

CONFERENCE DAY 2 DELEGATES PRESENT

Kelly Allison (RAS Executive, Tokomairio A&P, Life Member), Maria Barta (Southern District), Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Kylie Brewer (Galloway Society), Ben Burgess (UBS Chair), Debbie Cameron (RAS CEO), Diane Chesmar (Central District), Wendy Collin (NZ National H&P), Simon Collin (Hawkes Bay A&P), Sharon Cook (Northern Chair), Leanne Cook (Northern District), Louellen Davies (Mid Northern District), Mary Davis (Western District), Christine Fowles (Purebred Jersey / Marlborough A&P), James Fox (Southern District), Mark Fleming (Beef Breeds Chair), Stephanie Gowing (Whangarei A&P), John Grigg (RAS Past President), Rob Hall (Gore A&P), Sophie Hansen (Masterton A&P), Fe Howie (Upper Clutha A&P, Life Member), Jennifer Huddleston (Central Otago A&P), Melissa Jebson (RAS Executive), Jackie Kelly (Southern District, Life Member), Trevor Latimer (Western District), Michelle Mair (Pony Breeders), Chris Mason (Whangarei A&P, Hon. Life Member), Emmy Maxwell (Cheviot A&P), Duncan McArthur (Temuka Geraldine A&P), Malcolm McKerrow (RAS Executive), Helena McLeod (HSCEX Chair), Bruce McRobbie (Mid Northern District), Maxine Mulligan (Clean Sport Convenor), Cara O'Connor (RAS Executive), Brad Powell (Manawatu A&P), Christine Roberts (RAS Admin., Oxford A&P, Life Member), Annette Robinson (Nelson A&P), Sam Rutherford (Central District), Philippa Sanders (Black & Coloured Sheep), Anne Scott (Auckland A&P), Andrea Scott, David Scott (Life Member), Geoff Smith (RAS Executive, Life Member), Mike Smith (Southland A&P, Life Member), Brent Snelllex (RAS Vice President), Jane Stalker (Upper Clutha A&P), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Leigh Taylor (Te Kauwhata A&P), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep, Cheviot Sheep, Life Member), Diana Timms (Horowhenua A&P), Jill Timms (Horowhenua A&P), Ian Tippett (Southern District), Rachel Walker (RAS Vice President), Anne Watts (Clevedon A&P), Alan Windle (NZ Riding Pony), Kay Worthington, Philip Worthington (Lowline Cattle).

CONFERENCE DAY 2 UBS MEETING

CHANCELLOR 1

Sunday 20 June 2021

Welcome from RAS Executive: Brent Snelllex

1. **Chairman:** Ben Burgess

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

3. **Apologies:** Marie FitzPatrick (Oxford A&P), and John Jebson (Central District),
Moved: That the above apologies be received.
S Collin / W Colin **CARRIED**

4. **Notice of any item to be discussed under General Business, not on this agenda**

- B McRobbie: Equestrian Portfolio.
- B McRobbie: MBovis.
- J Kelly – Royal Shows.
- J Kelly - Role of the Breed Societies and their Meetings.
- M Jebson – Show Connect.
- I Stevenson – Golden Fleece Competition.

5. **Chairman's Report – Tabled in Gazette No. 2020 (2021)**

Amazing how quickly the time flies as it feels like just last week I was writing last year's report. The last 12 months has been unsettled for most part with changing Covid restrictions leading to many events in the early half of the year cancelled or postponed.

Back in February myself and partner Georgia were once again able to take some cattle along to the Dannevirke A&P show, while we did not come away with many prizes on the day it was great to get back out and about, catching up with friends we hadn't seen in a number of months.

Isolated pockets of dry patches again have been testing the rural industries around the country with Banks Peninsula and Hawkes Bay to name a couple. While the rural industry is resilient, these do take their toll on the local communities. Strong export demand for grass fed New Zealand product, both meat and milk, have helped aid in the economy's response to travel restrictions.

I would like to thank you all very much for allowing me to again stand for the position of UBS and look forward to representing the various views and needs over the coming season. Thanks, must again go out to my representative chairs, as without them and their hard work my role would be a lot more complicated.

I look forward to catching up with you all at conference.

Ben Burgess - Chair

Moved: That the UBS Chairperson's Annual Report be received.

B Burgess / W Collin

CARRIED

Beef Breed Matters – Chair passed to Mark Fleming.

6. Minutes

Minutes of the Beef Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2019, as circulated in Gazette No. 218 (2019), pages 42-46.

Moved: That the Beef Breeds Annual Meeting Minutes held on 22 June 2019 as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.

P Worthington / P Saunders

CARRIED

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere in the Agenda.

No matters arising.

8. Chairman's Report – to be received

Welcome to this year's RAS Beef Chairman's Report.

Autumn is proving to be very warm and dry, with most of the East Coast of New Zealand being greatly affected. We are getting heavy dews each morning helping cool the ground temperature and slow the grass growth hence the opening up of feed crops and supplementary feed crops is well under way.

The calf sale prices are drifting back as a lot of properties don't have the feed normally for buying calves to grow out. It will be interesting to see if we have a mild winter which will help those farmers with feed and supplement shortages.

The NAIT system is now running well, with good communication coming from NAIT to the Farmers. 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. It is great that we can trace these animals and their movements now with confidence.

As of 22nd of April 2021, MPI's has updated their M Bovis Eradication programme to show that 10 herds were being monitored for M Bovis and 252 were now cleared of M Bovis. But there are still 137 properties on Active Surveillance.

It is also interesting to see from OSPRI News the follow announcements: -

- 1) Do you have pigs, goats, or sheep? It is now your legal obligation to declare all non-NAIT animals on-farm and provide an estimate of the number each year by July 31. See Link:

<https://www.ospri.co.nz/guides-and-tutorials/declare-non-nait-animals-in-nait/>

- 2) To help minimise potential spread of TB [bovine tuberculosis] in the bush, OSPRI andASUREQuality have teamed up together to produce an education video to build

more awareness among hunters. See Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSkf8gMEIfg>

This year things look a lot better for our A&P showing, with the Summer and Autumn Shows being able to run but under strict Covid rules. I enjoyed a couple of excellent days at the Wanaka show, amazing weather, with great attendance from the public. 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.

Stud owners and exhibitors have had a trying time in preparing stock for the showing season because of the issues of Mycoplasma Bovis but also under the guidance of the Covid 19 rules. Some shows have not been able to run their normal Cattle classes. But it is pleasing to see all the planning and protocols that have been put in place has allowed the shows to continue.

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.

Kind Regards
Mark Fleming
RAS Beef Breeds Chairman
Email: willowleatud@xtra.co.nz

Moved: That the Beef Breeds Chairperson's Annual report be received.

P Worthington / P Saunders

CARRIED

9. Beef Breed Society Reports – see pages 30-31.

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

- Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society - not currently a financial member
- Belgian Blue Cattle Society – no report.
- Charolais Breeders NZ Inc – no report.
S Collin – One Show held at Dannevirke in autumn. Good turn out with approx. 50 cattle exhibited. Society members are growing.
- Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc. – no report.
- Galloway Cattle Society – no report.
K Brewer - Approx. 70 members, 4 recognised coloured patterns. Hosting International Conference in 2025.
- Gelbvieh Cattle Breeders Soc – no report.
- Limousin Beef Breeders Soc – no report.
- NZ Angus Association – no report.
- NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn – no report.
- NZ Charolais Cattle Society - received
- NZ Hereford Association – no report.
- NZ Highland Cattle Society – no report.
- NZ Highland Lifestyle Society - received
- NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc – no report.
- NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle – no report.
- NZ Pinzgauer Society – no report.

- NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders –
M Fleming – tabled and read out a report from the breed.
This year's AGM was held in Masterton in May. A group of twenty breeders visited five studs in the surrounding area over two days finishing with the AGM. The Society endeavours to hold the AGM in a different part of NZ each year. In 2023 our Society is hoping to hold the World Red Poll Congress in NZ this will only be possible if COVID is playing ball. Breeders from the UK, Australia, Canada, USA, South Africa, Uruguay, and Jamaica will be present. This year also represented 125 years of Red Polls in NZ. One of the main issues our breed has had to face is to the cost of DNA profiling. Now just the Herd Sire has to be DNA tested and not the Dam of each registered calf. We feel as a Breed the right balance has to be attained between maintaining correct genetic records and minimising costs for the Stud Breeder. Although our breed maybe small in numbers across NZ we feel our future is bright and the demand for our Beef is very sought after. Ian Fleming – President.
- NZ Salers Society - received
- Santa Gertrudis Breeders – no report.
- Lowline Promotion Group
P Worthington – Two groups work independently in NI and IS but also working well together. Chair very active in the Society. Numbers of herds stable and seeing an uptake with lifestyle blocks.
- Simmental Cattle Breeders – no report.
- South Devon Cattle Society – no report.
- Speckle Park International – no report.
- Welsh Black Cattle Breeders – no report.

MOVED: That the tabled Annual Reports from affiliated Beef Cattle Breeds, be received.

M Fleming / P Worthington

CARRIED

- 10. Royal Show Schedule – Beef Section** – As part of the Strategic Business Review all schedules will be reviewed.

RAS President – Individual working groups are looking at Royal Shows, Royal Events and Breed Schedules. Once the review has been done, expressions of interest will be called for a Royal Show.

- 11. Any other Beef Breed matters**
No other Beef Breed matters tabled.

- 12. Election of Beef Chairperson** – term remains current for M Fleming.

Beef Breed Reports

NZ Charolais Cattle Society

The New Zealand Charolais Cattle Society (Inc) recently celebrated their 52nd Annual General Meeting and held a herd tour in the Northland region.

The Societies Council remains stable with Mr Stuart Bryant (of Nelson) as President of the Society.

The membership of the Society has remained steady, and despite several key stud resignations, the small group remains passionate about the breed and its future as a terminal sire for the beef industry.

Sadly, resignations seem to reflect the current climate of all Breed Societies and concern is regarding the survival of these groups. The younger generations at this point in time don't seem to see the relevance in joining or retaining these Societies.

The Society has 18 Breeding members, 15 Associate members and 3 Life Members, and our next AGM and Herd Tour will be in the Kaikoura/ Canterbury region from 20th – 25th March 2022.

Annette
NZ Charolais Cattle Society

The New Zealand Lifestyle Highland Society Inc Report for 2020/21

Well it has been a couple of challenging years for any breeder of livestock let alone our own breed society with MBovis and then Covid19 affecting us all. Membership holds steady with some leaving the industry and others joining. Highland Cattle remain a popular breed for Lifestyle Block owners to own. The showing season for the NZ Lifestyle Highland Society has seen our President Lisa Berthold and her Woolly Manor Moos team win Royal Supreme Champion Highland at Stratford along with Supreme Champion Lifestyle titles at both Stratford and Dannevirke. Lisa has reported that not only has the Covid situation hindered many shows, there is also the Bio Security aspect that many are still very nervous of. Encouraging new people to show is also difficult and frustrating at times. Lisa is also the Beef Chairman for the Wairarapa A&P at Clareville and says while entries were definitely up last show in 2019 it will be a hard road ahead to grow cattle sections for all shows in the new world we now find ourselves in

Dairy Breed Matters – Chair to pass to Kelly Allison.

13. Minutes

Minutes of the Dairy Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2019, as circulated in Gazette No. 218 (2019), pages 46-47.

Moved: That the Minutes of the Dairy Cattle Breeds Annual Meeting held on 22 June 2019 as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.

B Powell / B McRobbie

CARRIED

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

J Kelly – Heifer Competition.

15. Chairman's Report – Chair tabled and read out his annual report.

What a year or should I say two years we have experienced. We are in unprecedented times and the challenges being experienced by New Zealand is reflected in the A&P movement.

On the Dairy side of things, we were just recovering from MBovis and most shows planning on offering full schedules this past Show season after having reduced or in some cases no Dairy sections being run. Then COVID19 arrived really impacting the early spring shows and some very unlucky autumn shows were caught up in the second lockdown in February. On a positive note, most breed societies did hold North and South Island Championships at various shows and dairy was able to have a Royal Show hosted by Stratford Show, as Hawkes Bay did not run the Royal Show.

Looking at the industry as a whole the Dairy industry has come through COVID19 in a strong position with strong global demand for Dairy products reflecting a milk price of north of \$7.50 kgMS this past season with close to \$8 looking likely for next season.

Moved: That the Dairy Breeds Chairperson's Annual Report be received.
K Allison / P Worthington **CARRIED**

16. Dairy Breed Society Reports – see pages 32-34.

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.

- Anglo Nubian Breed Society of NZ – not currently a financial member.
- Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders – no report.
- NZ Ayrshire Association - received.
- NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association – no report.
- NZ Guernsey Cattle Breeders – no report.
- NZ Holstein-Friesian Association – received.
- NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders – received.
- NZ Milking Shorthorn Association – received.
- Premier Dairy Goats NZ – no report.
- Purebred Jersey Breed Society – no report.
- South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – not held this year.
- Dairy Cattle Levy – \$3,005 for the financial year.

Moved: That the tabled Annual Reports from affiliated Dairy Cattle Breeds, be received.

K Allison / B Powell

CARRIED

17. Royal Show Schedule – Dairy Section – As part of the Strategic Business Review all schedules will be reviewed.

RAS President – Individual working groups will be looking at Royal Shows, Royal Events and Breed Schedules. Once the review has been completed, expressions of interest will be called for a Royal Show.

18. Any other Dairy Breed Matters

J Kelly – Southern District run a Dairy Heifer Competition through most of their Shows. Would like to see it resume to include Central District as well.

19. Election of Dairy Chairperson – term remains current for K Allison.

Dairy Breed Reports

Holstein Friesian NZ

With Mycoplasma Bovis followed by Covid-19, the showing movement has struggled to get momentum in the last few years. From a Breed Society perspective this has seen us looking at different ways to engage with our membership, outside of shows. Social media and online forums have become more the norm, allowing for a larger reach in New Zealand and around the world.

As some shows were held in the 2020/21 our Black & White cow has been dominant in the show ring. The North Island Championships were held at Horowhenua A & P Show with Lakeview Ok Addington VG89 being crowned Holstein Friesian North Island Champion Cow. Early in 2021 the South Island Championships were held at the Gore A & P Show and the South Island Champion Cow was Paretai Mogul Pandora VG88.

The National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp is a major focus for Holstein Friesian New Zealand's Black & White Youth programme. This year the camp was held in Southland and thanks must go to the members and business from the area whose support of the camp was

tremendous. The camp runs over the 4 days and is open to all young breeders, regardless of age or breed.

Young breeders attending the National All Dairy Breeds Youth camp cover a wide range of activities from preparing a heifer for showing, to learning about the NZ dairy industry, 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.

In 2022 that National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp will be held in Waikato and planning is well underway.

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, this year four judging schools were held in Waikato, Manawatu, Canterbury, and Southland. The Association believes that all judges in our breed must progress through the system, maintain a standard by attending a judging school every second year and can 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 recent years, the Association still feels that it is crucial to maintain judging standards and provide a platform for new judges.

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.

Cherilyn Watson
General Manager
Holstein Friesian NZ

Jersey NZ

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

Jersey NZ members enjoyed the return of A & P dairy sections in the 2020/21 season following the , Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. The North Island Championships were held at Waikato, and due to the Covid-19 global pandemic the South Island Championship ribbons were presented as part of the Semex On Farm Jersey Challenge. The Royal Dairy Event at Stratford Show was also the highlight of the season for many members. The NZ Dairy Event was also well supported by Jersey NZ members in late January 2021.

Jersey NZ youth members also took part in the Murray Harnett Youth Judging Challenge which returned to the NZ Dairy Event. The first two placegetters represented Jersey NZ in the NZ Dairy Breeds Federation organised World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition.

The Marcus Trotter Trophy and the Holley Geck Memorial Cup are both centred on youth showing over multiple show and were able to be held this season with the return of dairy sections. Results will be announced shortly.

Joint Jersey/Ayrshire Judging Schools took place in autumn. All Jersey judges regularly re-certify.

In January 2020, Jersey NZ once again took a team of youth 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. Defending their title from 2019, this

team placed second, another great result. Due to Covid-19 this show did not proceed in 2021.

The Jersey NZ Youth Council goes from strength the strength. The Youth Council sees members revolves on a three-year cycle, and activities centre around governance training and breed youth programmes. Several past and present Youth Council members are becoming more active in industry leadership and governance roles.

Ayrshire New Zealand

Championship shows were held this season at Waikato in the North Island and Gore in the South Island, and along with the Royal Dairy Event at Stratford and the NZ Dairy Event at Feilding were well supported by members. For the first time in it's history, the NZ Dairy Event Supreme Champion was an Ayrshire – Pukekaraka Elle Delilah owned by the Gilbert Family of Ashburton. Delilah had already won Supreme All Breeds Champion at Stratford on an earlier trip to the North Island.

The Ayrshire On Farm Competition saw even larger entries than the inaugural competition in 2019. Regional results have been announced, and National results will be announced at the Association's Annual Conference in June

The two young handler classes, the Greenlane Trophy for young handlers aged 5-12 and the Fredrickson Trophy for young handlers aged 13-25 years were contested at both the North and South Island Championships.

The Ayrshire Youth Achiever Competition was retired recently, and for the 2021/22 season replaced with the Ayrshire Young Breeders Heifer Competition. Youth members in four age group classes choose a heifer for the season. Depending on the age group, there are then activity and/or ranking calculations that take place during the season. This competition has recently closed, and results will be announced at the Annual Conference.

Ayrshire NZ youth members also took part in the Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition at the NZ Dairy Event, with the first two placegetters representing Ayrshire New Zealand in the NZ Dairy Breeds Federation organised World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition.

Joint Jersey/Ayrshire Judging Schools took place in autumn. All Ayrshire judges regularly re-certify.

New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Assn

Championship Shows took place at Waikato A & P Show in the North Island and South Otago A & P Show in the South Island. New Milking Shorthorn judges are able to certify at any of the other breed Judging Schools, and existing judges are also encouraged to re-certify.

Sheep Breed Matters – Chair to pass to Ian Stevenson.

20. Minutes

Notes of the Sheep Breeds Meeting held on 22 June 2019, as circulated in Gazette No. 218 (2019), pages 50-54.

Moved: That the Sheep Breeds Annual Minutes of 22 June 2019, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record.

G Timms / D Timms

CARRIED

21. Matters arising from the Minutes not elsewhere in the agenda.

No matters arising.

22. Chairman's Report – to be received.

It is hard to believe that in the period June 2019 to June 2020 New Zealand's sheep numbers dropped by 800,000. So now we have a government and a high percentage of the urban population who are quite happy see productive sheep and beef farms sold to overseas interests with no questions asked to plant in pine trees which will never be harvested, and the carbon credits taken overseas to offset the carbon of the dirty businesses which they own! All this at the expense of one of the best food proteins in the world grass fed red meat.

Bearing the drop in sheep numbers in mind the sheep seedstock ram breeders face an interesting challenge. For the drop in ewe numbers in that twelve-month period the commercial sheep farmers require in the vicinity of 4,500 less rams!

As I mentioned in last year's report the showing of pedigree sheep at A & P shows continues to decline. Partly because of the fact of less rams required and that ram breeding continues to evolve with the advancement in sheep breeding science now identifying the sheep with production far above the average. Ram breeders on the whole probably stand to gain a bigger marketing advantage by putting on a stud display at an A & P show than winning first prize when there is only two exhibitors. The public also find more interest in the display of individual sheep studs than trying to get into rows of sheep pens with the pushchair!

Local A & P shows in sheep areas might be surprised in the interest of ram breeders to display their sheep in an area of the grounds if someone is keen enough to approach them with the concept.

Unfortunately, the National Ewe Hogget never eventuated this year for a variety of reasons.

At local and regional levels in some areas hogget two tooth competitions receive very good entries and are keenly contested. This is probably the way these competitions will stay as the logistics the judges time and the travel cost of judging national finals have become prohibitive.

The Golden Fleece competition suffered the same fate and was cancelled this year. This competition in my mind should be staged in conjunction with an A & P show which has large wool entries. A couple of shows come to mind and probably either one of them would do a good job of staging this national event as part of their normal wool show.

Sheep will remain an important part of New Zealand agriculture for the foreseeable future as sheep meat will become an elite meat, fine wool demand will exceed production and strong wool with the science at the moment will be used for production of biodegradable plastic, a food protein source as well as pharmaceutical products and other amazing things.

To cap it all off it will be proven that extensive sheep farming is 100% carbon neutral.

**Moved: That the Sheep Breeds Chairperson's Annual Report be received.
I Stevenson / P Saunders**

CARRIED

23. Sheep Breed Society Reports – see page 40.

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 -
G Timms – Sheep going well, more demand for the breed.
- NZ Romney Sheep Breeders – no report.
- NZ Sheep Breeders Assn
I Stevenson - 29 Breeds included in Association. Currently celebrating 125 years. Celebrations started at Wanaka Show and will finish at the Canterbury Show this year. Some breed tours were cancelled due to COVID - now getting back to meeting up in person. Special individual Breed Trophies being presented at Canterbury Show in November.
- NZ Southdown Sheep Society
M Jebson – Tough year selling rams due to drought and other farming pressures. Breed Tour held in Southland. Shows have been well supported by the breed.
- Perendale Sheep Society – received

Moved: That the tabled Annual Reports from affiliated Sheep Breeds, be received. M Jebson / P Sanders CARRIED

- 24. Royal Show Schedule – Sheep Section** – As part of the Strategic Business Review all schedules will be reviewed.

RAS President – Individual working groups will be looking at Royal Shows, Royal Events and Breed Schedules. Once the review has been completed, expressions of interest will be called upon for a Royal Show.

- 25. NZ Ewe Hogget Competition** - last report tabled in Gazette 217 (2019).

2019 competition, breed finalists were:

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.

The overall winner - Brian & Anna Coogan.

2020 competition was cancelled.

Chair – competition currently in abeyance, due to lack of volunteers and sponsors. Local Shows are running regional competitions which are well supported.

- 26. Golden Fleece Exhibition** – last report tabled in Gazette 217 (2019). Exhibitions for 2020 and 2021 were cancelled.

Chair – this competition needs revisiting. It needs to change its name and be rebranded, and a brief discussion was had at the Wanaka Show. The competition needs a permanent home at a Show that have large entries and it will bring in other entries. Wanaka is now the biggest Merino Sheep Show – also receives a good public attendance. The competition needs to be more than a special event than going out on a cold May night to see a display. Other sections within the Golden Fleece need to hold separate events, at a venue where they have strong competition.

The Chair read out the following from Martin Paterson (Upper Clutha A&P)

The Upper Clutha A & P Show seeks the endorsement of the RAS, to hold exclusively the National Fine Wool Fleece Competition annually (the Golden Fleece), in conjunction with its annual Show. This proposal to be put to the Royal Ag Society A G M, in Wellington, on Friday 18 June.

WANAKA SHOW, WOOL SECTION PROPOSAL

To hold a National Fine Wool Fleece Competition, annually in conjunction with the show. To be held in the Wanaka Show Wool Pavilion, during the Wanaka Show.

The Competition to be run by the Wanaka Show Wool Committee. Entries of - Merino, Polwarth, Corriedale and Halfbred - Stud and Flock Fleeces only, and to discontinue Strong Wool and Black and Coloured fleece entries, at the Wanaka Show. Entries rules/conditions to be the same as in the present Wanaka Show Schedule. To be judged as per the RAS Judging Schedule for Stud and Flock Fleeces. To have the same classes as presently used in the Wanaka Show Wool Schedule. To have - Supreme Fleece of Show, Supreme Stud, Supreme Flock and Class Champions.

The Competition to be self funding. The 3 Supreme Awards of \$500 each, to be funded by Sponsorships. The Class champions and placings, to be funded by entry fees. Special Trophies /Cups/Shields (except the 'Geoff Pittaway Trophy') are winnable by all entrants, irrespective of where the entrants live. The RAS National Golden Fleece Competition, since being held in Wanaka, has been losing entries, and has not been held for the last two years. It is at risk of losing its public and entrants, profile, and support, to the point of losing sponsorship. When held for the two years in Wanaka as a standalone event/competition, it ran at a financial loss. Few organisations today can afford to run events/competitions at a loss. Looking forward, it is unsustainable to continue the RAS Golden Fleece Competition in its present format, and so needs to be held in conjunction with another complementary event, like an A & P Show. With the large attendance of the Wanaka Show it would greatly increase its exposure. A Strong Wool Competition could be run by another A&P Show. This proposal has been canvased by Martin Paterson with full support of the Wanaka Show Wool Committee and with present show entrants, and many stud and flock entrants in other shows, including the Golden Fleece. Also, most wool brokers and wool judges, with not one negative response. At the RAS Southern Districts AGM, in Wanaka, on 8 May 2021, the concept of the proposal was discussed with Brent Snelllex, President of the R A S with a favourable response, and received a unanimous vote from the meeting. This proposal is complementary to the Wanaka Show becoming the National Merino Sheep Show, for New Zealand.

Martin Paterson, Wanaka Show Wool Committee, 10-7-2021

RAS President – A decision cannot be made today as it has not been an agended item for members to give feedback. It needs to have a group of people from respective breeds within the exhibition to discuss this new proposition. Need to look at all components within this exhibition and form a working group of passionate people to see the exhibition is run and moved forward.

J Huddleston – Central Otago Association are happy to host the Strong Wool competition within their Show Day.

M Jebson – No spokesperson at this meeting from the Alpaca section to voice any comments today – they need to be represented, as they are looking at larger entries for future exhibitions.

F Howie – Wanaka is conscious of maintaining a competition for everyone.

K Worthington – Mohair Society would be keen to be involved in discussions too.

Chair – If we do not move now then we will not have a competition at Wanaka in March 2022.

C Roberts – As involved with the Perendale Sheep Society, more than happy to convene a ZOOM call with representation from all components of the Golden Fleece Exhibition to discuss the new proposition that has been tabled.

Moved: That the meeting accept Wanaka’s offer of hosting a Golden Fleece Fine Wool competition and a Working Group be formed to look at the other components of the competition and organise separate competitions.

I Tippett / F Howie

RAS President – The motion cannot be put as Wanaka’s information has not been made available to our members and a snap decision cannot be made today.

G Smith – You cannot let meeting members present make these decisions at conference without engaging the movement. Relevant information has not been made available to our members.

Chair – You do not have time to contact everyone, as Wanaka Show needs to get underway and start organising it for their 2022 Show.

RAS CEO – As long as due diligence has been done seeking feedback through the Member Societies and exhibitors, a recommendation can be made to UBS and RAS Executive for consideration - Survey Monkey can be put out, asking for feedback.

Amendment to Motion

MOVED: Recommend that the UBS look at Wanaka’s offer of hosting a Fine Wool Golden Fleece competition and a Working Group look at the components within the competition.

I Tippett / R Hall

Motion was put and CARRIED

Original Motion was WITHDRAWN

27. Any other Sheep Breed Matters

PORTFOLIOS

B McRobbie – Why should the Equestrian have a voice on the main executive and yet other Breeds do not?

RAS President – Executive looked at the components in 2019 in consultation with the districts. Other Breeds are included within the current Portfolios. Equestrian has a strong focus with its own portfolio but will take on board the comments that have been made.

RAS CEO – Equestrian is a mix of Breed Societies and then other competitors who do not belong to any Breed Society. RAS train and maintain a list of RAS equestrian judges and set minimum equestrian schedules whereas the Beef, Sheep and Dairy Breeds set their own schedules and train their judges.

COMPETITIONS - COMMUNICATION

J Kelly – Concerned at the comment from top table ‘that hopefully the UBS meeting won’t take time.’ Southern think there should be a Royal Equestrian Society not a Royal Agricultural Society. RAS needs to look at ways of increasing the Beef, Dairy and Sheep entries at Shows, as they are dwindling. More national wide competitions are needed. There is a need to have a Royal Show in the South Island – we need to say that this is what the RAS is doing for us.

M Jebson – Show Connect (Newsletter) is sent out to Show Administrators but from the feedback received it does not seem to be forwarded on to their members. Associations and Societies need to ensure information is being forwarded on to their committees and members. Contributions are welcome from Shows/Breed Societies/Events to be included in 'Show Connect' to promote your Show or inform others what is happening within your Show/District/Breed Society etc.

MBOVIS

B McRobbie – Concern with what MBovis has done to the Showing movement, and if another outbreak occurs what will happen? A letter was sent regarding this.

UBS Chair – Received the letter, but the shutting of Cook Strait was not a decision that could be made by this committee. It would have far reaching effects.

RAS President – MPI monitor MBovis closely and will continue to do so, ensuring that movement of animals are controlled.

B Powell - Checks and balances are in place with MBovis. 25 units a day go across on the Cook Strait Ferry. Milk check is also in place.

K Brewer – If your farm is placed on Notice no animals can leave unless they go to the Works. Trucks and farms go under strict protocols. Paperwork is paramount. All animals are scanned when they go on to the truck. Closing of Cook Strait was not viable. Recommend to all that NAIT records are kept up to date.

ROYAL SHOW

R Walker – One intention with the Working Group will be to discuss the Royal Show and Royal Event – at least one Royal Show and discussing the challenges of hosting same.

M Jebson – Hawarden A&P Assn are holding a Sheep Royal Event at their March 2022 Show.

P Sanders – Mackenzie A&P Society are holding a Sheep Royal Event in April 2023.

RAS CEO – Stratford Assn have applied for Dairy Royal Event – approved; Central Otago have applied for Home Industries – approved.

M Davis – Why are we putting a Royal Show in one area, instead of putting the Royal status in to an area where you receive large entries. Concern that Royal Shows are being held that do not have large entries in some sections.

B McRobbie – Holding a Royal Show at one place year after year is inhibiting. The Royal Show should be the pinnacle event, not Horse of the Year.

C O'Connor – Just need a Show to put up their hand to run such a section.

C Mason – Possibly future strategies have been discussed with Steve Bramley. Need to spend time to see how it is to work in the future and look at the options but need to place our energy in working through the Review first.

G Smith – People need to advocate their responsibility of the organisation – the success of the RAS depends on the ownership of the organisation, not the Executive.

G Timms – Has there been any discussions with Canterbury A&P to see if they would come back and run a Royal Show?

RAS President – Replied that future discussions will be held but like all Shows, they have had concerns at running their Annual Show recently due to COVID.

I Stevenson – Any proposal by the RAS Executive to the Canterbury Board will be looked at.

COMPETITIONS

R Hall – Discussions need to be had with commercial farmers outside the organisations to be involved with competitions.

RAS CEO reiterated former comments. The Strategic Review will look at all components and this included membership and entries.

- 28. Election of Sheep Breeds Chairperson** – one nomination received for Ian Stevenson.
Nominated by: Merino Breed Society & Dorset Down Society
This is duly noted in the AGM meeting pages 47-48.

Sheep Breed Reports

Black & Coloured Sheep

Again, our membership remains static although exhibitor numbers seem to be declining in the North Island.

Mid Canterbury, South Canterbury Waitaki Branches now probably have the most exhibitors.

At the recent Feature Show hosted by the MacKenzie A & P 70 sheep were put up for our two judges. A pity some shows appear to be trying to cut our section back in class numbers when we are often the largest section in the Sheep Section.

Unfortunately, due to Covid in 2020 there was no Golden Fleece Competition to showcase our fleeces and nothing again this year.

Perendale Sheep

It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report of the Perendale Sheep Society.

What a year it has been, we have gone through lockdowns, partial lockdowns, level changes that make travel nearly impossible to recently having international travel bubbles.

All of this has at times made it difficult for your council to meet and action the business of the society. We started the year with the first ever online AGM of our society. This was unprecedented but considered to have been a success. Following on from this we have had several council meetings on zoom, and it appears at times we have issues with internet connections so we have returned to having some council meetings in person.

Last year the Christchurch show was cancelled due to Covid, So I took the opportunity to travel up to Te Kuiti to visit the North Island Ram Fair and the Profit family's sale the day after. It was great to catch up with fellow breeders at the sales and to see a great line up of Perendales.

As in past years the Perendale breed has been very well represented at shows and sales around the country. It is by working together that we keep the breed going forward.

Council is investigating a change to our advertising platform and looking at trialling a move to digital marketing instead of producing a magazine. This will reduce costs a little but will need buy in from members to keep content flowing. Currently we only have a few members contributing to our Facebook page - it would be great to see all members sharing a few photos or a short video of what they are doing.

This year council has started to undertake a review of the Society's Constitution and Rulebook, as we make the draft of this available to members in the next few months, we would appreciate feedback on this. It is our intention that the revised edition will be forwarded to members, with the final version voted on at the next 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Thank you.

Warren Ayers – President

Chair to pass to Ben Burgess.

29. **Other Breed Reports – see pages 42.**

Llama Association – received

Mohair -

K Worthington – Prices holding internationally, two Warehouses in NZ are optimistic.

NZ Alpaca – no report.

NZ Boer Goat – no report.

NZ Kennel Club - not currently a financial member.

NZ Pig Association – no report.

NZ Sheep Dog Trials – no report.

Rare Breeds Association – no report.

Equestrian Meeting

H McLeod – reported from Equestrian Meeting.

- Golden Horse want to increase classes in their schedule.

- Pinto and Standardbred have requested to have add a Breed Section Column on the Horse/Pony ID Form (Height Certificate) for their wins.

Moved: That the Annual Reports from affiliated Breed Societies listed above, be received.

B Burgess / K Allison

CARRIED

30. **Alpaca Letter – pages 43-44.**

M Fleming – Outlined recent discussions. Costs for TB Testing for their members are too high. Current rule is that movement of animals need to be tested. AsureQuality currently undertaking testing of Alpacas. Alpacas are sent overseas, and countries are ensuring that animals are tested before leaving NZ. The system is working and there have been no outbreaks recently. Society is currently working with OSPRI for a suitable outcome.

RAS CEO – Showing Rules & Regulations, Rule 99 needs to be looked at - the Alpaca Society would like to change this rule.

M Fleming – Suggest that status quo remains and wait for further information.

31. **Standard Schedule of Breed Classes for A&P and Royal Shows (other than beef, dairy & sheep) - As part of the Strategic Business Review all schedules will be reviewed.**

RAS President – Individual working groups will be looking at Royal Shows, Royal Events and Breed Schedules. Once the review has been completed, expressions of interest will be called upon for a Royal Show.

32. **RAS of NZ Young Judge's Finals – cancelled for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial year. The Oxford A&P Show hosted the finals for 2021/2022 financial year and the results were as follows.**

Dairy Young Judge of the Year – Holly Powell

Dairy Parader of the Year – Kimberley Simmons

Beef Judge of the Year – Lisa Bonenkamp

Beef Parader of the Year – Cara Doggett

Sheep Young Judge of the Year – Caitlin Rhodes

Merino Fleece Young Judge of the Year – Sophie Ridd

G Smith – Young Judges should be given an opportunity to participate in the Working Group.

I Tippett – Some Young Judges would like to participate in the Australian final in Ekka (Brisbane Royal Show) in Australia – is this the list?

RAS President – No, they are different.

M Jebson – Vote of thanks tabled to Oxford A&P Association for running an excellent competition at the Show in April 2021.

33. Any other matters

H McLeod – Equestrian Meetings looked at a rule around Whisker Trimming, and a Concussion or Fall Card.

34. Election of Chair – one nomination received for Ben Burgess

Nominated by: NZ Hereford & the RAS President

This is duly noted in the AGM meeting, pages 47-48.

Other Breed Reports

NZ Llama Association

Covid lockdowns gave many of us more time to spend with our llamas, which I am sure they appreciated.

After a decline in recent years, it was encouraging to see membership increase from 18 to 33, it is also encouraging that many of these are new llama owners. Our challenge will be to maintain the relevance of NZLA to all members.

After Jacky Middleton put in a lot of work, the only in person llama show planned at Amuri in March was cancelled at the last minute due to a change in Covid levels.

We took advantage of the availability of international judges to hold a Virtual Llama Show in November, it was judged on the weekend of 14th November by a panel consisting of Jim Krowka and Mark Smith from USA and Naomi Woodham from NZ. Scores were averaged to come up with the results. Scores were very tight at the top with only 2 points separating the top 5 and Champion pipping Reserve by only 0.17 of a point.

24 entries were received from 5 people, 3 others intended to enter, but the weather made filming hard. 9 Llama Studs were represented.

It is hoped there will be support for more shows of this type, as it overcomes the problem of lack of transport and the distance between llama farms, plus the small number of accredited llama judges in NZ.

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Dear Debbie,

Reference: Amendment to the RAS Show Rule 99 Alpacas

The AANZ have reviewed the current RAS 99 which currently refers to the Alpaca and Llama Association. This joint reference is no longer appropriate as both associations are managed under their individual rules and regulations.

The AANZ recognises the significant work undertaken by OSPRI and TBFREE NZ in their drive to eradicate Tb in New Zealand. Recent proposed changes by OSPRI to current Tb testing regimes, has provided the AANZ with an opportunity to revise our current voluntary Tb testing protocols. The following table demonstrates the new protocol that is in line with cattle and deer testing (where required) and which takes effect immediately:

TB Free Current Disease Control Areas (As per OSPRI Map – Feb 2021)	Updated AANZ Voluntary Whole Herd Testing Frequency	Alpaca Age to be Tested
Surveillance Area Risk-based Testing Schedules Biennial Testing	5 Yearly Testing	24 Months and Over
Annual Testing	Biennial Testing	24 Months and Over
Movement Control Area (MCA) Pre-Movement Testing plus Annual Testing	60 Day Pre-Movement Testing plus Annual Testing	12 Months and Over

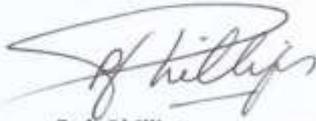
The above protocol will apply to the situations below as a minimum requirement:

- Alpacas entered and attending A&P and AANZ run shows.

- Breeders involved in exporting alpacas overseas where a veterinarian declaration is required for confirming that farms supplying export animals have been free of Tb during the 3 years prior to alpacas being exported.
- Movement of alpacas between alpaca farms that require Tb free status for the above situations. Therefore, if agisting females or stud males from another farm, confirmation of a whole herd Tb test would be required by both the breeder agisting these animals and the breeder bringing these alpacas for agistment. This would include males carrying out short term mobile matings with females from another breeder.

The AANZ appreciates the importance of our continued relationship and look forward to working with the RAS in the future.

Yours sincerely



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