and won the competition on the day against 12 Australian teams, an amazing feat given that they had had next to no show experience this season. Individually, Zoe Botha won the award for the most promising fitter. We are expecting to take a team again to the 2020 show to defend the title.

### **NZ Milking Shorthorn**

No Championship Shows took place due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. New Milking Shorthorn judges are able to certify at any of the other breed Judging Schools, and existing judges are also being encouraged to re-certify.

## Sheep Breed Matters – Chair to pass to Ian Stevenson

### 22. Minutes

Notes of the Sheep Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2018, as circulated in Gazette No. 216 (2018), pages 47-54.

**Moved: The minutes are a true and accurate record. CARRIED**

### 23. Matters arising from the Minutes not elsewhere in the agenda

- Golden Fleece classes – the schedule was not condensed as proposed as no consultation had been had with the respective breeds. All sheep breeds were followed up in regards to their thoughts on a condensed schedule, as put forward by the Upper Clutha A&P. The Perendale Society were the only breed to respond and they wished to retain the status quo for their classes.
- See correspondence, page 36.
- Chair resolved schedule as suggested by Upper Clutha to be adopted with the exception that the Perendale classes be retained.

### 24. Chairman's Report

Sheep farming in New Zealand is enjoying a sweet spot at the moment especially in regards sheep meat returns in both lamb and mutton.

Fine wool and the finer end of mid micron wool producers are also being well rewarded financially for the production of their premium fibres. Worldwide demand for the garments produced is increasing year on year with contracts for producers available for up to ten years at very good values. However, on the crossbred wool market prices remain at very low levels with no real signs of significant increase. I believe that until crossbred wool growers somehow find a way to engage some organisation or body to promote and market the modern world benefits of using natural sustainable fibres nothing will unfortunately change.

In regards to the showing of sheep at A & P shows nothing has changed in the last year. In the regions of the country where pure bred rams are produced for sale there are good entries in a large number of breeds. In other areas ram breeding has evolved to the production of designer breeds by crossbreeding. I would encourage the shows in these parts to invite these breeders to put on displays either in their existing sheep pens or as part of the trade displays. We have to realise there is now various other ways to market rams other than the local or metropolitan shows especially now that evaluated production figures are very important. The subjective judging of stock at a show is now only part of the equation in regards to a modern commercial sheep farmers ram purchasing decisions.

The National Ewe Hogget competition is now in its twenty third year with the presentation to this year's breed winners and overall national winner is in Christchurch at the end of June. Finalists in the various sections this year are a good spread of both North and South Island entrants. This is a true national competition in which the average age of the winning entrants has dropped considerably since the first national competition. Winners now are high performance very focused leading sheep farmers in New Zealand and achieving very high production farming the breed of sheep which performs in their environment under the management systems in which they function.

The Golden Fleece competition was held in Rangiora this year In May. The fine wool winners were Will and Emily Murray from Tekapo with the strong wool champion going to Rachael Humphrey from Feilding. Entries in this competition seem to be dropping to what they were a few years ago. In some of the good wool growing parts of the country wool sections have actually got stronger as the

competitive nature of growers creates friendly rivalry. It is very hard to be competitive with a fleece in the national competition which has been to a couple of local shows where the public and rival competitors have all had a poke and a pull at it. In my mind this part of it is very important as the public and other interested persons need to be able to touch and feel.

I have again attended many shows in last twelve months both as an exhibitor and a judge. The shows which are passionate about their sheep sections with keen and well organised personnel in charge are continuing to prosper while of course others are waning or have failed.

**Moved: The report be taken as read and received by this meeting.**

**I Stevenson/B Orr**

**CARRIED**

**25. Sheep Breed Society Reports – see pages 53-54.**

Breed Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas. While additional comments welcome to existing reports, no full verbal reports to be tabled at conference.

- Black & Coloured Sheep Assn - received
- Cheviot Sheep Society -
- NZ Romney Sheep Breeders
- NZ Sheep Breeders Assn
- NZ Southdown Sheep Soc
- Perendale Sheep Society – received

Prior to reports being received, the CEO asked for clarification on the Black & Coloured Sheep Society report in regard to

- There being no prize money for the Golden Fleece Exhibition when prize money was allocated. The B & C representative advised they hadn't realised prize money was to be provided and agreed best to check these matters first.
- Received a letter from the Society regarding unregistered animals – did the reply answer their questions. The B & C representative advised yes.

**Moved: Reports to be received.**

**I Stevenson/B Orr**

**CARRIED**

**26. Royal Show Schedule – Sheep Section – annual review of schedule and classes.**

No proposed changes have been put forward to date. Hawkes Bay A&P Society provided draft schedules for review at the meeting.

**27. Royal Show Sheep Judges – to be approved**

- Black & Coloured – Anita Erskine
- Breeds under NZ Sheepbreeder's Association -
- Cheviot -
- Romney -
- Southdown -
- Perendale – Douglas Robbie, associate judge – Bevan Proffit.

**Moved: Judges nominated are approved.**

**P Sanders/P Gilbert**

**CARRIED**

**28. NZ Ewe Hogget Competition – report tabled in Gazette 217 (2019)**

2019 competition, breed finalists are as follows

**Fine Wools** - Andrew & Lynnore Templeton, Middlemarch & Iain & Jacelyn Wright, Hawarden

**Coopworth** - Claire Garrett, Springston & Kevin McCallum, Winton

**Composite** - Stuart & Jo Fraser, Hawarden & Trevor & Karen Humphries, Lumsden

**Crossbred** - Raymond & Janet Harre, Piopio & Graeme & Elspeth Gardyne, Gore

**Perendale** - Allan & Leeann Woodrow, Gore

**Romney** - Brian & Anna Coogan, Taihape & Owen & Tim Evans, Gore  
Awards evening to be held at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch on Wednesday,  
26 June.

29. **Golden Fleece Exhibition** – report tabled in Gazette 217 (2019)
30. **Any other Sheep Breed Matters**
  - Chair advised local classes for non-registered sheep acceptable as long as they weren't in with registered stock
31. **Election of Sheep Breeds Chairperson** – Ian Stevenson co-opted for a year due to nomination not being received by due date, election to take place next year.

**Letter from the Perendale Sheep Society**

## **THE PERENDALE SHEEP SOCIETY OF NZ (INC)**

23 May 2019

RAS Executive  
Royal A&P Society New Zealand  
PO Box 54  
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Dear Executive

### **NZ Royal Golden Fleece Exhibition**

The 2019 NZ Royal Golden Fleece Exhibition has just been held and we are pleased to advise that approx. 25% of the total white fleeces that were exhibited were from Perendale Sheep Breeders.

Therefore, as a result of this, the Society strongly requests that the Perendale classes continue as they currently are in the Schedule for future Exhibitions.

We look forward to a favourable response

Thank you

Yours sincerely



Christine Roberts  
Secretary

## **Sheep Breed Reports**

### **Black & Coloured Sheep**

Our membership has remained steady this year with some Branches gaining new Members.

Our Shearing date has been successful for those who implemented it.

Upper Clutha Show again was supported by members and next year the World Merino Congress is being held in Queenstown and coinciding with Wanaka Show, so hopefully have a good display of Black and Coloured Merino Fleeces.

I attended the Royal Show in Hastings and it was great to see Black and Coloured Sheep winning in the Wool Breed section.

At a lot of Shows Black and Coloured Sheep are almost out numbering the white Breeds, also in the North Island my exhibitor friends tell me the same.

Entries were down at the Golden Fleece Competition and I would like the executive to look at the Entry Fee, Prize money issue.

We are concerned about Registered sheep only being allowed to enter at Shows. There are only approximately 8 Registered Breeders in our whole organization. The remainder are listed in our Flock Book with a Prefix as Commercial Flocks. Sheep of equal or better quality than the registered compete competitively together.

Commercial Flocks are registered in our Flock Book. People may have both Registered and Commercial Flocks together - same Stud name etc.

### **Perendale**

It gives me great pleasure to present my final annual report as President of the Perendale Society. In the four years I've had this role; a lot has changed in the sheep breeding industry.

The past year, the council has been pro-active in the promotion and development of the breed. The BLGNZ Next Generation trial run at Smedley is in its fourth year is just starting to gather some interesting data. Being a maternal trial, the maternal trait data are starting to filter through. Though it is disappointing BLGNZ has cut funding for FE, which is one of the important traits in the North Island. Going forward the trial has been very important in keeping our linkages as a breed. We are one of most linked groups in the industry. Huge thanks to Rob and Jen Evans for their work and support of the trial.

On a side note, we are looking at setting up a sire referencing scheme, with the guidance of BLGNZ, which will kick in once the trial winds down in a couple of years. Thanks to Annie O'Connell and the team from BLGNZ for their technical expertise.

After another successful magazine a couple of years ago, delivered with the Country Wide. It was decided to get the magazine out more often, to a wider audience. It was put inside the Farmers Weekly, a smaller version that will be put out bi-annually, reaching 79000 mail boxes. We had extra copies printed for handouts at shows, field days.

Hawkes Bay hosted the NZ Royal Show this year, judged by Peter Christie and Julie Wilson. John Spellman won the ram hogget class, Graeme Maxwell the Champion ewe and Gilbert Timms the Champion ram and Supreme Champion of the Show.

The Canterbury Show again was well supported by the southern contingent. The prestigious Golden Sash was won by the Mckelvie family for the first time. Champion Ewe was by Tim

Anderson. Champion Ram and Supreme Champion were won by Gilbert Timms. Judges were John Henricksen and Roy Veronese. It was also great to catch up for dinner as a group.

Thanks to the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules, to make the journey. The Taihape ram fair, 66 rams were sold for an average of \$795. Top price of \$1500 to Russell Proffit. It was the last sale at Taihape due to saleyards being closed down. The sale will be relocated to Te Kuiti.

The South Island Perendale Stud Ram Fair, at Gore, was back a bit, reflecting how competitive the sheep industry is getting. Top price to Pip Wilson \$8200. 29 rams were sold for an average of \$2218. Congratulations to Tim Anderson for receiving the Mervyn Ladbrook Trophy.

To my fellow councillors, thank you for your work, support and friendship. We work together well as a team, manage to get through the agenda at meetings without too many arguments and still can have a drink together at the end of the day.

Christine, your work for the society is very much appreciated. You are the glue that holds everything together. Your organisational skills are unmatched. Not only do you do the society work, but also Ram Fair Committee and Secretary for the conference. My role the last four years has been a smoother with your support. Thank you Christine.

Conference last year in Palmerston North, Graeme and Sue Maxwell were awarded a life membership. It was a complete surprise to them and we as the council had to do some secret service work to keep them from finding out. A well-deserved award as both of them has done countless hours of work for the society and the breed.

Going forward, I wish Warren all the best as our new President, keeping the Perendale at the forefront of the sheep industry.

Finally, in closing, I have enjoyed the last four years as President. It has been a rewarding experience. Getting to know the life members, the breeders and the associate members has been an enjoyable part of the role. May our Perendale family continue to prosper.

### **Chair to pass to Richard Bradly**

32. **Chairman's Report** – tabled in Gazette 217 (2019).  
**Moved: Report to be received. R Bradly/I Stevenson CARRIED**
33. **Other Breed Reports – see pages 55-56.**  
Llama Association – received  
Mohair -  
NZ Alpaca – received  
NZ Boer Goat -  
NZ Kennel Club -  
NZ Pig Association –  
NZ Sheep Dog Trials -  
Rare Breeds Association -
34. **Standard Schedule of Breed Classes for A&P and Royal Shows (other than beef, dairy & sheep) –**  
**Moved: All schedules approved. P Worthington/P Gilbert CARRIED**
35. **Royal Show Judges** – to be approved  
Llama Association – no section  
Mohair -

NZ Alpaca – Diane Marks  
NZ Boer Goat – no section  
NZ Kennel Club – no section  
NZ Pig Association –  
NZ Sheep Dog Trials -

**Moved: Judge nomination approved.**

**B Snellex/K Allison**

**CARRIED**

**36. RAS of NZ Young Judge's Finals**

To be held at the NZ Royal A&P Show in Hawkes Bay 23-25 October 2019  
Beef Judging – Wednesday 23 October, 11am – 1pm  
Beef Paraders – Thursday 24 October  
Dairy Judging – Wednesday 23 October, 4pm – 6pm  
Dairy Paraders – Thursday 24 October  
Sheep – Wednesday 23 October, 2pm – 4pm  
Fleece – Wednesday 23 October, 9am – 11m

CEO advised the RAS is seeking financial support to host the Australasian Competition in 2020. Any A&P or Breed Societies who wish to contribute please contact RAS Head Office. Thank you to Central District who have pledged \$1000

**37. Recap on the MB situation if required – none required**

**38. Any other matters**

- B Snellex spoke in addition to the Equine report he had tabled. There are a number of items that are being looked at particularly significant surgical procedures.

**39. Election of Chair – Ben Burgess co-opted for a year due to nomination not being received by due date, election to take place next year. R Bradley apologised for the late nomination as he had missed the closing date.**

**40. Acknowledgment of Richard Bradley - B Snellex thanked R Bradley for his input over the years. His calm demeanor and well-structured meetings allowed all to have input.**

Chris Mason congratulated the Executive on their new approach to the UBS meeting  
- having all the meetings combined into one allowed all parties to hear all of the information. She also queried the need for the schedules to be signed off at the meeting – the schedule is well established now and could be handled prior to the meeting.

**Meeting closed.**

**Other Breed Reports**

**Alpaca Association NZ**

The Alpaca Association NZ Inc is pleased to report that during the last full show year of 2018 (Jan – Dec) there were 24 shows attended throughout the Country. The majority of these were A&P events and any other non-A&P events held at other venues were still using RAS aligned schedules and protocols.

At these events there were 937 alpaca fleeces entered in the shows, judged and displayed. There were 2,308 alpaca entered into the showrings and judged throughout the country. These events always take a lot of organisation and AANZ is deeply indebted to the army of volunteers who continue to help make these events happen but also wish to acknowledge the assistance extended to us by the A&P Association officials at every venue.

The inaugural show of Alpaca at the RAS Golden Fleece Awards was held in 2018 and again this year at Rangiora. These types of initiatives are important for raising awareness amongst the public of the high standard of breeding excellence achieved in NZ AANZ is committed to working collegially with RAS and other affiliated breed societies in furthering the public's awareness of the rural sector and to support innovative strategies that will help showcase the attributes of Alpaca to the people of New Zealand.

### **NZ Llama Association**

Declining support from exhibitors over the last few years had the regrettable effect of no llama section at the Canterbury show, although there was a small competition at the Amuri show. Llamas were also represented in a exhibit at the Horowhenua show.

The number of large breeders continue to decline, with the focus of lama owners moving to enjoyment of the breed as an entertaining and eco-friendly option for lifestylers, or a working animal for trekking.

The New Zealand Llama Association Ltd, continues to maintain the breed register, but we expect involvement in RAS events in the short term to be focused more on an exhibit rather than a competition, until numbers and interest in showing increases.



**CONFERENCE DAY 2**  
**RAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**NEW PLYMOUTH**  
**Saturday 2 June 2019**

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1. **President's Welcome:** Geoff Smith
2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Debbie Cameron
3. **Apologies:** Wendy & Simon Collin, Clare Grattan (National Miniature Horse, Toni-Marie Heron (Waverley), Melissa Jebson (Executive), Claire Johnson (Waverley), Doug Lineham (Waikato A&P), Catherine Lord (Wairarapa), Malcolm McKerrow (Hon. Life Member), Nelson A&P Association, NZ Charolais Society, Brenda Simpson (Waverley), Judith Steiner, Michelle Taylor (Pony Breeders).  
**Moved: Apologies be accepted. G Smith/G Timms CARRIED**
4. **Obituaries**  
Northern District: Mr. K Cholmondeley-Smith, Mr. B Lilburne, Mrs. V Dobson  
Mid Northern District: Mr. B Parker, Mr. W.G Tims  
Eastern District: Mrs. C Beatson, Mr. G Mudgeway  
Western District: Mr. M.D Muggeridge, Mr. P Myers, Mrs. P Gorton, Mr. P Boyce, Mrs. G Salisbury  
Central District: Mr. J Sheed, Mrs. S Kellock, Mr M Paterson, Mr. R Adams  
Southern District: Mr. A Bear, Mr. N Moffat
5. **Minutes of the RAS Annual General Meeting**  
Held 23 June 2018, as circulated in Gazette No 216 (2018), pages 60-65.  
  
I Tippett advised the minutes were incomplete as the meeting hadn't been closed.  
**Moved: AGM from last year closed. G Smith/I Tippett CARRIED**  
  
**Moved: Minutes, with the following amendment, be accepted as a true and accurate record. G Smith/L Berthold CARRIED**
6. **Matters arising from those minutes**  
Nil
7. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.**
  - President's Valedictory Speech (G Smith) to be delivered after close of meeting.
  - Question regarding UBS and Sheep Chair appointment (D Scott)
8. **President's Report**  
Report as per Gazette No.218 (2019), to be received and/or adopted as necessary.  
**Moved: Report be accepted. G Smith/K Allison CARRIED**
9. **Treasurer's Report**  
Annual Report and Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended March 31, 2019 as per Gazette No. 217 (2019).  
  
Sponsorship Equestrian Youth - \$0.00

Sponsorship/Fund Raising Youth Activities - \$705.00

Q- How were the trophies assessed? Assets and depreciated? (Jackie Kelly)

A- B Snelllex will check and advise J Kelly accordingly

Q – Why is the equestrian report different from the equestrian meeting to the AGM? (Ian Tippett).

A – B Snelllex advised the report at the equestrian meeting was a report just on the RAS finances whereas the AGM report were the consolidated accounts that include the RAS and Districts. This has been the practice for several years now.

**Moved: Financial Report be accepted B Snelllex/C O'Connor CARRIED**

## 10. Election of Officers

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

**President** – Mr. Brent Snelllex was nominated.

Nominee 1 - Northern A&P Association

Nominee 2 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

There being no other nominations, Mr. Snelllex is duly elected

Presentation of President's badge was made to B Snelllex. B Snelllex thanked the members and at that time took the opportunity to thank G Smith for all his work over several years. He had spent nine years as an Executive member and covered a number of portfolios. His work with the membership, during his time as President, has been tremendous. G Smith was given a token of appreciation and received a round of applause.

**Vice President** – Ms. Rachel Walker was nominated.

Nominee 1 – Brent Snelllex, RAS Vice President

Nominee 2 – Otago Taieri A&P Society

There being no other nominations, Ms. Walker is duly elected

Presentation of Vice President's badge was made to R Walker. R Walker was acknowledged for her work in the legal/constitutional portfolio and revising the RAS Resolution Process

## 11. Election of Executive

Mrs. M Jebson retired by rotation.

Mrs Jebson offered herself for re-election

Nominee 1 – Oxford A&P Association

Nominee 2 – Northern A&P Association

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Jebson is duly elected

Vacant Position – Ms. Courtney Davies

Nominee 1 – Sharon Cook, Northern District Chair

Nominee 2 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

There being no other nominations, Ms. Davies is duly elected

Presentation of an Executive badge was made to C Davies. C Davies was acknowledged for her work in the youth sector.

### **Election of Horse Steward's Council Executive**

**Chairperson** – nomination for Ms. Helena McLeod

Nominee 1 - Hawkes Bay A&P Society

Nominee 2 – NZ National H& P Society

There being no other nominations, Ms. McLeod is duly elected

**Measuring Convenor** – nomination for Mr. John Fleet

Nominee 1 - NZ National H & P Society

Nominee 2 - Cara O'Connor, RAS Executive

There being no other nominations, Mr. Fleet is duly elected J Fleet was thanked for his previous contribution to the role.

**Clean Sport Convenor** – nomination for Mrs. Maxine Mulligan

Nominee 1 - Hawkes Bay A&P Society

Nominee 2 – Melissa Jenson, Central District Chair

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Mulligan is duly elected. M Mulligan was thanked for her previous contribution to the role.

**Judge's Convenor** – nomination for Mr. Alan Windle

Nominee 1 - Cara O'Connor, RAS Executive

Nominee 2 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

There being no other nominations, Mr. Windle is duly elected A Windle was thanked for his previous roles and contribution and looked forward to his contribution to this role.

### **Election of UBS Council Executive**

**Chairperson** – late nomination for Mr. Ben Burgess

Nominee 1 - Richard Bradly, UBS Chair

Nominee 2 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

As the nomination was late the Executive suggest Mr. Burgess is co-opted into the position for a year, and elections take place in 2020.

Q- D Scott queried at this time as to whether this meeting could approve a 3-year term for both B Burgess & I Stevenson?

A- D Scott advised as this was a constitutional issue, the rules should be followed.

**Moved: B Burgess be co-opted for a 1-year term and the position be up for election next year.** **G Smith/D Scott** **CARRIED**

**Beef Breeds Chair** – nomination for Mr. Mark Fleming

Nominee 1 – Australia NZ Blonde d' Acquitaine Society

Nominee 2 – Limousin Beef Cattle Society

There being no other nominations, Mr. Fleming is duly elected

**Dairy Breeds Chair** – nomination for Mr. Kelly Allison

Nominee 1 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

Nominee 2 – Melissa Jebson, RAS Executive

There being no other nominations, Mr. Allison is duly elected

Thanks, given to P Gilbert for his time as Dairy Chair.

**Sheep Breeds Chair** – late nomination for Mr. Ian Stevenson

Nominee 1 - Cara O'Connor, RAS Executive

Nominee 2 – Geoff Smith, RAS President

As the nomination was late the Executive suggest Mr. Stevenson is co-opted into the position for a year, and elections take place in 2020

**Moved: I Stevenson be co-opted for a 1-year term and the position be up for election next year.** **G Smith/I Tippett** **CARRIED**

**Equestrian Breeds Chair** – no nomination received

At this time, B Orr presented the Guy Treadwell Memorial on behalf of Hugh Treadwell to Mrs. Lynne Snelllex. Hugh Treadwell was a Past RAS President, and he had created this Award in recognition of the support that partners give to the President's role. H Treadwell farmed in Taihape and Hugh (and Sue) were immensely proud of their family. Sadly, they lost their son, Guy and this Award is in memory of Guy.

**12. Appointment of Auditor**

The Executive recommends that the AGM agree to appoint Ashton Wheelan & Hegan as auditors for the 2019/2020 year.

**Moved: Ashton Whelan & Hegan be the auditor for 2019/2020.**

**B Snellex/M Fleming**

**CARRIED**

**13. Review of any levies/fees**

**13.1 Measuring Fees – the RAS Executive resolved to hold any CPI increase until 2020/2021 season**

**Moved: Recommendation accepted**

**G Smith/B Snellex**

**CARRIED**

**13.2 Equestrian levy – the RAS Executive resolved to hold any increase until 2020/2021 season**

**Moved: Recommendation accepted**

**G Smith/B Snellex**

**CARRIED**

**13.3 Dairy levy – the RAS Executive resolved, after recommendation from the Dairy Ethics committee to increase the in-milk levy fee to \$5.00 + GST per cow.**

Rationale: It was always the intention of the Dairy Ethics committee that the net levy should be \$5.00.

**Moved: Recommendation accepted**

**G Smith/B Orr**

**CARRIED**

**13.4 A&P Association/Events Membership Fee – the RAS Executive recommend an increase in membership fees of 1.9%, being the CPI rate for the last year, and this includes joining fees. This relates in dollar terms to an increase of \$13.00; currently paying \$684.60, proposed payment \$697.60**

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

**Moved: Recommendation accepted**

**B Snellex/K Allison**

**CARRIED**

**13.5 Breed/Kindred Society Membership Fee – the RAS Executive recommend an increase in membership fees of 1.9%, being the CPI rate for the last year, and this includes joining fees. This relates in dollar/cents terms to an increase of 0.6 cents per member; currently paying \$3.24 per member, proposed payment \$3.30 per member. The minimum fee would increase to \$133.15 (currently paying \$130.67).**

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

**Moved: Recommendation accepted**

**B Snellex/L Berthold**

**CARRIED**

14. **Consideration of any Notices of Motion, Business or Proposed Resolution of which notice has been given.**
- 14.1 Memo sent to all Member Societies – Competitive Organisations – see pages 6 & 7. .  
No further discussion required.
15. **Discussion on recommendations from Equestrian Meeting or United Breed Society Meeting**  
No further discussion required
16. **Report on remits or any postal ballots.**
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| <b>Remit 1 – Hunter Jumping</b>                              | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 2 – Age for legal documents</b>                     | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 3 – Making common sense changes without a remit</b> |               |
| <b>Part 1 &amp;</b>  | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Part 2</b>  | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 4 – Temporary Measuring Certificates</b>            | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 5 – Temporary Measuring Certificates 2</b>          | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 6 – Equestrian Definitions</b>                      | <b>PASSED</b> |
| <b>Remit 7 – Hack Terminology</b>                            | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Remit 8 – Weights in Saddle Hunter classes</b>            | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Remit 9 – Age of Riders</b>                               | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Remit 10 – Naming of Judges, Equestrian Schedules</b>     | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Remit 11 – Equestrian volunteering</b>                    | <b>FAILED</b> |
| <b>Remit 12 – Withdrawn</b>                                  |               |
| <b>Remit 13 – Dairy Ethic changes</b>                        | <b>PASSED</b> |
17. **Acknowledgement of Service Achievement Awards**
- 2019 District Service Awards** (already presented)
- Northern –  
Mid Northern -  
Eastern -  
Western –  
Central - Mr. R Bruce, Mrs. F Smith  
Southern – Mr. W Mitchell
18. **General Business**
- 18.1 Royal Show Schedule – other than breed related – to be approved**  
Home & Craft  
**Moved: Home & Craft Schedule be approved.**  
**G Smith/P Worthington** **CARRIED**
- 18.2 NZ Royal Show Host – Hawkes Bay A&P Society**  
Presentation received from General Manager, Sally Jackson. Show had gone back to basics and were very pleased with the results especially their educational school programme. An invitation was extended to all to the 2019 NZ Royal A&P Show.
- 18.3 Royal Shows/Events 2019 onwards**  
Currently there is an application from Otago Taieri for a Royal Event within Equestrian.
- Meeting closed.