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# EQUESTRIAN BREEDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



**Saturday 18 June 2022 at 1.00pm – via ZOOM**

## ATTENDANCE:

**Breed Delegates:** Diane Chesmar (UBS Equestrian Breeds Chair), Helena McLeod (/Irish Draught/ HSCEX Chair/ Egmont A&P), Julie DeFilippi (Standardbred), Katrina Gosney (Pinto), Michelle Mair (Taranaki H&P/Pony Breeders), Emmy Maxwell (NZ Gypsy Cob/Cheviot A&P), Hillary Milne (Clydesdale Horse), Julie Pascoe (Pinto), Leigh Taylor (Side Saddle/ MND Manager/Te Kauwhata A&P).

## Also, in attendance were:

**Executive/Committees:** Rachel Walker (President), Nic Barkley (Vice President), Malcolm McKerrow (Treasurer/ND Council/Hon.Life), Maria Barta (Member), Melissa Jebson (Member/Judges Convenor/Malvern A&P/CD Council), Maxine Mulligan (HSCEX Clean Sport Convenor/National H&P Show), Kristine Russell (SD Judges Convenor/South Otago A&P); and Christine Roberts (Admin).

**Members:** Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Steph Gowing (Whangarei A&P), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P), Tabitha Hazlett, Nicky Hutchinson (Banks Peninsula A&P), Vicki Jagersma (WD Chair/Stratford A&P), Jim Keyte (MN Council), Jan McGregor (Kaikohe A&P), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Matamata A&P/Morrinsville A&P), Sue Morrish (CD Council), Cara O'Connor (LRHOY Convenor), Pauline Pattullo (Banks Peninsula A&P), Ruth Stiven (SD Manager), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), and Ian Tippett (SD Eq Chair/Winton A&P/Upper Clutha A&P).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Rachel Walker – RAS President	Warm welcome extended by the President to meeting attendees.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Diane Chesmar – RAS Equestrian Breeds Chairperson	Welcome from Chairperson, who opened the 2022 Annual General Equestrian Breeds Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1	Louellen Davies (Mid-Northern District Eq Chair), Steph Mann (NZ Carriage) Fiona McLachlan (NZ Arabian Horse Society)	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the apologies as listed in 3.1 be received.
		Moved: L Taylor      Seconded: H Brake      CARRIED

4	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.

5	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
5.1	<b>Confirmation of 2021 Annual General Meeting Equestrian Breeds Minutes</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Minutes of 19 June 2021 Equestrian Breeds Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.
		Moved: H McLeod      Seconded: E Maxwell      CARRIED
5.2	<b>Matters arising from Minutes (not on Agenda)</b>	No matters arising.
5.3	<b>General Business added to the Agenda</b>	No further General Business noted.

<b>6 Reports</b>		<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Equestrian Breeds Chairperson</b>	See page 6.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Equestrian Breeds Chairperson's report be received.
		Moved: D Chesmar      Seconded: L Taylor      CARRIED
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Affiliated Equestrian Breed Societies Annual Reports</b> 6.2.1 Clydesdale Horse Society 6.2.2 Connemara Pony Society of NZ 6.2.3 Donkey & Mule Society of NZ 6.2.4 Irish Draught Horse Society of NZ 6.2.5 Morgan Horse Association of NZ 6.2.6 National Miniature Horse Society of NZ 6.2.7 NZ Arab Horse Breeders Society 6.2.8 NZ Golden Horse Society 6.2.9 NZ Gypsy Cob Association 6.2.10 NZ Miniature Horse Society 6.2.11 NZ Pinto Horse Society 6.2.12 NZ Shetland Pony Breeders 6.2.13 NZ Standardbred Breeders Association 6.2.14 Welsh Pony and Cob Societ	Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report - see pages 6-9 Clydesdale Horse Society of NZ Annual Report received after the Agenda had been circulated – see page 6.  Irish Draught Horse Society of NZ Annual Report received after the Agenda had been circulated – see page 7.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the affiliated Equestrian Societies Annual Reports as tabled, be received.
		Moved: H McLeod      Seconded: L Taylor      CARRIED

<b>7 Correspondence</b>		<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>National Miniature Horse Society NZ.</b>	An alternative Miniature Horse Section Schedule was tabled. This could be in addition to the current Miniature Horse section schedule of classes run by Shows.  <b>Action:</b> THAT the correspondence be received.

<b>8 General Business</b>		<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Revised Horse/Pony ID Form</b>	Breeds Societies have approved in principle the revised Horse/Pony ID Form to include Breed columns. The Horse Stewards Council Executive have also approved this revision in principle. Recommendation to now go forward to the next meeting.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the meeting recommends the adoption of the revised Horse/Pony ID Form to include Breed columns.
		Moved; J Pascoe      Seconded: J DeFilippi      CARRIED

<b>9</b>	<b>Election of Chairperson</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Equestrian Breeds Chairperson.</b>	<b>Mrs Diane Chesmar – term remains current.</b>

<b>13</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		Meeting declared closed at 1.11pm.
		Before the Main Equestrian meeting commenced the Breeds Equestrian Chair asked for general discussion to be had on how we can entice more Breed Societies to attend RAS AGM's, to encourage and support each other, and share benefits.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Equestrian Breeds Chairperson – Diane Chesmar

Once again, our show seasons have been decimated by the Corona virus, with only very few A&P Shows going ahead, those that did proceed had a scaled back event.

Unfortunately breed sections did not usually make the cut when schedules were revamped to accommodate the requirements for an organisation to run an event during orange or red phases of the COVID response, a large number of Breed shows also succumbed to COVID requirements.

A large number of events have thought “outside the square” to run a showing event that is both successful financially for their organisation and is appealing for competitors. This is something that we are all going to have to do going into the future, no longer can we do things the way that they have always been done in the past – COVID happened, and our world has changed.

I have had the privilege of talking with a few Breed representatives regarding their concerns, and I thank you for being open and honest. I understand that there are three issues that are important currently:

1. Some Breed members feel that they cannot see many/any benefits for their affiliation.
2. Some feel that they are not heard/listened to.
3. It appears there is little confidence that those elected to represent the members will work proactively with ALL members. There is also a perception that in the past the election process has not been transparent or honest.

We do need to hear your issues/concerns and ideas to enable us all to work together proactively for any outcome, change begins with a conversation, so please do not hesitate to make contact

I envisage having two Zoom meetings during the next year, one in the Spring and the other in the Autumn prior to the RAS Annual General Meeting. As members of the RAS it is hugely important that Breed Societies do have a voice and that the RAS can support and resource you adequately and that your Organisation can see benefits for your membership.

We all (A&Ps, Breed Societies, Administrators, Competitors, RAS Councils and Executive), have a part to play and a vested interest in making sure that the Showing Movement stays relevant, popular and exciting.

It is vital that anyone elected to a position will communicate and work with individuals across the various levels of the RAS, particularly when a Portfolio is held in that position. Elected officers are elected by the members to represent them and as elected representatives we do not have the luxury of deciding who we will and will not speak to in the course of our work, the RAS must be an inclusive organisation.

At the 2021 AGM a precis of the Steve Bramley report was put forward and was discussed, it is hoped that some important issues will have been addressed post that meeting. I do know that there are a variety of Working Groups toiling away on a number of salient issues and hopefully we will have tangible outcomes that we can all work together on very soon.

Looking forward to catching up with you all shortly for our Equestrian Breed Zoom meeting and then around the rings during the 2022/2023 season.

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### 6.2 Affiliated Breed Societies

#### 6.2.1 Clydesdale Horse Society – Hillary Milne (Delegate)

Report received after Agenda was circulated

Throughout the North Island we have seen fewer A&P shows, with some of our classes affected by low entry numbers, and some shows cancelled due to COVID, while other shows have struggled financially. A further issue we are coming up against is peoples' attitudes to working horse classes being part of the A&P shows, whereby we can only host in-hand classes at some shows due to wagons or sledges “frightening” horses/ponies. Sadly, some competitors have gone so

far as to announce over the loudspeaker about their issues with our working classes. Fortunately, we have some shows such as Morrinsville who still welcome the Clydesdales to the ring with all our heavy horse working classes, this is usually our best turn out of Clydesdale horses for the North Island. The South Island have reported a more positive number of shows and events with good support throughout.

We have welcomed a good number of new members at this years' AGM, creating a stable base number of members. Our secretary has been busy producing the latest of our stud books. Every few years, a full detailed studbook is published.

The Clydesdale Horse is an "at risk" rare breed, the only enduring draft horse breed in New Zealand. Currently the number of horses being registered per year are approximately half of what they were a decade ago. But the demand for registered Clydesdales is currently high. While we continue to promote the breeding of Purebred Clydesdale horses we are coming up against people wanting to buy good quality mares for breeding all variety of cross bred horses or breeding up into other studbooks. As such we are promoting the value of purebreds – bred for their quality of conformation, strength and docility.

With changes in horse welfare, we have changed our registration rules to reflect the difficulties in getting horses branded and will now accept either microchipping or branding as the main form of identification. Some members have also taken up DNA parentage verification at the time of microchipping.

In 2021 we celebrated our Centennial, we are now looking forward to the future of the Clydesdale Horse in NZ, creating new opportunities for people to be involved with the society and inviting any interested parties to make contact.

## 6.2.2 Connemara Pony Society of NZ – No report received.

### 6.2.3 Donkey and Mule Society of NZ - Beth McVerry (President)

**A & P Shows:** There are usually 23 A & P Shows holding Donkey & Mule classes each season. However, in 2021/2022 there were only six A & P shows with classes. Most were cancelled due to covid but a few because there were insufficient entries. There was one with donkey/mule classes held in Western; two in Central and three in Southern (Southland did not have any shows, but three shows were held in Otago. A Southland organiser contacted shows in that area to see if they were going ahead and told they were not, only to find later that two had!) The society's own North Island Show was cancelled but it's South Island show in Christchurch was held. This is the largest donkey and mule show in the country.

Showing numbers in Southland remained healthy. The society held a Virtual Donkey & Mule Show for the second year and it attracted 96 donkeys and mules, with entries in the Mammoth, Teamster, English/Irish Miniature and Part Bred donkey sections as well as pony and hack mules.

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.

**Donkey & Mule Register:** There is only one breed society for donkeys and mules in New Zealand. The Donkey & Mule Society of NZ. We have a combined Register which is for all donkeys and mules in the country. They do not need to be owned by members to be registered. There are five pure breeds of donkeys in New Zealand, American Miniature Mediterranean; American Mammoth; Australian Teamster; English/Irish and New Zealand Ponui Island Donkeys. However, most donkeys are Part Bred. Currently we are migrating our register to the Breedmate software and within the next few months we will make it freely available on the internet for anyone to consult. This has been a huge project. There are records for over 4,000 donkeys and mules in our registers which date back to 1972.

### 6.2.4 Irish Draught Horse Society of NZ –Helena McLeod (President)

#### Report received after Agenda was circulated

I have really enjoyed my year as President, have met some fantastic Irish loving, like-minded people who are just as passionate as me about the breed.

I had to say farewell to my lovely rising 24 year old Kingsway Diamond mare "Three of Diamonds' or Gem as she was known to us in April, gee that has left a huge hole at our place, I have her two foals – "Brixton Park Three Kings" who is retired and my lovely Northwood Jetstream filly "Brixton Park First Lady" who is 5. If I am to keep the position of President of the Irish Horse Society, I feel I need to breed or buy another Irish, two just simply is not enough!

We have such an enthusiastic Committee at the moment who have all stepped up and achieved some amazing things. We have a new website and database, this has meant many hours of data cleansing for our Registrar Tracy Crossan who you may have seen on Country Calendar recently, she's a busy lady with some big plans for our breed, which is just awesome.

Our Secretary Tania Kelland manages to work night shifts driving some impressive heavy vehicles and puts together our minutes and agenda's – she has also taken on the Performance Competition from Lisa Clark our Vice President – who unfortunately for us, as decided to resign as of this years' AGM, I have only met Lisa via Zoom since taking on this role, but understand she has been paying an annual membership for 25+ years as well as putting together an action packed newsletter and running the performance competition. Thank you for all you have done for this wonderful Society Lisa, I hope to meet you in person at this years' AGM.

Sarah Barr our Treasurer, not only a house renovating extraordinaire, horse float and truck rebuilder and mother to one very insightful young man, took over the financials for us on very limited information and handover, we have moved the finances to Xero, so future office holders can pick up this role easily, and with total transparency.

We had Tracy Crossan and Jo Alexander donate a stallion service each to raffle, which brought in a great cash injection – thank you again for your generosity.

John O’Keeffe put up the sponsorship to pay for the society to become affiliated with the RAS (Royal Agricultural Society) we are now guaranteed Irish classes at any Royal Event in the future.

To the other members of our committee, thank you for your time, the support and the laughs, Paula Hippolite will keep a news section on the Website updated so send any results, achievements or just general Irish info of interest on to her.

We have some changes to the constitution we would like to table at this years’ AGM regarding Stallion Classification and Registration of Progeny, if you would like to have a say on these please attend, I am looking forward to meeting some of you in August – I fully intend to rock out in my style green IDHSNZ polo, now that we have some merchandise to represent our lovely bred.

Happy Riding and good luck with any impending foals this season, I cannot wait to see photos appearing on our facebook page of beautiful Irish babies. [www.irishhorse.org.nz](http://www.irishhorse.org.nz) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/134375942205>

#### **6.2.5 Morgan Horse Association of NZ - No report received.**

#### **6.2.6 National Miniature Horse Society of NZ - No report received.**

#### **6.2.7 NZ Arabian Horse Society – Fiona McLachlan (Secretary)**

COVID has yet again severely disrupted the past show season. Thank you to those that continue to include an Arabian Section at their shows. Our competitors appreciate those that offer both led and ridden classes so they can make a day of it. A reminder that classes for unregistered horses are not to be included under any circumstances.

The Society has trialled its own Breed Performance Card this past season with very little uptake. We were able to publicise the card to our own Society members, but non-members are largely unaware of its existence. The NZAHS joins other breed societies in requesting that the RAS height certificate/performance card be modified to include space for breed section wins.

With any luck we will have a full and uninterrupted 2022/23 show season. Our competitors are certainly looking forward to getting out and about with their horses after so much disruption over the past few years.

#### **6.2.8 NZ Golden Horse Society – Wendy Blithe (President)**

With another year of covid affecting most of the A & P shows, we were lucky enough to manage to have golden horse classes at a few shows, in both islands.

Our North and South Island Golden Horse Championship shows were very much welcomed and well supported, by our Golden Horse members. It was wonderful to see so many "Goldens" at these events.

We hope to have a few more shows to attend this show season as I'm sure everyone in the horse world is wishing for.

#### **6.2.9 NZ Gypsy Cob Association - No report received.**

#### **6.2.10 NZ Miniature Horse Society - No report received.**

#### **6.2.11 NZ Pinto Horse Society – Julie Pascoe (Secretary)**

The NZ Pinto Horse Society like no doubt many Breed and A&P Societies has had a bumpy year due to the impact of COVID19. That said we still have had great support from our members throughout New Zealand.

The show season has been a challenging one and we would like to take this opportunity to pass on our appreciation to the A&P Societies that were able to go ahead and include a Pinto section at their show. We are always keen to support shows with sponsorship that are happy to include a Pinto section.

The cancellation of the Land Rover Horse of The Year show was a huge disappointment to riders for the second year running, but totally understandable. We were lucky enough to still be able to run our own North Island and South Island Pinto Championship shows which were both well supported by our members. Fingers crossed that the 2023 season will be less disrupted.

We would also like it noted that the NZ Pinto Horse Society along with some other Breed Societies is keen for breed wins to be recorded on the RAS Performance cards. Recently we have made good headway on this, and it is looking more promising for a decision to be made.

#### **6.2.12 NZ Shetland Pony Breeders - No report received.**

#### **6.2.13 NZ Standardbred Breeders Association – Julie DeFilippi (Delegate)**

After another Covid interrupted season, like most, NZSBA are looking forward to next season being a tad more settled.

Although many shows catering to our breed did not get the opportunity to run, this year has been a busy one for us with one big change. NZSBA has had to initiate a "passport" (show registration card) for the Standardbred breed.



With New Zealand Harness Racing deciding to cease branding, for the show ring we have had to introduce this new registration system for those horses competing in showing once they finish racing. Having a brand was an easy visual indicator, making it easy to recognise that horses competing in the standardbred ring were indeed standardbreds!

Going forward, without this we have had to issue the show horses with this "passport" that contains photos, breeding, brand (if applicable) and their microchip number along with the owners details. This in essence makes them similar to most other breeds registered with their respective societies.

At this point we have incorporated a performance portion on the passport until we can hopefully accommodate the breeds on the RAS Performance Card/ Height Certificate.

Hopefully the shows will not find it too difficult having Stewards check the horses' passports before competing along with the height certificates and we appreciate the shows running our ring, doing this - to hopefully give some surety of the horses identity to make sure it is a standardbred competing against standardbreds once the unbranded horses move from racing into a showing career.

#### 6.2.14 Welsh Pony and Cob Society - No report received.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 National Miniature Horse Society – Sharon Stevens

#### National Miniature Horse Soc Inc

#### Miniature Horse Breed Report – 2022 RAS Equestrian Meeting – June 2022

On behalf of the National Miniature Horse Soc Inc – affiliated to the RAS – we wish to submit an “alternative” Minimum Schedule for A&P shows, in regards to miniature horses. We believe there is room for both schedules, the current NZMHA one and this one, and that A&P shows can choose which one best suits their particular area and A&P.

Currently the miniature horse classes at A&P shows are run under a NZMHA minimum schedule and their show rules (but note that both NZMHA and NMHSNZ are affiliated to RAS). The miniature horses in NZ have evolved over recent years and a large number of Miniature American Shetland ponies have been imported in NZ, and being bred with – and this quite distinct breed/pony can be registered as miniature horses here in NZ as long as they are under 38” and meet height for age requirements.

These American shetlands are simply stunning, beautiful and very popular. But there is still a very strong demand and desire also for the original and still beautiful miniature horse. They are two very, very different types of horse/pony, and the American Shetland clearly has a strong advantage in the show ring.

The National Miniature Horse Society and several other miniature horse clubs in NZ have quickly seen the impact the American shetlands are having on the miniature horses here in NZ, and have recognised and moved with the times to evolve their shows so that the “original” miniature horse and the American shetlands have their own classes. NZMHA now offers “heritage” classes so the more original miniature horses have a place to show, so they too see a need to separate the horses, but have not included that in their A&P schedule.

Before the introduction of the separate American Shetland classes, many of the original miniature horses started just sitting in the paddock, despite their great worth.

A&P shows are quickly losing numbers at shows because all horses continue to show in the same combined classes – because most people believe that to do any good in the show ring you have to show a miniature American Shetland. Yet many choose for various quite valid reasons not to have the American shetlands, but to concentrate on the original miniatures.

The new concept of the three groups of horses (A, B, American Shetland) has proved to be a huge success with NMHSNZ at the shows, and with other clubs around the country. Entries have increased. Every horse has a section of its own type (showing apples against apples) to compete against. Think of the different Welsh sections – it all works well for the Welsh. A win-win for everyone concerned, including the horses.

The miniature horse scene in NZ has evolved to people preferring to show at stand alone miniature horse shows (where there are the three sections and you show like against like) rather than A&P shows (where there are only the two sections). This is your chance to help reverse that trend at A&P shows.

The % of American Shetland miniature horse bloodlines to be as per NMHSNZ show rules. This is currently already working well at our shows, and easily identified. Our proposed new schedule also recognises the geldings – by having separate classes for the older geldings, as often these are the largest classes.

Excluding the optional performance classes, which we don't believe need to change, here is a comparison of the very limited additional classes required:-

	Current NZMHA	New NMHSNZ
Classes	22	23
Championships	12	12
Supreme Champion	2	3

**So only TWO extra ribbons** to make the classes fairer for all

**We respectfully ask that you give this serious consideration as we believe it will improve the number of miniature horses shown at A&P shows, which in turn improves the number of RAS measurings required.**

**RAS Miniature Horse  
Recommended NMHSNZ Minimum Schedule for A&P Shows**

- Horses must be registered with bodies affiliated to the RAS (i.e. NMHSNZ and/or NZMHA).
- Registration number and Association must be stated on entry form.
- The Miniature Horse section of the show shall be run in accordance with the RAS equestrian rules AND either:-
  - NZMHA show rules (if using NZMHA minimum schedule)
  - NMSHNZ show rules (if using NMHSNZ minimum schedule)

Note: If there is a conflict RAS rules take precedence.

1. Best Presented (including Cat A, Cat B, Cat AS - Miniature American Shetlands)

**Category A – 24% or less American Shetland bloodlines**

2. Foal/Yearling Filly  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
3. Foal/Yearling Colt or Gelding  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
4. Female - 2 years & over
5. Gelding - 2 years & over
6. Colt/Stallion – 2 years & over  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR  
SUPREME CHAMPION CAT A
7. Best Movement – Cat A

**Category B – 24% or less American Shetland bloodlines**

8. Foal/Yearling Filly  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
9. Foal/Yearling Colt or Gelding  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
10. Female - 2 years & over
11. Gelding - 2 years & over
12. Colt/Stallion – 2 years & over  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR  
SUPREME CHAMPION CAT B
13. Best Movement – Cat B

**Category AS – (of all miniature horse heights) - 25% and over American Shetland bloodlines**

14. Foal/Yearling Filly  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
15. Foal/Yearling Colt or Gelding  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNGSTOCK
16. Female - 2 years & over
17. Gelding - 2 years & over
18. Colt/Stallion – 2 years & over  
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR  
SUPREME CHAMPION CAT AS
19. Best Movement – Cat AS

**Classes Open to all Cat A, Cat B, Cat AS miniature horses**

20. Best Multi Colour
21. Best Solid Colour
22. Best Head - Female
23. Best Head – Male

**Optional Performance classes to remain the same as currently listed.**

# EQUESTRIAN (MAIN) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



**Saturday 18 June 2022, immediately following the Equestrian Breeds Meeting – via ZOOM**

## ATTENDANCE:

**Executive/Committees:** Rachel Walker (President), Nic Barkley (Vice President), Malcolm McKerrow (Treasurer/ND Council/Hon.Life), Maria Barta (Member), Melissa Jebson (Member/Judges Convenor/Malvern A&P/CD Council), Maxine Mulligan (HSCEX Clean Sport Convenor/National H&P Show), Kristine Russell (SD Judges Convenor/South Otago A&P); and Christine Roberts (Admin).

**Members:** Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Diane Chesmar (UBS Equestrian Breeds Chair), Julie DeFilippi (Standardbred), Katrina Gosney (Pinto), Steph Gowing (Whangarei A&P), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P), Tabitha Hazlett, Nicky Hutchinson (Banks Peninsula A&P), Vicki Jagersma (WD Chair/Stratford A&P), Jim Keyte (MN Council), Michelle Mair (Taranaki H&P/Pony Breeders), Emmy Maxwell (NZ Gypsy Cob/Cheviot A&P), Jan McGregor (Kaikohe A&P), Helena McLeod (HSCEX Chair/Irish Draught/Egmont A&P), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Matamata A&P/Morrinsville A&P), Hillary Milne (Clydesdale Horse), Sue Morrish (CD Council), Cara O'Connor (LRHOY Convenor), Julie Pascoe (Pinto), Pauline Pattullo (Banks Peninsula A&P), Ruth Stiven (SD Manager), Julie Pascoe (Pinto), Leigh Taylor (MND Manager/Te Kauwhata A&P/Side Saddle), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), and Ian Tippett (SD Eq Chair/Winton A&P/Upper Clutha A&P).

1 Welcome		Discussion - Action
	<b>Rachel Walker – RAS President</b>	Warm welcome extended by the President to meeting attendees.
2 Chair of Meeting		Discussion - Action
	<b>Nic Barkley – RAS Vice President</b> chaired the meeting, due to RAS Equestrian Horse Stewards Council Executive Chairperson, Helena McLeod, being unwell.	Welcome from Chairperson, who opened the 2022 Annual General Equestrian (Main) Meeting at 1.26pm.
3 Apologies		Discussion - Action
<b>3.1</b>	Leanne Cooke (ND Judges Convenor/ND Manager), Louellen Davies (Mid-Northern District Eq Chair), Steph Mann (NZ Carriage), Fiona McLachlan (NZ Arabian Horse Society), Wendy Collin (ED Chair).	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the apologies as noted in 3.1 be received.
		Moved: D Chesmar      Seconded: C O'Connor      CARRIED
4 Conflict of Interest		Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.
5 Standard follow up items		Discussion - Action
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Confirmation of 2021 Annual General Equestrian (Main) Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Minutes of 19 June 2021 Annual General Equestrian (Main) Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.
		Moved: L Taylor      Seconded: H McLeod      CARRIED
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> (not on Agenda)	No matters arising.
<b>5.3</b>	<b>General Business added to the Agenda</b>	1. Revised Horse/Pony ID Form (Height Certificate). 2. S Morrish – Youth Equestrian Team.

6	Reports	Discussion - Action
6.1	<b>Affiliated Equestrian Societies</b> 6.1.1 NZ Carriage Driving Society 6.1.2 NZ Equestrian Pleasure Horse Society 6.1.3 NZ Riding Pony Society 6.1.4 NZ Side Saddle Association 6.1.5 Pony Breeders Society of NZ	Affiliated Societies delegates were all asked for a written report - see page 17.  Apologies from NZ Side Saddle Association for not forwarding a report, due to a change of Office Bearers.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the affiliated Equestrian Societies tabled reports be received.
		Moved: H Simmons      Seconded: M Mair      CARRIED
6.2	<b>Districts Horse Stewards Chairperson's Reports</b> 6.2.1 Northern – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.2.2 Mid Northern 6.2.3 Eastern – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.2.4 Western – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.2.5 Central 6.2.6 Southern	See pages 18-19.   <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Mid-Northern, Central, and Southern Districts Horse Stewards Chairperson's Annual Reports as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: H Simmons      CARRIED
6.3	<b>Clean Sport</b> 6.3.1 National Clean Sport Convenor	See page 19.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the National Clean Sport Convenor's report as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: C O'Connor      CARRIED
6.4	<b>Equine Health</b>	See page 19.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Equine Health Representative's Annual report as tabled be received.
		Moved: C O'Connor      Seconded: H Simmons      CARRIED
6.5	<b>Horse of the Year 2022</b>	The 2022 Land Rover Horse of the Year Show was cancelled, therefore there was no report.
6.6	<b>Judges</b>	
	6.6.1 National Judges Convenor	See page 19.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the National Judges Convenor's Annual report as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: H McLeod      CARRIED
	6.6.2 District Judge Convenors 6.6.2.a Northern 6.6.2.b Mid-Northern 6.6.2.c Eastern 6.6.2.d Western 6.6.2.e Central 6.6.2.f Southern	See pages 19-22.  Accolade to District Judge Convenors who are doing a great job.  Western District – new Convenor is Mr Alan Windle.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Districts Judges Convenor's Annual reports as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: H McLeod      CARRIED

<b>6.7</b>	<b>Measuring</b>	
	<b>6.7.1 National Measuring Convenor</b>	See page 22.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the National Measuring Convenor's Annual report as tabled be received.
		Moved: L Taylor      Seconded: M McKerrow      CARRIED
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Youth Equestrian Team</b>	No report – the 2021 Tri-Nation's Equestrian Youth Team Event was cancelled.

<b>7</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Clean Sport</b>	
	<b>7.1.1 Stewards</b>	RAS Executive review's any recommendations on a case-by-case basis.
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Judges</b>	Names of New/Upgraded Judges, and new Tutor Graded Judges tabled.
	<b>7.2.1 Northern</b>	Janette McGregor (3WT); Gaylene Stanaway-Dreadon (3WT).
	<b>7.2.2 Mid-Northern</b>	Leesa Banicevich (3), Katrina Lau-Guild (2-1).
	<b>7.2.3 Eastern</b>	No names tabled.
	<b>7.2.4 Western</b>	Joanne Doolan (3WT).
	<b>7.2.5 Central</b>	Sandra Evers (3WT); Felicity Grant (3WT); Doug Hough (3WT); Laura Pattie (3WT); Julie DeFilippi (TJ). .
	<b>7.2.6 Southern</b>	Gillian Brock (3WT); Sonia Gerken (3, WH, HJ); Tui Wilson (3); Georgina Bell (3-2,HJ); Michael Goodwin (2-1); Louise Alan (WH, HJ); Sarah Hassall (WH); Kristine Russell (WH).
		Chair acknowledged the names of the new and upgraded Judges and thanked them for their support and hard work to the movement.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the above names as noted be acknowledged.
		Moved: N Barkley      Seconded: M Jebson      CARRIED
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Measuring</b>	
	<b>7.3.1 Measuring Inspectors</b>	RAS Executive will review the District's nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.
	<b>7.3.2 Measuring Stewards</b>	RAS Executive will review the District's nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

<b>8</b>	<b>Fees and Levies</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Equestrian Levies</b>	Equestrian Levies collected for 2021.2022 Show season tabled – see page 23.

		<p>Levy income down on previous year due to Shows not being able to run due to COVID.</p> <p>Ian Tippett – no breakdown is shown on the Annual Financial Report as to where the equestrian levy that has been collected has been spent.</p> <p>M. McKerrow – equestrian levies collected go towards the equestrian services that are provided to members. A more in-depth financial report will be given at the AGM.</p>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Measuring Fees</b>	The Executive have reviewed the measuring levies and resolved to maintain the status quo. No increase in Measuring Fees for 2022.2023.

<b>9</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Poverty Bay A&amp;P Association</b>	<p>See page 24.</p> <p>Recommending that the Land Rover Horse of the Year (LRHOY) Qualification and Attendance criteria both be removed.</p> <p>M Hain – the biggest problem is that only some classes at LRHOY have only 4 or 5 horses in them, because that is all the people who have qualified. Lots of shows don't run a Hunter Jumping (HJ) section now. Only asking the meeting to look at the qualification needed to attend 2023 LRHOY.</p> <p>C O'Connor – the RAS is an invited guest to run the showing section at LRHOY. It is the LRHOY show, and the RAS have to follow their requirements, noting that the event organisers only want the 'best of the best' horses there. LRHOY have over the last 2 years reviewed all discipline sections and their schedules due to time/days, space and financial constraints, and the RAS Showing Section Committee will be advised of the outcomes soon. Attendance at Shows was initiated to encourage competitors to attend and support our Shows, and so that they do not stop competing at them once they achieved their qualification.</p> <p>Open Forums have been convened at the LRHOY Show by the RAS Committee for competitors to attend and have their say.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> THAT any recommendation(s) put forward from members/competitors will be tabled at meetings between RAS LRHOY Committee and LRHOY to discuss further.</p>

<b>10</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Protests v's Complaints</b>	<p>President - Resolution Process is currently being reviewed due to recent incident(s) at Shows and we are looking at whether the current process is doing the job that it should. A draft will be forwarded to district chairs and members asking for feedback.</p> <p>At the moment the process is focused on a Show and the actions</p>

		that happens within it. We are looking at widening the process, as well as the difference between a complaint and a protest.
10.2	<b>Fall Card</b>	Reminder of the template Fall Card that has been circulated to shows that they can use, if a rider falls off their mount.
10.3	<b>Whisker Trimming</b>	Reminder of the Whisker Trimming rule was bought in as of 1 January 2022. Shows will continue to be monitored and Judges will be also be reminded of this rule when adjudicating.
10.4	<b>Helmet Tags</b>	<p>ESNZ and Pony Club have advised of revised Helmet Tag Standards as from 1 August 2023 - see pages 25-26.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> As per Equestrian Rule GR 4 d) - All hats/helmets that conform as per c) must be identified by the current tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> New coloured Tags to be obtained from ESNZ and distributed to Measuring Stands and shows as required.</p>
10.5	<b>Website</b>	<p>Chair – Website has been refreshed and the new one is now up and running. A slightly different look and feel. A ‘Members only’ page has been activated, which can be only access by members who have registered. Some initial issues have been resolved and thank you to those members who have reported these. If there are further issues that members are aware of, please make contact asap. A Digital Working Group will be looking at how to improve the website going forward and be interacting for members.</p> <p>I Tippett – the database on horse/ponies on the new website is listed only in a limited form – why was the old website database not left until all the information can be transferred across.</p> <p>Chair – all information on the 24,000+ horse/ponies that were on the old website database is on the new website database apart from their respective ‘wins’, which will be uploaded soon. There were a lot of issues with the old database which was over 10years old. The new website is more user friendly where you can interact on it by your phone, tablet etc.</p> <p>Discussion followed on improving the database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating of wins, DOB and correcting names.</li> <li>- Deleting horses/ponies that have deceased.</li> <li>- Microchipping as a form of identification.</li> <li>- Currently the manual inputting system can only be updated as information is received.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Ask owners via the website to advise RAS Head Office if there are any amendments to be made of owners, horse/pony details, corrections etc on the database.</p> <p>I Tippett – Why wasn’t there any further input from the Digital Optimisation Working Group into the website.?</p>

		<p>Chair – now the new website is active, the Digital Optimisation WG will reconvene to see how the new website can be made more interactive going forward.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Members are asked to please forward any photos that could be included on the website pages.</p>
<b>10.6</b>	<b>As noted in 5.3</b>	
	<b>10.6.1 Revised Horse/Pony ID Form</b>	<p>To include Breed Columns.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> a recommendation be made to the RAS Executive for the adoption of the new revised Horse/Pony ID Form.</p>
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: C O'Connor      CARRIED
	<b>10.6.2 Equestrian Youth Team</b>	<p>S Morrish – It has been brought to her notice the lack of transparency and inadequacy of the selection process. It is suggested that the Coach and Managers roles be advertised, as these are professional roles and should be open to all. The selection of team members also needs to be more transparent and suggest there be a panel of selectors that are not the Coach or Manager, however the Coach could have input to the selection panel. This would make it fair for all applicants.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the above points be noted and recommended to the Executive.</p>
		Moved: S Morrish      Seconded: D Chesmar      CARRIED
		M Jebson – an update on the Tri-nation series is that due to costs, the United Kingdom will not be sending a team for the next couple of years, due to funding. Australia has not confirmed as yet whether they will continue in the competition next year or not.
	<b>10.6.3 District Horse Stewards Meeting</b>	<p>L Taylor – asked why there is not a District Horse Stewards Meeting?</p> <p>Only 3 Districts have separate Horse Stewards Council/Committees. Any concerns from the Districts can come forward to the Horse Stewards Council Executive, to meet with them or to have further discussion on.</p>

<b>11</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		<p><b>Action:</b> The following nominations will go through to the Annual General Meeting.</p>
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<p>One nomination was received, that of - <b>Ms Helena McLeod.</b> Nominees: Waverley A&amp;P Association / Cara O'Connor.</p>



11.2	<b>National Clean Sport Convenor</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mrs Maxine Mulligan.</b> Nominees: Manawatu A&P Association / Hawkes Bay A&P Society.
11.3	<b>National Judges Convenor</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mrs Melissa Jebson.</b> Nominees: Northern A&P Association / Oxford A&P Association.
11.4	<b>National Measuring Convenor</b>	<b>Ms Steph Mann's</b> term remains current

<b>12</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		The Chair thanked all for attending.  <b>Meeting declared closed at 2.37pm</b>

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Equestrian Affiliated Societies

#### 6.1.1 NZ Carriage Driving Society – Steph Mann (Secretary)

NZ Carriage Driving Society has been plagued by interruptions to our showing season this year, like many other societies. Furthermore, low entry numbers have seen driving classes cancelled at many A&P events in the North Island. The Society is working with the membership to see what can be done to bolster numbers but it seems as though showing as a discipline is in a current state of decline, even with the inclusion of a broader range of class types and despite member numbers on the rise.

Despite this rather gloomy start, carriage driving as a sport is quietly on the rise with disciplines of dressage and combined driving trials much more popular

#### 6.1.2 NZ Equestrian Pleasure Society – Leeanne Morrison (President)

Another year of many challenges for shows and riders.

Again, COVID19 featured prominently affecting many shows and cancelling LRHOY.

Our members were lucky that a number of smaller shows were able to go ahead, and we had some pop up shows.

The society has decided it will carry over qualification to next year's LRHOY but will require an attendance to ensure shows get supported. Fingers crossed for a normal season next year

#### 6.1.3 NZ Riding Pony Society – Alan Windle (President)

The NZRPS has had a rather different year like you all !

In saying that the NZRPS Show in February was held at Kirwee and was a resounding success with an increase in entries and a great day was held by all thoroughly enjoyed

Our Performance and Young Producers Competitions are being held even with fewer shows and entries and really good and steadily arriving a really good sign.

Our annual AGM is going ahead and will be held at Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch with two days of meetings and an AGM on Friday 10th June

The Society is in good stead with continuous inspections for the Stud Book being held a wonderful Journal for members being produced and a full and progressive Council always improving and adding things of interest.

#### 6.1.4 NZ Side Saddle - No report received.

#### 6.1.5 Pony Breeders Society of NZ – Michelle Mair (Secretary)

We are pleased to see the back of the last show season and we are looking forward to the next twelve months.

On a brighter note our members ran a successful Canterbury Area Show. Exhibitors made use of the fine autumn weather to show off their beautiful ponies and horses. The show was well run and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Our membership is up this year along with registrations and new stud prefixes also. This is very pleasing to see. Our Newsletter Editor has been busy coming up with new competition ideas to keep our young riders occupied over the lock

downs. Most of our newsletters have gone out via emails to keep most of our members up to date with information along with the use of Facebook.

This season with the Auckland lockdown and cancellation of shows we had to make some hard decisions regarding our annual Awards. There won't be any Youngstock or Sire Ratings competitions and no Performance Awards given out for this last season.

We would like to thank the A&P shows who could carry on with their shows this season and for supporting our sash classes. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the shows happen and worked behind the scenes organising. To the shows who had to cancel we wish you all the best with the coming season as we learn to live with Covid.

## **6.2 District Equestrian Chairperson Reports**

### **6.2.2 Mid Northern – Louellen Davies**

Well, what a season we have had, or should I say a lack of show seasons. COVID has dictated our show circuit for the last two seasons. The gut wrenching feeling when we have to cancel our show, a feeling I have personally experienced. Although the different levels of the traffic light system dictated our final decision. It just didn't feel right.

However, one thing that is very clear is that competitors want to be back competing.

Although only four shows out of our 13 had shows, these had varying results, Te Kauwhata, Rotorua NISC, Te Puke.

Te Kauwhata ran with a fixed amount entry fee and no prize money, also Waihou Hack and Hunters under Paeroa's umbrella held a qualifying day using the same format and was well attended, Rotorua, NISC and Te Puke the usual entry and prize money format.

Te Puke although adding extra flat classes to their day and increasing their jumping prize money could have been better supported.

Throughout the season there has been an increase in ribbon days, show jumping days, Lead Classes, mini gymkhanas etc. The message I am getting is our competitors want to go out there and compete, they want our shows back.

So much has changed, attitudes, outlook, the ever present uncertainty that Covid is just around the corner.

The A and P Show as we know it will never be quite the same. However, this gives us a golden opportunity to progress albeit a little differently.

Throughout the Mid Northern district we have a wealth of knowledge and expertise, let's make good use of this and look forward to a new and successful show season for 2023.

### **6.2.5 Central – Diane Chesmar**

Well, here we are in the Autumn Showing season and still Covid is impacting on our local A&P Shows.

Many of our Districts shows have cancelled, due to the uncertainty as to whether they will be able to hold a financially viable event. Some A&Ps have proceeded with a down scaled show, holding a few sections instead of the normal programme, these shows have been embraced by exhibitors and well supported. We once again have shows thinking "outside the square" as to how they can still hold a show in this environment and we need to applaud and support these shows.

These last few years have been extremely difficult financially for our member shows and also for those intending to exhibit. We are all aware that the costs for an exhibitor are far more than the entry fees, it starts months prior with conditioning and preparing an animal for competition.

Once again, our Central Districts AGM and the Royal Agricultural Society Annual General Meetings have been impacted by the current Covid status and we will be using technology to hold our virtual meetings, which because of Covid have become the norm.

The RAS Central District Council are embarking on a series of interactive workshops with competitors, shows, volunteers and interested people. We have put together a series of questions to be discussed at the workshops, these will be the same for all venues.

We would like to encourage all interested people to come along and share their thoughts and suggestions, especially competitors, there is no point going to the effort to hold a show, if there are reasons as to why people would be hesitant to enter, we need your feedback.

The questions will try to identify a way that we can all work together for the good of the showing movement, which of course affects local A&Ps, prior even to Covid our exhibitor numbers were dwindling, and we all have a role to play to ensure that we do not lose our shows.

We also hope to gain an insight as to what put people off going to show?, what could we do at a local level to encourage new competitors? etc.

Those who attend will find this Conversation Cafe workshop format to be more inclusive than a formal meeting and we will be encouraging all who attend to be open and honest, warts and all!

We have run one workshop as a pilot, this was held at a low key show run by a small group – the discussion re the questions posed were very interesting and some very salient points were noted, especially around one question "what puts you off competing at an A&P show?" The participants at this workshop were teens and adults, they were very open and honest, and it was quite revealing.

Once we have finished the series of workshops the notes from each venue will be written up, analysed and hopefully we can find a way forward to support our A&Ps to stimulate Showing and Volunteering in their communities, also we feel it is important for competitors to have input into their sport.

For the good of the A&P Movement we need to “think outside the square” and make our shows the community event that is inclusive of all, it is a meshing of rural and urban, and we all need to work together for the common goal. Fingers and toes crossed that we have a great 2022/2023 show season.

### **6.2.6 Southern – Ian Tippett**

Well what a year it has been. Most of our shows had to make a call to cancel because of COVID restrictions, We hope that they will be able to ride out the financial hardships and be ready to go when things come right again this next season. West Otago, South Otago and Otago Taieri were able to hold Equestrian Shows. I attended the West Otago show, the only one I was able to attend this season. I feel that it is an important part of this job to be able to attend a reasonable number of shows so you are available to help or answer questions if needed and generally get a feel of how everything is going for Shows and Exhibitors alike.

Thank you to our Judges, Tutor Judges and Tutor Judges Convenor (Kristine) for the work they do, to ensure we have a list of quality Judges for our shows. They managed to hold a judges Seminar and do some training of new Judges this past season.

I would also like to remind handlers and riders to remember to use good behaviour and proper handling when dealing with Horses and ponies, as there was one incident this year which was dealt with. Horses and Ponies are a very important part of any show .

Most A & P Shows would have trouble surviving without Equestrian. SHOWS NEED ALL SECTIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

## **6.3 Clean Sport**

### **6.3.1 National Clean Sport Convenor – Maxine Mulligan**

Due to COVID disruptions again for the 2021.2022 show season only one Clean Sport test was undertaken – resulting in a negative analytical report being received. Testing will get underway again in the new Show season.

I would like to thank all those who continue to 'play fair and play clean' in their competing at shows. While there have not been many shows happen throughout this disrupted season, the majority of competitors continue to consider their equine's welfare, compete by the rules and 'do the right thing' by your sport.

## **6.4 Equine Health – Cara O'Connor (RAS MPI Representative)**

The last meeting was held back in March 2022 via ZOOM which saw discussions around viral disease outbreaks and the potential impact to NZs equine population.

This rolled on to the continued plan for the implementation of an Equine ID system for NZ. The system initiative has been driven collectively, by the codes, via their involvement in NZEHA.

The group have predominantly focused on delivering a system which meets the key outcome of assisting MPI in the event of a biosecurity outbreak as identified in an internal discovery workshop held in February 2022

This work is ongoing, and the group are currently developing a “Request for Information” form (RFI) to send to all parties who would potentially aid in the development of the Equine Identification and traceability database.

Long term this will benefit everyone including RAS, for many reasons, and not limited to disease outbreak. Potentially microchipping would become mandatory which would bring change and support our move to an electronic recording system including measuring.

Good news all round. Watch this space

## **6.5 Horse of the Year (HOY) – 2022 Show Cancelled**

## **6.6 Judges**

### **6.6.1 National Judges Convenor – Melissa Jebson (Acting)**

As there has not been a National Judges Convenor for nearly two years I came in to the role on a temporary basis in November 2021. I have subsequently put myself up for election this year.

The 2021/22 Show Season has been a difficult year for Judges, competitors and exhibitors which Shows on and off all over both islands and all through the season. For our Tutor Judges it has been challenging and frustrating, as trying to sign off Grade 3 judges and upgrading judges has proved extremely difficult with many not able to complete the process and therefore having to wait until next season to complete the required number of assessments. It has also been trying for candidate judges needing to stand-in with Tutor Judges as more often than not the Shows were cancelled or candidates did not want to attend due to Covid. Let us hope next season sees things getting back to some normality.

I have had a few judges contact me personally about upgrading so have directed them through their District Convenor's. I have tabled two NJC reports at the January and March Executive meetings. I have also worked through a Judges concern that a District Convenor brought to my attention through an informal process.

I am currently in the process of making sure all our Equestrian Judges have signed the Charities Commission forms just in case the Society is audited.

I have had two meetings with District Convenor's with the next meeting scheduled for early June. I have also facilitated the election of two District Convenor's. The Judges list is constantly being updated when we are notified of changes.

The Bi-annual Tutor Judge Seminars have been organized for June and July this winter, with two being held in the North Island – Hamilton 24<sup>th</sup> June and Dannevirke 25 June, and one in the South Island in Christchurch on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

All District Seminars have been set –

- Northern – 16<sup>th</sup> July in Whangarei.
- Mid-Northern – 17<sup>th</sup> July in Hamilton
- Eastern and Western – 26<sup>th</sup> June in Dannevirke
- Central – 31<sup>st</sup> July at Burnham, Christchurch
- Southern – 26<sup>th</sup> June at Lake Hayes in Queenstown.

My sincere thanks to Christine Roberts and my fellow District Convenor's who have assisted me in getting my head around this role.

## **6.6.2 District Judges' Convenors**

### **6.4.2.a Northern – Leanne Cooke**

What a funny sort of a year very much a bit like a box of chocolates, you never know what's next. April 2021 saw the district hold a judges workshop and exam weekend in Kerikeri at Waimate Showgrounds. As per my April 2021 report, the weekend was a huge success but we didn't have the results in at the time of the report was due. We had 5 new judges passing their papers with flying colours and then post papers 2 have had practical assessments with passes also now popping them onto the RAS List as grade 3WT. The other 3 are just awaiting to do their post paper practical assessments etc but COVID hasn't been playing ball for us in that department but moving forward we will get them done Spring / pre-Christmas.

Unfortunately, same with the districts 3 upgrade judges who passed their upgrade papers they haven't been able to have their upgrade assessments done due to COVID June 2021 saw the RAS Annual Conference in Wellington, which will be excellent to attend and very constructive and like normal tons of motivation and information comes out of the weekend.

COVID-19 put the stops on many things so it was hard to be full steam ahead for the district Judges. The Bio Annual Judges Road Show was cancelled along with the Biannual Tutor Judges weekend so I scheduled a 2021 District Judges Seminar for July 2021 after the road show which ended up having to be pulled and cancelled also with Boarder restrictions in Northland.

Currently the district has one more show left this season – Kumeu which is running April 9th – Equestrian Show only their main show in March was cancelled. April 9th & 10th 2022 in Whangarei was to be our scheduled NEW Judges Workshop Papers weekend but due to covid any new judges have been unable to complete their pre paper requirements so that weekend has been rescheduled to April 2023 so alternatively with the venue still booked I changed it to a Judges workshop and upgrade papers weekend, this too was cancelled due to lack of interest, or the dates or venue didn't suit.

Unfortunately, RAS Annual Conference in June 2022 as been cancelled but zoom meetings will still happen to get on with business at hand. July 16th 2022 in Whangarei is our scheduled 2022 Judges Seminar, the district has invited Melissa Jebson our National Judges Convenor to attend as our guest speaker and this will allow all the district judges attending have a chance to put a face to the name and enjoy what Melissa has to add to the day with her wealth of knowledge.

Junior Judges Programme was established back in 2020 season where the district will develop and mentor new judges under 20's and bring them though the process and educate them ready to sit their exams when they turn 20. - Currently we have had no interest from anyone to date after strong interest but we will keep the programme up and running you just never know what a new show season can bring.

Judges Newsletters that were being emailed every second month of course stopped last season with lack of content, but they will be restarting from April 2022. The District Judges Private Messenger group is going very well – instant information that all can see straight away plus I pop in the odd conformation photo up each week or rule book guideline as a pop quiz to keep them on their toes and for those lazy weekends with no shows to go too the odd baking recipe to try. I would like to develop the same type of private messenger group for show equestrian co-ordinators so we can help each other with finding judges and help with schedule problems etc – develop a good support network for them so they are not alone when trying to solve things etc.

Our district Tutor judges recently voted me in to be the 2022-2023 District Judges Convenor, it's an honour to hold the role and develop the districts equestrian judges for the future. Looking forward to the 2022-2023 season, moving forward let's knock it out of the park and have a fantastic season.

### **6.6.2.b Mid-Northern – Jocelyn Charleston**

Jocelyn Charleston elected District Judges Convenor in April 2022 – a report will be tabled in 2023.

### **6.6.2.c Eastern – Maxine Mulligan**

As I only took up this job in November 2021, my report can only cover the last few months of the season, with few shows.

Just prior to Xmas I sent a 'greetings' email out to all Eastern Judges, which proved to be a very good way of updating email addresses that had changed since the list was last printed.

Since Xmas two of our List 3 Judges from Gisborne judged at the Masterton A&P Show in late February, and as they both wish to do their Working Hunter and Hunter Jumping qualification it was arranged for them to stand in

with two List 1 Tutor Judges from Western while they were judging the Jumping classes. Both Alan Windle and Janice McDonald were very helpful to these girls, imparting their knowledge and answering their questions. Also very helpful was Bernice Southey with answering general jumping questions. These two young judges tell me that they both got a great deal of knowledge and help during the show from these senior judges. I have made the preliminary arrangements for the Eastern/Western judges' seminar in Dannevirke on Sunday 26 June 2022, with the Bi-Annual Eastern/Western Tutor Judges' meeting taking place the day before, also in Dannevirke.

At the seminar I will be 'canvassing' all the judges for those who wish to upgrade, and also these interested folk who would like to start the process of becoming a judge.

I would like to thank all the Eastern District Judges and Tutors for their ongoing interest in and support of the sport of showing; in giving up their time, knowledge and travelling order to enable the competitions.

Thank you to Christine Roberts for her ongoing helpful support; and Melissa Jebson in her new role of National judges Convenor, for her efforts on behalf of us all.

Best wishes to all for the new upcoming show season, and may it be uninterrupted. I look forward to it.

#### **6.6.2.d Western – Megan Hawkins**

Western Districts managed to run 4 of their 7 shows this season - in a season once again disrupted by Covid.

The shows that went ahead – Wanganui, Waverley, Feilding, Horowhenua

The above Shows were well attended and most sections were of good Quality.

Two Judges Workshops were held and we had very good numbers attend the first one and from there 6 ladies went on to the second workshop and then sat Exams the same day.

We had great results from our 5 ladies sitting their Grade 3 Exam - all passing.

Our one Judge upgrading from 3 to 2 unfortunately missed her Conformation Phase so will be required to re sit this section.

The ladies to come through with flying colours and pass their Grade 3 exam are all very experienced Horse Woman and will be a huge asset to our Judges List.

Linda Wheeler - New Plymouth; Helen McCullum – Hawera; Nicole McDonald – Stratford; Dale Moseley - Hawera; Joanne Doolan - Palmerston North. Joanne has also passed her practical and had two Judging assessments completed.

In early November Helena McLeod was voted on as a WD Tutor Judge - I would also like to make mention that Helena was a huge help with the Workshops, Exams and getting these ladies through their Grade 3 paper.

As of March 25th 2022 I have resigned as WD Judging Convenor. I wish you all the best going forward.

• *Alan Windle elected District Judges Convenor in May 2022..*

#### **6.6.2.e Central – Melissa Jebson**

2021/22 has been a most trying season for all concerned – Show Committees, competitors, Judges, Candidate Judges and of course us as Tutor Judges.

At our 2021 AGM we reluctantly accepted Sandra Pilcher and Jenny Halliday's resignations. Shortly following our meeting Florence West resigned as a Tutor but was still happy to have candidate judge's stand in with her.

Following that meeting we welcomed Sue Morrish on to our panel as she accepted the nomination from the meeting. Sorry Sue that your first season as a Tutor has been very up and down and you have only managed to get in one assessment. Hopefully next season you will get a better run in the role.

As I said at the start, this has been a season like no other. Thank you all for making yourselves available for assessments as I had nineteen organized over the season with only eight assessments being completed. No-one has completed the requirements so we will try again next season.

Thanks to Nicky and fellow Tutors who assisted at two workshops held in May and August last winter and to fellow Tutors who were able to assist at the two written paper days at Darfield. This season Central District Tutors assessed four Southern District judges and two Mid-Northern Judges as well as the few (mentioned above) we were able to complete for Central District Judges.

Seventy-two Judges and 20 interested attendees attended our 2021 Judges seminar which was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at the Selwyn Equestrian Centre. Vet India Martin was our guest speaker who provided an interactive session which got attendees discussing conformation and unevenness of gait/lameness. It was great hearing our Judges interacting with each other and our expert. In the afternoon the practical breed session was well received.

A big thank you to you all for your support, willingness and assistance over this crazy, uncertain and unpredictable season. Let us hope for a smoother ride next season.

#### **6.6.2.f Southern – Kristine Russell**

Firstly, a huge congratulations and very big well done to the A&P shows that were able to hold some sort of events. From the judges' convenors and from a competitor's point of view it was very much appreciated. However, I know for many the restrictions made running your show impossible. With the limited shows that we have had this season I was able to arrange and fit in a few assessments for candidates needing them. Sarah Hassall is now a fully qualified Working Hunter judge and Georgina Bell just upgraded to a grade 2 judge and also became a fully qualified Hunter jumping judge. Sonia Gerken just passed her grade 3 assessments and also became a qualified working Hunter and Hunter jumping judge. Louise Alan is also now a qualified working Hunter

and Hunter jumping judge too. Tui Willson also passed all her grade three assessments and like Sonia is now free to judge without a tutor. Michael Goodwin managed to squeeze in two grade 1 assessments after passing his grade 1 exam. He gained 100% in some sections of the exam. His assessments were completed at Otago Tairei and North Otago A&P. Kelly Shaw also passed her grade 2 paper and has completed one assessment. Due to COVID and having a daughter competing in lead rein Kelly found it difficult to get that second assessment completed by the end of the season. I also undertook my Working Hunter assessment at Ashburton A&P with Melissa and passed. Phew.

We did have a tutor judge judging at West Otago but unfortunately none of our want to be judges took up the offer of going out with her. Sadly, after a big push in the last couple of years for new judges we seem to be having a bit of a lull. We don't seem to have the younger riders coming through the ranks that have showing and conformation knowledge to make top class judges.

Sadly, we saw Fiona Smeaton and Tara Bates retire from judging this year. Both feel they are no longer part of the showing scene and wish to spend more time with their families and other interests. I would like to thank both ladies for the time they have given back to shows and the district as Judges.

The horse whisker and ear trimming were accepted by most and it was only noticed by one judge pre-Christmas that while the whiskers were left on the horse that the clippers must have slipped while trimming the ears.

It was great to see the shows getting their judges nice and early and getting a variety of judges both near and far. I realise getting judges from further afield this next season maybe more difficult for some shows with the lack of funds available to them after covid but I'm sure this is something we can work out together.

We have recently held a tutor judge meeting and are planning upcoming workshops, exams and our seminar. This year's judges seminar is being held at the Lake Hayes pavilion on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. With no conference I was able to sneak it in a bit earlier. At this year's seminar we are planning on getting a vet in to talk about conformation and how this effects the biomechanics on different types of horses/ponies. We also plan on getting someone from a bred society to talk about what they look for in their particular bred. This is a theme that we would like to continue in coming years. The day is yet to be finalised but hopefully registrations will be out soon.

We have only four people sitting exams this year. This is due mainly to the fact that many of our judges wishing to upgrade haven't meet the required number of judging appointments for an upgrade to take place. We have one resit for the grade 3 showing paper. One re sit for the Hunter jumping paper, one new candidate for the working hunter and hunter jumping exam and one grade 1 upgrade. While many of our other judges can't upgrade I will encourage those keen to do this in the future to attend our workshops.

Melissa Jebson our National Judges convenor has arranged another biannual South Island tutor judges meeting in Chch on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This is compulsory for all tutor judges to attend. This meeting was cancelled in 2020 and so Janice, Cath and myself will use the funds that the district kindly gave us last time to help attend this meeting. As of yet I'm not sure how Dawn and Julie are placed but I'd like to move that the district is able to help fund them as well if they do attend.

A huge thank you to our Horse Stewards Chairman. It's great to have you at so many of the Southern district shows and have you as Jonny on the spot to help with any problems that may come to hand and needed sorted quickly.

Lastly, I would like to thank my other four tutor judges. We have a large area to cover and once again we seem to be having the most upgrades of any district, something we are very proud of. We manage to get through a considerable amount of work for just five of us and unlike other districts many of us as tutors have either family competing or are competing ourselves.

Well, here is to a very busy winter for the tutor judges.

## **6.7 Measuring**

### **6.7.1 National Measuring Convenor - Steph Mann**

In light of COVID disruptions again over the past twelve months, Measuring Stands have been busy, and only slightly down on the previous year. Successful seminars were held for the Stands personnel via ZOOM, and this will be repeated in 2022, which will save a lot of travelling for all.

Two Stands are making a comeback – Masterton and Egmont, which is great. These stands are seeking information and training stewards to ensure they will be up to speed for the new season. Measuring enquires being answered as they come in, and thank you to all volunteers who help to keep these Stands running for competitors.

## **6.8 Youth Equestrian Team – 2021 Event Cancelled**

## 8. FEES AND LEVIES

### 8.1 Levies Collected

     Not a current financial member.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
<b>NORTHERN</b>				<b>CENTRAL</b>			
<b>Auckland</b>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Show</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Show</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Show</span>	Amberley	\$1190	\$1275	\$756
Bay of Islands	\$1084	No Show	\$130	Amuri	\$702	No Show	No Show
Clevedon	\$1478	No Show	No Show	Ashburton	\$1419	No Show	\$843
Franklin	\$1618		No Show	Banks Peninsula	\$565	\$713	No Show
Helensville	\$1063	\$1102	No Show	Buller	\$274	\$264	No Show
Kaikohe	\$746	\$447	No Show	Canterbury	\$2821	\$2082	No Show
Kaitaia	\$319		\$296	Cheviot	\$669	\$1579	No Show
Kumeu	\$728	\$1302	No Show	Courtenay	\$1364	\$235	\$944
Nth Hokianga	\$408	No Show	No Show	Duvauchelle	\$757	\$465	\$364
North Kaipara	\$722	\$822	No Show	Ellesmere	\$1333	No Show	\$1195
North Wairoa	\$756	\$1024	No Show	Flaxbourne	\$628	\$822	No Show
Warkworth	No Show		No Show	Golden Bay	\$565	\$713	No Show
Whangarei	\$1938	\$1701	No Show	Hawarden	No Show	\$750	No Show
				Inangahua	\$404	\$592	\$310
				Kaikoura	\$857	\$784	No Show
<b>MID-NORTHERN</b>				Mackenzie Highland	No Show	\$715	No Show
Cambridge	\$1734	\$1105	No Show	Malvern	No Show	\$1248	No Show
Katikati	\$216	No Show	No Show	Marlborough	\$1229	No Show	No Show
Matamata	\$1091	\$1090	No Show	Mayfield	\$817	\$1004	No Show
Morrinsville	\$513	No Show	No Show	Methven	No Show	\$1026	No Show
NI Premier	\$428	\$506	\$522	Motueka	\$1071	No Show	No Show
Paeroa		\$751	No Show	Murchison	\$983	\$1173	No Show
Rotorua	\$336	\$516	\$111	Nelson	\$1231	No Show	\$761
Tauranga	\$299	\$326	No Show	Northern (Rangiora)	\$2170	No Show	No Show
Te Aroha	\$725	\$1101	No Show	Oxford	No Show	\$1511	No Show
Te Aroha H&H			\$383	Rai Valley	\$644	No Show	No Show
Te Kauwhata	\$1316	\$1148	\$1075	Sth Canty Show	\$541	\$1373	No Show
Te Puke	\$147	No Show	\$142	Sth Canty Eq Show	\$1411	\$1258	\$1465
Waihi	\$529	No Show	No Show	SI Premier Show	No Show	No Show	\$653
Waikato	\$1871	\$674	No Show	South Westland	\$204	No Show	No Show
				Temuka-Geraldine	\$944	No Show	No Show
<b>EASTERN</b>				Westland (Hokitika)	\$570	\$507	\$346
Ctl.Hawkes Bay	\$1176	\$2910	No Show				
Dannevirke	\$1935	\$1710	No Show	<b>SOUTHERN</b>			
Hawkes Bay	\$3364	\$1432	No Show	Central Otago	\$1122	\$1021	No Show
Masterton	\$1747	\$846	\$824	Gore	\$1242	\$1194	No Show
NZ National H&P	\$1087	\$2122	No Show	Lake County	\$528	\$742	No Show
Poverty Bay	\$1886	\$2000	\$1530	Maniototo	\$577	No Show	No Show
<b>Pukahu</b>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">\$2022</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Show</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Show</span>	Mt Benger	\$645	\$759	No Show
Wairarapa	\$2418	\$1243	\$633	North Otago	\$790	\$892	\$968
Wairoa	\$1044	\$1234	No Show	Otago Taieri	\$1517	\$1392	\$663
				Palmerston/Waihemo	\$818	\$753	No Show
<b>WESTERN</b>				South Otago	\$611	\$573	\$579
Egmont	\$1603	\$1419	No Show	Southland	\$1301	No Show	No Show
Feilding	\$2310	\$2490	\$1625	Strath Taieri	\$450		No Show
Horowhenua	\$1280	\$1371	\$1532	Tokomairiro	\$827	\$657	No Show
Manawatu	\$1984	\$2249	No Show	Upper Clutha	\$1567	\$1570	No Show
Stratford	\$1305	\$1651	No Show	Waiau	\$635	\$552	No Show
<b>Taihape</b>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Eq</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Eq</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">No Eq</span>	West Otago	\$888	\$884	\$539
Taranaki H&P	No Show	\$276	No Show	Winton	\$927	\$982	No Show
Waimarino	\$562	\$724	No Show	Wyndham	\$679	\$519	No Show
Wanganui	\$2124	\$2887	\$1798				
Waverley	\$1139	\$1080	\$832				

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 Poverty Bay A&P Association – HOY Qualification

#### Horse of the Year Qualification for all Showing classes

That RAS recommend to the LRHOY Board, as current operators/event managers of the HOY Show and that qualification requirements currently required to be obtained via at an event with Royal Agricultural Society affiliation be removed and the number of RAS affiliated shows a competitor must attend is reduced for LRHOY 2023

#### REASONING

A) It has become evident that with very few exceptions across all showing classes that the number of participants has over the last 5 years been decreasing to the extent that in some classes there is fewer than 5 contestants entered.

B) There is a decreasing number of fixtures held annually which are categorised as A&P shows and therefore failing under auspices of the Royal Agricultural Society

Examples in the Eastern area is Wairarapa A&P, Wairoa A&P and Waipukarau A&P. Covid can be named as factor but previous declining entries and show date clashes are also a major factor.

C) In some areas it is evident the relevance of RAS affiliated events is dissipating as time goes on and that participation at some of these events is rapidly decreasing. This in turn is reflected in a wide variance in standard of competition ie at a RAS affiliated event the competitor may receive a “champion or reserve champion” but due to low numbers of entries that does not necessarily ensure that the “quality” of the “champion and reserve champion” are up to standard. But then in some classes there are high numbers and within the area the same combinations qualify for HOY, however others in the line up are of quality but miss out on qualifying.

D) If the above is implemented then RAS affiliated shows can create and run a show programme to suit their area as there won't be the need to run the current required RAS approved programme that is required for HOY qualifications.

E) Due to lower numbers of RAS affiliated events being held it is difficult and expensive for some competitors to get to 3 affiliated RAS events, for example Gisborne only has 1 affiliated RAS event (Poverty Bay A&P) which is held early October. The next closest is Hawkes Bay (4 days later) which is 4 hours drive from Gisborne and then Waipukarau which is 5 hours. Those times are from Gisborne central but there are many riders who live 1-2 hours North and West of Gisborne.

We are confident by removing the need to qualify for HOY, reducing the shows needed to attend and then allowing RAS affiliated shows to create their own programme this will encourage RAS affiliated shows to continue running and it will be a huge benefit for a lot of riders who have struggled over the years to qualify for HOY making HOY more exciting and class numbers greater.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

### 10.4 Helmet Tags – revised standards adopted by ESNZ and NZ Pony Club as from 1 August 2023. See below





## Helmet Standards

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE - 1 AUGUST 2023

25 March 2022.

Following our January 2022 press release in regard to VG1 helmets being required to also have a third-party quality testing label, considerable feedback has been received. As such, ESNZ and NZPCA have had a complete review of helmet standards, and our tagging policy. As a result, we will be changing the tagging policy and procedure from 1 August 2023, with best practice health and safety for all in mind. This will have an effect on all helmet standards and not just VG1, as we look to update the standards to bring them in line with international standards and other organisations. This will ensure that all standards of helmets allowed at ESNZ and NZPCA are both up to date and undergo continuous third-party testing to ensure maintenance of product quality and safety.

The existing **red** helmet tags will continue to be used and accepted up until **31 July 2023**. From **1 August 2023** approved helmets will need to be fitted with a new **yellow** helmet tag to be worn at an NZPCA or ESNZ rally, venue or event. Existing red tagged helmets need to be reinspected and re-tagged yellow if they meet the updated standards, to be used in competition from **1 August 2023**.

The updated table on the following page states which helmets with applicable helmet standards will be able to be fitted with a new **yellow** helmet tag and we will start producing these tags from April 2022 to allow over 12 months to ensure all helmets, meeting the new standards, have time to be tagged. Red tags can also still be fitted to helmets that don't meet the new yellow tag standards, but can only be worn up until 31 July 2023.

Helmets can continue to be tagged by an approved NZPCA or ESNZ helmet tagger – either in your own time or at a rally or event, prior to your competition.

Please note, because health and safety is paramount to both NZPCA and ESNZ, all members must wear a helmet that meets our current criteria at all times when mounted at our events/activities. A rider wearing a helmet where a tag is not visible may be required to dismount and have the helmet checked before being allowed to continue. Helmets which do not comply with an accepted standard will not be tagged under any circumstances.

It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they arrive at an event or rally with a helmet to the correct standard. It is therefore imperative that you check your helmets before you get to the event or rally, in order to avoid disappointment. To do this:






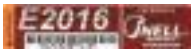


1. Use the following information or the ESNZ or NZPCA websites
2. Check that your helmet clearly displays one of the accepted standards
3. Check that the standard also shows the correct corresponding date
4. Check that your helmet also displays the correct corresponding quality assurance mark
5. Make sure that you do not remove any labels from inside your helmet which may hold the relevant information, as a helmet will not be tagged without all of the required information visible and attached.

Only helmets which comply with all of the above steps will be accepted for tagging. If you're in doubt, please contact the ESNZ or NZPCA office for further advice. If your helmet cannot be tagged, you will not be allowed to ride wearing that helmet under any circumstances.



1. The British Equestrian Trade Association have produced the following guide to choosing a helmet <https://www.beta-uk.org/media/safety/download/42364-BETA%20Guide%20to%20Riding%20Hats%20v1.pdf>

A helmet must show on a label that it meets at least one of the below standards with the appropriate quality mark, but may bear multiple standards, in which case at least one must also bear the applicable quality mark.

Helmet Standard	Safety Mark	Allowed at the following activities:
PAS 015: <u>1998</u> or 2011 (or later) with BSI Kitemark or IC mark	 or 	All Activities
VG1 01.040 (2014-12 or later) - Must carry BSI kitemark or IC mark from August 2023	 or 	All Activities
Snell <u>E2001</u> , E2016 (or later) with the official Snell label and number	 	All Activities
ASTM-F1163 2004a (or later) with the SEI mark	 Certified by SEI to ASTM F1163	All Activities
AS/NZS 3838 <u>1998, 2003</u> , 2006 (or later)		All Activities

Standards underlined and in red will not be allowed from 1 August 2023 and cannot receive a yellow tag.

The EN1384 standard is currently being revised. Once it has been published and harmonised, helmets to this standard will be accepted providing they bear the Kitemark.

CE and UKCA – these are not quality marks but rather an indication in Europe and the United Kingdom that the product meets the requirements of the PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) regulation in terms of basic health and safety requirements.

Any athletes competing in FEI competitions must also comply with the [FEI helmet standards](#) (effective from 2019).

# UNITED BREEDS SOCIETY COUNCIL (UBS) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Saturday 18 June 2022, 3.30pm – via ZOOM

## ATTENDANCE:

**United Breeds Society (UBS) Council:** Ben Burgess (HSCEX Chair), Kelly Allison (Dairy Cattle Breeds Chair), Diane Chesmar (Equestrian Breeds Chair), Mark Fleming (Beef Cattle Breeds/Chair Canterbury A&P).

**Executive:** Rachel Walker (President), Nic Barkley (Vice President), Malcolm McKerrow (Treasurer/ND Council/Hon.Life), Maria Barta (Member), Melissa Jebson (Member/Judges Convenor/Malvern A&P/CD Council).

**Committees:** Helena McLeod (HSCEX Chair/Irish Draught/Egmont A&P), Maxine Mulligan (HSCEX Clean Sport Convenor/National H&P Show), Christine Roberts (Admin).

**Members:** Chris Carden-Holdstock (Dairy Goat Breeders), Steph Gowing (Whangarei A&P), Jakki Guildford (Alpaca), Rob Hall (SD Council), Wendy Harker (Holstein Friesian), Roger Hall (Life Member), Vicki Jagersma (WD Chair/Stratford A&P), Jackie Kelly (SD Chair/South Otago A&P), Emmy Maxwell (NZ Gypsy Cob/Cheviot A&P), Mike McElrea (Perendale Sheep), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Matamata A&P/Morrinsville A&P), Ian Tippet (SD Eq Chair/Winton A&P/Upper Clutha A&P), and Philip Worthington (Northern A&P/Lowline Cattle).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Rachel Walker – RAS President	Warm welcome extended by the President to meeting attendees.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Ben Burgess – RAS United Breeds Society Council Chairperson	Welcome from Chairperson, who opened the 2022 Annual General United Breeds Society (UBS) Council Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1	Leanne Cooke (ND Judges Convenor/ND Manager), Doug Courtman (NZ Holstein Friesian), John Jebson (CD Chair), Pip Sanders (Black & Coloured Sheep/CD Council), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair).	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> these apologies be received.
		Moved: M Fleming    Seconded: P Worthington    CARRIED

4	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.

5	Chairperson's Report	Discussion - Action
5.1	United Breeds Council (UBS) Chairperson	See page 34. <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Report of the United Breeds Council Chairperson as tabled, be received.
		Moved: B Burgess    Seconded: M Fleming    CARRIED

6	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
6.1	Confirmation of 2021 Annual General United Breeds Council (UBS) Meeting Minutes	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Minutes of 20 June 2021 United Breeds Council (UBS) Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.
		Moved: P Worthington    Seconded: M Fleming    CARRIED

6.2	Matters arising from Minutes (not on Agenda)	No matters arising.
6.3	General Business added to the Agenda	<p>Jakki Guilford – asked that it be noted that she did not receive a copy of the Agenda.</p> <p>J Kelly – NZ Angus Society not being a current financial member.</p> <p>M Fleming (Beef Section) – OSPRI regulations and NAIT tag fee changes.</p>

<b>BEEF CATTLE BREEDS – Mark Fleming (MF) Chairperson</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
7.1	Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson	<p>See page 34.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Report of the Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson as tabled, be received.</p> <p>Moved: M Fleming    Seconded: B Burgess    CARRIED</p>
7.2	<p>7.2 Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine So</p> <p>7.3 Belgian Blue Cattle Society</p> <p>7.4 Charolais Breeders NZ Inc,</p> <p>7.5 Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc.</p> <p>7.6 Galloway Cattle Society</p> <p>7.7 Gelbvieh Cattle Breeders Society</p> <p>7.8 Limousin Beef Breeders Society</p> <p>7.9 NZ Angus Association - <i>not currently a financial member</i></p> <p>7.10 NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn</p> <p>7.11 NZ Charolais Cattle Society</p> <p>7.12 NZ Hereford Association</p> <p>7.13 NZ Highland Cattle Society</p> <p>7.14 NZ Highland Lifestyle Society</p> <p>7.15 NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc</p> <p>7.16 NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle</p> <p>7.17 NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders</p> <p>7.18 NZ Salers Society</p> <p>7.19 Santa Gertrudis Breeders</p> <p>7.20 Lowline Promotion Group</p> <p>7.21 Simmental Cattle Breeders</p> <p>7.22 South Devon Cattle Society</p> <p>7.23 Speckle Park International</p> <p>7.24 Welsh Black Cattle Breeders</p>	<p>Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report – see pages 34-37.</p> <p>Lowline – very pleased that there is now the first school in New Zealand, being Rangiora High School, with a registered stud.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Reports of the Affiliated Beef Cattle Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.</p> <p>Moved: M Fleming    CARRIED</p> <p>NZ Angus Association – split in the Society, and a lot of members have left the NZ Association and joined the Australia group.</p> <p>Executive have been in contact with the Angus Association, and they have advised that they have not paid their membership due to no shows being held, but that they will do once shows are back up and running again.</p>

8	Royal Show Schedules	Discussion - Action
		As part of the Strategic Business Review all Beef Cattle Section schedules will be reviewed.
		Executive currently in discussion with two members in hosting a future Royal Show.

9	Corespondence (Inward)	Discussion - Action
9.1		No correspondence received or tabled.

10	General Business	Discussion - Action
10.1	As noted in 6.3	
	10.1.1 OSPRI changes	<p><b>TB Testing</b> OSPRI are changing the regulations of TB Testing – testing now to be undertaken every 5yrs, increased from the current 1-3yrs.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> M Fleming obtain the wording of OSPRI's new testing regulations and it be forwarded to members.</p>
		Moved: M Fleming Seconded: J Guildford CARRIED
		OSPRI levies are increasing their NAIT Tag levies, to enable funding of the NAIT operation.

11	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
		<p><b>Action:</b> The following nomination goes through to the Annual General Meeting.</p>
11.1	Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson	<p>One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mr Mark Fleming.</b> Nominees: Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society / Limousin Beef Breeders Society</p>

DAIRY CATTLE BREEDS – Kelly Allison (KA) Chairperson		
12	Reports	Discussion - Action
12.1	Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson	<p>See page 37</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Report of the Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson as tabled, be received.</p>
		Moved: K Allison CARRIED
12.2	12.2 Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders 12.3 NZ Ayrshire Association 12.4 NZ Guernsey Cattle Breeders	<p>Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report - see pgs 37-39</p> <p>Southern District Dairy Heifer competition – held but COVID</p>

	<b>12.5 NZ Holstein-Friesian Association</b> <b>12.6 NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders Association</b> <b>12.7 NZ Milking Shorthorn Association</b> <b>12.8 Purebred Jersey Breed Society</b> <b>12.9 South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – <i>not held this year.</i></b> <b>12.10 Dairy Cattle Levy – \$3,370 for the financial year.</b>	<p>put a damper on the competition. A need to encourage more entries.</p> <p>CD did not run a competition but look forward to receiving further communication from SD to discuss convening a South Island competition.</p> <p>Dairy Ethics Committee are looking forward to getting underway for the new show season.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b>  <b>THAT</b> the Annual Reports of the Affiliated Dairy Cattle Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.</p>
		Moved: M Fleming    Seconded: W Harker    CARRIED

<b>13</b>	<b>Royal Show Schedules</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Dairy Cattle Section schedules will be reviewed.</i>

<b>14</b>	<b>Correspondence (Inward)</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>14.1</b>		No correspondence received or tabled.

<b>15</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>15.1</b>	<b>As noted in 6.3</b>	<p>R Hall – concerned that the in-milk levy is being charged on cows who have entered on-farm competitions rather than competing at Shows.</p> <p>Chair – Due to COVID no testing has been undertaken,</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Shows to send a message to the Dairy Ethics Committee outlining any concern they may have on their current levy charged.</p>

<b>16</b>	<b>Election of Chairperson</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		<b>Action:</b> The following nomination goes through to the Annual General Meeting.
<b>16.1</b>	<b>Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson</b>	<p>One nomination was received, that of  <b>- Mr Kelly Allison</b>  Nominees: Otago-Taieri A&amp;P Society / Tokomairiro A&amp;P Society</p>

<b>SHEEP BREEDS – Ben Burgess (BB) Chairperson (Ian Stevenson – Chair, apology)</b>		
<b>17</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
17.1	Sheep Breeds Chairperson	See page 39.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Report of the Sheep Breeds Chairperson as tabled, be received.
		Moved:                      Seconded:                      CARRIED
17.2	17.2 Black & Coloured Sheep Association 17.3 Cheviot Sheep Society 17.4 NZ Sheep Breeders Association – <i>not currently a financial member</i> 17.5 NZ Southdown Sheep Society 17.6 Perendale Sheep Society NZ	Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report – see pages 39-40.  NZ Southdown Sheep Society – in good heart, some competition days held, which were well attended.  NZ Sheep Breeders – General Manager has been contacted via emails and phone call regarding the outstanding invoice, as well as the NZSB Chair. No further progress made regarding any payment.  One NZ Sheep Breed Association member expressed their dismay that their Association is not a financial member as respective breed societies have not been informed of this by their General Manager.  <b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Annual Reports of the Affiliated Sheep Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.
		Moved: B Burgess      Seconded: M Jebson      CARRIED

<b>18</b>	<b>Royal Show Schedules</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Sheep Breeds Section schedules will be reviewed.</i>

<b>19</b>	<b>Competitions</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
19.1	NZ Ewe Hogget Competition	NZ Sheep Breeders cancelled the 2021 competition.
19.2	National Golden Fleece Exhibition	2021 and 2022 exhibitions cancelled due to COVID. 2023 Exhibition will be held on 17 May, at the Rangiora Showgrounds Event Function Centre, with judging being carried out on 15 and 16 May.

<b>20</b>	<b>Correspondence (Inward)</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
20.1		No correspondence received or tabled.

<b>21</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
21.1	As noted in 6.3	Nothing noted.

<b>22</b>	<b>Election of Chairperson</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>22.1</b>	<b>Sheep Breeds Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Ian Stevenson</b> – term remains current.

<b>OTHER BREEDS – Ben Burgess (BB) Chairperson</b>		
<b>23</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>23.1</b>	<b>23.1 Alpaca Association of NZ</b> <b>23.2 Anglo Nubian Breed Society of NZ</b> <b>23.3 Mohair NZ</b> <b>23.4 NZ Boer Goat</b> <b>23.5 NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Assn.</b> <b>23.6 Llama Association</b> <b>23.7 NZ Pig Association</b> <b>23.8 NZ Sheep Dog Trials</b> <b>23.9 Premier Dairy Goats NZ</b> <b>23.10 Rare Breeds Association</b>	<p>Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report – see pages 40-41.</p> <p>NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association Annual Report received after the Agenda had been circulated – see page 40.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b>  <b>THAT</b> the Annual Reports of the Affiliated Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.</p> <p>Moved: B Burgess    Seconded: M McElrea    <b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>24</b>	<b>Royal Show Schedules</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Breeds Section schedules will be reviewed.</i>

<b>25</b>	<b>Corespondence (Inward)</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>25.1</b>	<b>Alpaca Association of NZ</b>	<p>Letter, Show Schedule/ and TB Protocols circulated and tabled.</p> <p>Alpaca are looking at amending their Royal Schedule, which will also be used at their own national Shows. The new schedule tabled can be used by Shows (not Royal) or choose classes from these schedules to run. Main change in the schedule being that the grey and roan coloured classes have been split.</p> <p><b>Action:</b>  The new schedule be forwarded out to all members to use at their discretion.</p>

<b>26</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>26.1</b>	<b>As noted in 6.3</b>	No further business

<b>GENERAL – Ben Burgess (BB) Chairperson</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>Young Judges and Paraders</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>27.1</b>	<b>Oxford A&amp;P Show hosted the finals for 2021.2022.</b>	<p><b>Results are as follows.</b></p> <p>Beef Cattle Young Judge of the Year – Lisa Bonenkamp  Beef Cattle Young Parader of the Year – Cara Doggett</p>



		Dairy Cattle Young Judge of the Year – Holly Powell Dairy Cattle Young Parader of the Year – Kimberley Simmons Merino Fleece Young Judge of the Year – Sophie Ridd Sheep Young Judge of the Year – Caitlin Rhodes
<b>27.2</b>	<b>Australasian Final - NZ involvement in 2023 Australasian Final and onwards.</b>	<p>Lisa Bonenkamp was the only Young Judge that travelled to Australia and enjoyed the experience at the competitions.</p> <p>Meeting was asked for feedback on carrying on with being part of the Australasian competition.</p> <p>Comments noted included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enjoy the youth being part of this competition and support it, but NZ has a different environment and judging concept, so question whether we continue being included in the Australasian competition final.</li> <li>- NZ is the poor cousin, and question the money that needs to be spent in hosting it in NZ</li> <li>- Feedback from the Beef Cattle open discussion meeting, was that if a sponsor could be found, then we support still being involved.</li> <li>- Extra sections are being incorporated into the competition which are not included in the NZ Final.</li> <li>- Concentrate on a NZ Final only.</li> <li>- Young people in team events go across to Australia for other competitions and benefit greatly.</li> <li>- Support of a NZ final, due to costs.</li> <li>- A lot of companies are not sponsoring at the moment, and there are some funds available that could be sourced for sponsorship.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> UBS Chairs to discuss this further, considering the feedback given at this meeting and make a recommendation to the Executive.</p>

<b>28</b>	<b>Any other Breed Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		No other Breed Business was tabled.

<b>29</b>	<b>Election of Chairperson</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>29.1</b>	<b>United Breeds Society (UBS) Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Ben Burgess</b> – term remains current.

<b>30</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		The Chair thanked all for attending and the <b>Meeting was declared closed at 4.36pm.</b>

## **5. UBS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Ben Burgess**

2021/2022 brought about another year of COVID uncertainty for the A&P movement with very few shows going ahead this year, a fair change from what we in the industry are used to. This is presenting organisation with some newfound challenges to overcome in the years ahead.

On a personal note, back in February Georgia and myself managed to fight through the COVID restriction to see us get married on the beach out Whangarei heads in Northland.

Farming in the currently climate isn't proving easy. This season has seen it all from long lasting droughts in the south, multiple 1 in 100-year floods on the west coast and Gisborne. Supply chain challenges grapple the industry with long waits at processing plants in order to get stock away. With every challenge however comes new ways of thinking to adapt and overcome and its something we do extremely well in the rural sector.

Some good news recently on the M.bovis front for our bovine sections with the disease now limited on one feed lot in the south island. A long-term partnership between government and industry partners DairyNZ and Beef and Lamb has helped the industry to head towards the desired outcome. While I think we can all agree this response has caused frustration at times, it is reassuring that as an industry we can band together to get good outcomes.

Thanks, must again go out to my representative chairs as without them and their hard work my role would be a lot more complicated.

While I won't be seeing everyone at conference this year, I look forward to getting around a few shows in the coming season.

## **7. REPORTS – BEEF CATTLE**

### **7.1 Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson – Mark Fleming**

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. After a very wet summer in Canterbury and a draught in Southland things are starting to rectify themselves, thankfully.

It seems that all stock are 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 biggest problem is killing space and the movement of product off shore, with the back log in shipping worldwide. Covid sure has a lot to answer for.

Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak has slowly been eradicated with only a couple of properties to clear according to PMI. This is amazing considering where we were three years ago. But we acknowledge the stress and heart ache over the loss of so many animals. We never want this sort of outbreak to happen again. The benefits I suppose will be that we look good in the eyes of our international markets.

On the showing circuit we continue to see many of our shows bite the bullet and forgo the District A & P show due to COVID. Hopefully this year's new showing circuit will be back to normal with full Schedules. All I can say to our 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.

Due to COVID, the use of on farm video, zooming, social media apps have enabled the introduction of the Virtual Shows. Canterbury A&P trialled the first show last November with great success and are about to finish the First ever Autumn Virtual Show. This has enabled other breeders to compete against each other from around New Zealand. It will be interesting to see if this becomes a popular way of exhibiting. I'm sure we will always have a place for the excitement of the A & P Show.

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.

### **7.2 Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society - No report received**

### **7.3 Belgian Blue Cattle Society – No report received**

### **7.4 Charolais Breeders NZ Inc – No report received**

### **7.5 Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc. – Wayne Pettersson (President)**

The Dexter Cattle Society of New Zealand (DCSNZ) over the past 2-3 years has suffered a significant drop in membership numbers mainly due to the impact from Mycoplasma bovis and COVID19. The number of members showing cattle has now dropped to around 1% of our membership. Many of those involved in showing in the past have either resigned or are not interested any more.

This continues to be of concern to us as the fees we pay to the RAS equate to the membership fees we receive from about 9% of our members.

However, just recently (last 6 months) there has been a renewed interest in Dexter Cattle particularly from the lifestyle sector which continues to expand as some of the larger farms are split up into smaller units. We continue to

improve the promotion of our breed and are working towards the streamlining of administrative procedures to make cattle management easier. Our membership fees are probably the lowest around and we mainly contribute this to the 100% volunteers who help run our society without receiving any remuneration.

#### **7.6 Galloway Cattle Society – No report received**

#### **7.7 Gelbvieh Cattle Breeders Soc – No report received**

#### **7.8 Limousin Beef Breeders Soc – No report received**

#### **7.9 NZ Angus Association – No report received**

#### **7.10 NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn – No report received**

#### **7.11 NZ Charolais Cattle Society – No report received**

#### **7.12 NZ Hereford Association – Gray Pannett (President)**

Unfortunately, like many events this year, NZ Herefords council had difficult decisions to make in the way of postponing the 2022 herd tour and cancelling the annual National Sale. Covid has also impacted on members who enjoy showing at their local A&Ps and while showing numbers are dwindling amongst the breed, there are still a few members who enjoy the social occasion and the opportunity to show case their studs.

NZ Hereford youth have however been active during covid with the highlight being an online heifer judging contest during lockdown and a three-day Youth Forum. NZ Herefords speculate that the future alignment between the breed societies and RAS will be with youth members.

Recently a highlight for NZ Herefords has been the Beef and Lamb Genetics progeny tests. NZ Herefords have supported the beef and dairy trials by nominating bulls and as breeders we are very proud of the breed's performance. There have been some outstanding results by Hereford bulls with leaders in productive and carcass traits.

NZ Hereford members continue to see the value of SNP DNA testing with the association experiencing a 5-fold increase in three years. This DNA testing will continue to enhance breed accuracy improvements we have made. The more information we gather, the greater our ability to further improve our breed, which ultimately results in our commercial farmers being able to make quick gains due to greater accuracy, particularly in the traits which can't be seen.

In the ever-changing world of technology, the technical committee brought in the changes to NZ Herefords indexes which means that we now have a greatly enhanced and more relevant index system. Each selection index describes a different production/market scenario and relates to a typical commercial herd using Hereford bulls. Hereford Prime, Beef Heifer and Dairy Beef indexes are all reported as an EBV, in units of net profit per cow mated (\$) for that given market scenario.

NZ Herefords look forward to the remainder of 2022 when we can overcome challenges and celebrate our wonderful breed and member successes.

#### **7.13 NZ Highland Cattle Society – Doug McLean (Treasurer)**

We have had some great achievements in the last 12 months:

- As a Society, we have grown. We have had nineteen new members join, and only six leave us – largely because their own lifestyles have changed and cattle, Highlands specifically, no longer feature. It is still well short of the 300+ members in the Society some seven years ago. More critically, we need to encourage active participation in breeding.

- These works are important to our Society to keep our members engaged and informed.
- We changed the Registration and Herd Book Rules that has made it possible to welcomed applications to bring animals outside of our herd book, with verified known highland heritage, into our herd book.
- We have a great, collaborative Council who work as a team and we now have three Council sub-committees in place to implement polices and complete tasks to accomplish our Council workplan around membership, breed standard and the Society.

Our management roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar are voluntary positions which invariably places a juggling of home, work and NZHCS contributions. Despite that challenge we are coping well.

The Society's registration and membership databases are web-based, robust systems that allow increased member direct access, reduced data entry and better quality control. The integrity of our highland cattle registry (with some 7,000 entries) is entrenched in our constitution.

As mentioned above active member participation in breeding is our major challenge. As the number of active breeders has fallen over the past years, so has the pool of stock available for breeding programmes. Active breeding programmes were far more front-of-mind some ten years ago when highland cattle quality was variable across the country. Nowadays that quality has improved significantly and the distribution of good quality cattle across the country more even and therefore the breeding imperative lessened in the mind of members.

16 new Folds were registered in 2021, the highest number since 2016 which bodes well for the next few years. As a Society we are in good shape, managing our finances prudently and have the financial, Council and management resource to continue our development.

#### **7.14 NZ Lifestyle Highland Society – Susan Harris (Vice President)**

Amid two years of covid NZLHS is still going strong. The Scottish Highland breed is still very popular and sort after. Even though very few A and P Societies were able to hold shows, at the Horowhenua Show held at Levin, January 2022, members Lisa Berthold and Pete Holloway of Woolly Manor Moos had a successful show with their black bull Loki Woollymoo of Te Mere winning the Meat and Wool Cup.

As part of NZLHS committee we look to see what we can offer members. Lisa, Pete and Lisa's mum Leonie (known as Camp Nana) held a halter training and show handling clinic at Levin Showgrounds the first weekend of April 2022 with attendance across 3 breed societies so hopefully when shows are up an running again, attendees may be keen to get in the ring.

As a member breed society of RAS NZ we look forward to being able to return normality and being able to promote the Scottish Highland breed we are so passionate about.

#### **7.15 NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc – No report received**

#### **7.16 NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle – No report received**

#### **7.17 NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders – Ian Fleming (President)**

Our association was formed in June 1921 with Sir Heaton Rhodes our first President. So in June 2021 commemorated a 100 years of existence. Sir Heaton Rhodes was also the first person to import Red Poll Cattle into NZ to his farm Otahuna Canterbury in 1898. Our family connection was due to my Grand Father Maurice Fleming managing Otahuna for 25 years.

Next year 2023 will mark 125years since the introduction of Red Polls into NZ. Having the World Congress Tour here for the 125<sup>th</sup> would be a fitting occasion and a great way to celebrate the achievement.

Our Breed is growing in numbers and new members every year. We find the butchers do like our beef and like most British Breeds yield well.

In the Canterbury A& P Virtual Show held in November last year my Cow Strathwell Vin came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the cow and calf interbreed class this was a great thrill for our family. This concept of showing via video and photos certainly has a place in stock judging. It allows cattle from all over NZ to be judged against each other.

#### **7.18 NZ Salers Society – Anna McNaughton**

At last, here we go with the summer news, just ahead of autumn...We had a great spring here, probably the best for rainfall and grass growth in the 32 years we have been here, followed by 6 hot dry weeks...just before we had to think about feeding out. Good rainfall came to the rescue, grass growth is under way again, and keeping up with demand...Will it see us through autumn, or will the now normal pattern of feeding out for 6 weeks or so settle in...all depends on follow up rain. The African grass Kikuyu is a bit of a life saver, responding very quickly to warm rain, so the coastal sandhills are turning from brown to green... As usual, variable weather patterns up and down the country have created different farming scenarios...with some areas copping the worst of the storms, very heavy rainfalls and flooding..

We have had some changes here...an enquiry for some Salers females coincided with our requirement for a sum of money for my hip replacement (getting on "the list" is a slow process with waitlists from the first lockdown still causing traffic jams)Delays miraculously disappear when the private system is accessed...So the top group of Kohekohe females are now farmed by Luke Edwards at Tauherenikau currently running with a Simmental bull.

Doug and Marion Beard have sent us photos of their Salers in Quebec...despite a pretty brutal run with COID in Canada, showing has continued, and the Beards have invested in more Salers females...great to hear of an expanding herd!

AUTUMN TOUR - Re the proposed Northland visit / tour. We have been in touch with Karen Woolley requesting a visit to the family, and Willow Creek Salers herd...Karen is able to fit us in (between batches of calves, they are calving their milkers from 1 March so will have the first group settled by end April...so Karen suggested the end of April ie 28 / 29 / 30 which fits in well after Easter and Anzac. Given the COVID situation, it is unlikely that there will be lockdowns, but we need to make our own decisions on our comfort with travelling at this time.

#### **7.19 Santa Gertrudis Breeders – No report received**

## **7.20 Lowline Promotion Group – Phil Worthington (SI Chair)**

Here in New Zealand the Lowline breed is run by two promotion groups – one in the North and one in the South Island – that are, in effect, branches of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association which is based in Australia where the breed was developed. Initially this was a genetic experiment by the Australian Department of Agriculture's Trangie Research Station, started in 1924, to monitor and develop feed conversion rates, beef production, and fertility in the Aberdeen Angus.

Top stud cattle were imported from Canada and in the following years herd sires from America, Scotland, and some top Australian studs were also introduced until the Trangie stud became a herd closed to any further genetics in 1964. It was split into three groups, also closed, based on high yearling growth rate, low yearling growth rate, and a randomly selected control line.

After almost three decades of research, more than half of it funded by the Australian Meat Research Corporation, a group of interested cattlemen persuaded the Australian Department of Agriculture to sell the "low line" cattle on the open market and on August 8, 1992, nine bulls, 23 heifers and seven cows were sold to seven purchasers who formed the Australian Lowline Cattle Association and the breed name Australian Lowline was officially registered. The following October the rest of the low line group – 20 bulls, 44 cows, and 51 heifers – was dispersed by sale to members, or soon-to-become members, of the association who from the start required DNA testing of all animals entering the herd book, continuing the parentage verification process that had been part of the original trial.

Thus the thousands of animals registered with the association can all trace back to the original Trangie herd of 29 bulls and 125 females and are in studs all around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States and Europe, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

In spite of the lack of shows this year – and the consequent lack of a showroom in which to display the breed to a wider public audience – the growth in membership in New Zealand's promotion groups has continued, and some New Zealand herds have grown past 200 in number. In the past 12 months the New Zealand membership tally climbed by nine, most of whom are new full members, and ALCA now has 45 members in New Zealand. ALCA also provides for junior, lifestyle, commercial, school, and associate membership. Several schools in Australia – mainly Queensland and New South Wales – are members of the association, have herds of their own, and are keen exhibitors on the showing circuit. This year marked a milestone for the breed in New Zealand, with Rangiora High School becoming a school member with a registered Lowline stud of its own, the first school outside Australia to do so.

**7.21 Simmental Cattle Breeders – No report received**

**7.22 South Devon Cattle Society – No report received**

**7.23 Speckle Park International – No report received**

**7.24 Welsh Black Cattle Breeders – No report received**

## **12. REPORTS – DAIRY CATTLE**

### **12.1 Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson – Kelly Allison**

Not wanting to repeat myself – but what another year we have had, the challenges of the pandemic have had a major effect on the A&P movement in particular the showing of cattle both Dairy and Beef, with 90% of shows not going ahead with the remaining shows running revised schedules which in most cases did not involve cattle on the day.

Though in saying this, some shows did manage to put on Dairy Sections which was a challenge, but I am sure the exhibitors appreciated the opportunity to compete with their stock. Congratulations to the A&Ps that thought they could put on a Dairy Schedule – Ellesmere with their 150<sup>th</sup> show and the Dairy Event come to mind.

One silver lining of the situation we are in, is the resurgence of On Farm based competitions, whether these are run by A&P Associations, Districts or Breed Associations.

I think I echo the sentiments of all those involved that we hope for a more settled and uninterrupted show season next year.

Looking at the industry as a whole we are in a strong position at present with a record \$9 plus milk price this year and this looks to be maintained for the coming season. There has also been some extremely buoyant results from the autumn sale season in particular a new record price set for a Dairy Cow of \$55,000 showing strong demand for dairy cattle and confidence in the industry as a whole.

Feedback from around the country has highlighted difficult growing conditions during summer and autumn with a lot of regions reporting dry conditions which has had an impact on production but have experienced a kind May with farms drying cows off in favourable conditions.

**12.2 Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders – No report received**

### **12.3 NZ Ayrshire Association – Pam Goodin (General Manager)**

Championship shows were held this season at Levin in the North Island and Ellesmere in the South Island, and along with the NZ Dairy Event at Feilding were well supported by members.

The Ayrshire On Farm Challenge was moved to after Christmas due to Covid 19. 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.

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.

### **12.4 NZ Guernsey Cattle Breeders - No report received**

### **12.5 NZ Holstein-Friesian Association – Cherilyn Watson (General Manager)**

In the 2021/22 season with COVID being widely spread throughout NZ, most A & P shows have not taken place or have moved to on-farm shows. From a Breed Society perspective this has seen us continue to engage with our membership more through social media and online platforms, allowing us larger reach both in New Zealand and overseas.

Due to the lack of shows our very successful HFNZ/Semex on Farm Competition saw an increase in numbers in 2022. This competition takes place completely on-farm, with animals firstly being judged within region, and then the top 2 in each class, from each region, go through to the national final. The national finalists are all judged again by one judge, with the winners to be announced at our Annual Conference in June. This competition is in its eighteenth year and is a very successful alternative for members, not keen or able to attend A & P Shows.

With very few shows held in the 2021/22 season our Black & White cow dominated at those shows that did take place. The HFNZ North Island Championships were original to be held at the Waikato A & P Show and were then moved to Stratford when Waikato was cancelled, only for Stratford to then be cancelled. At this stage they were moved to NZ Dairy Event, which managed to run under the red light setting in January 2022. Joyclas Sammy Moo S3F EX was named HFNZ North Island Supreme Champion Cow, NZ Dairy Event Holstein Friesian Supreme Champion Cow along with NZ Dairy All Breed Supreme Champion Cow, topping off an excellent few of days for the James/Satherley families.

The HFNZ South Island Championships took place at the Ellesmere A & P Show where they were also celebrating their centenary show. HFNZ South Island Supreme Champion Cow was awarded to Belbrook Smokin Explosion EX, exhibited by the Wakelin Family from Rangiora.

Now in its seventh year 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 Waikato and thanks must go to the members and businesses 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, nutrition, sire selection, TOP & judging, animal photography and the welfare of animals prepared for the show ring. The camp continues to attract young breeders from across the industry and many return when they are older to help run the camps, passing on the knowledge they have learnt.

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. Unfortunately COVID impacted our judging schools this autumn with the majority cancelled. Maintaining the standard for our judges is important and the Association will be looking to run judging schools as normal in 2023.

The Holstein Friesian breed is the 'Breed of Choice' for many farmers both in NZ and around the world. Holstein Friesian NZ will continue to work hard on behalf of all Holstein Friesian breeders to ensure the black and white cow is to the fore and continues to build on her many great attributes.

### **12.6 NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders – Pam Goodin (General Manager of Jersey NZ)**

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

Despite very few A&P Shows proceeding this season due to Covid 19 restrictions and uncertainties, the South Island Jersey Championships were held at Ellesmere. Due to Covid-19 cancellations, the North Island Championship ribbons were presented at NZ Dairy Event, which was well supported by Jersey NZ members in late January 2022 despite attendance restrictions.

Jersey NZ youth members also took part in the Murray Harnett Youth Judging Challenge at 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 shows, 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. Our flagship competition, the Semex Jersey On Farm Challenge was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid 19.

### **12.7 NZ Milking Shorthorn Association – Pam Goodin (General Manager of Jersey NZ)**

Championship Shows were sadly cancelled at Morrinsville A&P Show in the North Island and the South Island Championships will be awarded through a local On Farm Competition. 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.

### **12.8 Purebred Jersey Breed Society – Christine Fowles (Secretary)**

The 2021 AGM and Conference of the Society, hosted by the Taranaki Club in Stratford, was the first activity of the society for 2021. Malcolm Revell stood down as Patron and Graham Haddock was elected to the position. As has been the case with a number of other societies, Covid caused interruptions to the planned activities of the Society throughout the year. The team of classifiers worked around the restrictions imposed at the time and visited farms, in most cases, within their own province. This resulted in fewer numbers of animals classified compared to previous years' numbers. Both the Taranaki and Waikato clubs held on-farm shows. A calf club day was held for junior members on the farm of Linda and Mike Wood at Tuakau.

Garry Colqhoun, has continued to produce the wonderful journals, which he has done now for 12 years. The past year has seen two herds dispersed, One was Terry Paton's Opouri Stud. Terry has been a very loyal member with a Purebred herd to be very proud of. The other was the herd of Ian and Robyn Smith with the Golden Oak Stud. Ian was one of the founding members of Purebred Jerseys and has contributed greatly to the Society.

The 2022 AGM and conference is to be hosted by the Waikato club in early June at Morrinsville.

### **12.9 South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – not held this year.**

### **12.10 Dairy Cattle Levy – \$3,370 for the 2021.2022 financial year.**

## **17. REPORTS – SHEEP**

### **17.1 Sheep Breeds (UBS) Chairperson – Ian Stevenson (Chair)**

Not much has changed in the past twelve months as we continue to live in these strange and far from normal COVID times.

A & P Shows throughout the country have all suffered in some way as the covid factor has either caused the show or some sections of the show to be held in a competitor only format or in a lot of cases cancelled all together.

Some breeds have managed to hold breed days in their local areas to try to maintain enthusiasm and obtain the social get together factor which some rural people are missing out on.

On a national competition front The Golden Fleece and The National Ewe Hogget Competitions were both cancelled.

Hopefully in the next twelve months we get back to some sort of normality and can look forward to most A & P shows, breed events and national competitions taking place.

### **17.2 Black & Coloured Sheep Association – Phillippa Sanders (Delegate)**

Our membership remains steady but it is nice to see younger members joining the Association.

The season for our Breeders has been very quiet. We were fortunate in the South Island to attend three shows in the Spring. Autumn was very quiet and many of us got tasks done around our own properties.

Our National Conference is being held at the end of April as well as Our National Fleece Competition.

A thrill for members was a Black and Coloured Hogget won the Best Woollen sheep at the Canterbury Show against some very good sheep.

### **17.3 Cheviot Sheep Society – Judith Pascoe (Secretary)**

At their recent Annual General Meeting the Society welcomed Mr Blair Gallagher of Ashburton as their new President and thanked Mr Barry Cleaver of Taihape for his work as President over the past three years.

The Society has had a very successful year with the registration of five new flocks at their recent AGM. Cheviot rams also remain in strong demand, especially for hogget mating.

### **17.4 NZ Sheep Breeders Assn – No report received**

### **17.5 NZ Southdown Sheep Soc - No report received**

## **17.6 Perendale Sheep Society NZ – Warren Ayers (President)**

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present the presidents annual report to the Perendale Sheep Society of NZ.

The past 12 months at times appears to have been a lot like the 12 months before, Groundhog day all over again, with COVID initially causing lockdowns and then eventually becoming widespread throughout New Zealand.

Our last 12 months started with our Annual conference in Napier, the first time some of us had seen each other after the 2020 conference was cancelled. A busy few days were held along with visits to Brickells and the Natusch's. The Natusch's were awarded the Struan trophy. Thank you to Sue and Graeme and your team in organising this.

Unfortunately, 2021/2022 saw the cancellation of many A&P Shows and their associated events. This saw the Golden Sash needing to find a new venue. Thankyou Gilbert Timms for stepping in and organising a new venue and congratulations to you for winning the Golden Sash this last year.

The Te Kuiti sale was held in November, with the top prices from John Hendrickson and Warren D'Ath. Top average price went to one of our newer breeders, James McFarlane. The sale average was \$1062. Once again the Proffit family hosted their sale the next day. I think all the vendors at both sales need to be congratulated on managing to host their respective sales under very trying Covid restrictions.

With almost none of the traditional spring shows being held the next event on the Perendale Calendar was The South Island Ram fair at Gore. Also run under that what by now was the Covid Traffic Light System. Again, we proved adaptable in true Perendale fashion with Snowdon Station Leading the way in selling the top priced Ram to John Hendrickson. The Highest ever average sale price of \$3533.00 was achieved.

Over the last year your Council has held zoom meetings on a regular basis, but I feel there is nothing like a Council meeting being held with us all in one place. Internet issues can make zoom meetings difficult, and I hope that we will soon resume our traditional meetings.

During the year we have revised the rule book and constitution into a new version to be voted on at the AGM. It is important that you read this and make any comments or changes to Christine ASAP. Thanks to the members and Life Members that have also given their input to this.

Also, thanks to Fraser Darling and his team in the Otago Ward for organising this year's conference in Queenstown. I know you have had a lot of uncertainty around covid and just how the conference numbers will go but I'm sure that in true Perendale Conference style all those that attend will again have a great time.

Once again, I would also like to thank Christine Roberts for the huge effort she puts into the society. Christine does a lot of work behind the scenes, from meeting minutes right up to preparing ram fair catalogues. Finally Thankyou to all my fellow councillors for the time they put into being your representative and for taking the time to be available for meetings.

## **23. REPORTS – OTHER BREEDS**

### **23.1 Alpaca Association of NZ – Cheryl Hunter (Avon Tui Suri Alpacas)**

There is not a lot to report at present, 2021 there was no Alpaca Show held due to Covid Restrictions.

A lot of Alpaca Shows did not go ahead due to the ongoing restrictions imposed on everyone by our government, as well as many A&P shows were cancelled. Where shows did go ahead without spectators, they were very well attended by competitors.

Until there is access to overseas judges, or we manage to train up new judges, we are limited to the number of judges available in New Zealand and our National Council plus Showing and Judging Committee are looking at ways to address the shortage.

I intend to hold a Fleece and Breed Show this year if I can get a judge for the two days.

### **23.2 Anglo Nubian Breed Society of NZ - No report received**

### **23.3 Mohair NZ - No report received**

### **23.4 NZ Boer Goat – Marita Eisenlohr (Secretary)**

The NZ Boer Goat Breeders Assn has been unable to hold any boer goat shows in the past 12 months due to COVID restrictions, but are looking forward to the South Island Boer Goat Championships which are held on the Wednesday of the NZ Ag Show in November 2022. We will also have boer goat classes at the Wanaka A&P in March 2023 and the Mackenzie Highland A&P shows at Easter 2023.

### **23.5 NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association – Carol Plumpton (President)**

*Report received post Agenda*

New Zealand Dairy Goat Breeders Association is an association that supports their members with a range of services to breed quality dairy goats with a focus on production and type. These are some of the important



guidelines for our judging of shows. The last two years have been difficult with many shows being cancelled due to the Covid pandemic; however we have had good response at the shows that were able to be held in Northland and Canterbury. We look forward to supporting the A&P Shows this coming year and in the future.

**23.6 Llama Association - No report received**

**23.7 NZ Pig Association – No report received**

**23.8 NZ Sheep Dog Trials – No report received**

**23.9 Premier Dairy Goats – Janine Tasker (Treasurer)**

Premier Dairy Goats New Zealand Inc is an organisation which provides information, pedigree registration, and other services to all dairy goat owners (Hobby or Commercial) throughout New Zealand. The members of Premier Dairy Goats aim to promote the breeding and wellbeing of quality dairy goat stock within New Zealand. It is unfortunate that due to the pandemic there has been a disruption to the showing season and the export of stock for the last two years. However breeders continue to breed and register quality stock in anticipation that we get back to a more normal situation.

**23.10 Rare Breeds Association – No report received**

## **25. CORRESPONDENCE**

**25.1 Alpaca Association of NZ – Letter, Schedule and TB Protocols – see below**

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29/03/22

Dear Christine

**RE: Alpaca Association New Zealand TB Protocol and Royal Schedule for Acceptance by RAS**

Following up from various emails and verbal discussions with past and current executive of the RAS, I would like to obtain formal acceptance of both the AANZ revised voluntary Tb Scheme now referred to as the AANZ TB Protocol which is referenced in the RAS Rules and Regulations for A&P Shows (Rule 99) and our Royal Schedule which is referenced in the Protocols Guide for Royal Shows, Section 2, Schedules/Catalogues.

It is understood that these documents for approval would be submitted to the RAS as remits but as per your correspondence dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, while the Strategic Review continues, remits will not be accepted, instead ideas can be submitted for consideration as part of the review.

**AANZ TB Protocol**

Therefore can the attached AANZ TB Protocol please be formally adopted as part of the Strategic Review with the following amendments made to Rule 99. Please note that the AANZ is a standalone organisation from that of the Llama Association of Australasia and NZ Llama Association. The attached TB protocol has been drafted and accepted by the AANZ only. The TB protocol does not currently apply to any Llama breed society who may have their own protocol. Therefore the amendments to Rule 99 below apply to the AANZ only.

**Rule 99**

**b) All alpacas & llamas have to be from a herd which is tested on a “whole herd” basis in line with either the Alpaca Association New Zealand TB Protocol (2021) or the voluntary Tb scheme operated by the Alpaca Association of New Zealand, Llama Association of Australasia and NZ Llama Association and**

**Either:**

**The herd they come from has a current valid (clear) Tb whole herd clear receipt and is situated outside any Declared Movement Restricted Area for Cattle and Deer as defined and mapped by the Animal Health Board (AHB) OSPRI New Zealand.**

**Or**

**The herd they come from has a current valid (clear) Tb whole herd receipt, and they are situated within any Declared Movement Restricted Area for Cattle and Deer as defined and mapped by the AHB OSPRI New Zealand, and the specific alpacas and llamas attending the Show have been tested clear of Tb within 60 days of the Show.**

**c) Under the voluntary scheme operated by the Alpaca Association of New Zealand, Llama Association of Australasia and NZ Llama Association alpacas and llamas under 6 months old are not tested, but must still be part of a current, valid (clear) Tb whole herd.**

**Royal and A&P Show Schedules**

Attached are the AANZ approved ‘Royal Show Schedules’ for both age group classes and coloured classes, applying to both breed and fleece sections, to be submitted under Section 2 of the ‘Protocols Guide for Royal Shows’ and ask that this be accepted by the RAS. It is AANZ’s understanding that these schedules are referenced for any Royal Show

status applied to the Alpaca breed and fleece sections of any A&P Show. It is also understood that these schedules cannot be added to or amended for any Royal show event but can form the basis of a standard show schedule for any A&P show with amendments that are mutually agreed between the respective A&P and AANZ.

We ask if the RAS can confirm our above understanding on how schedules are confirmed for each individual A&P Show as this is not clear in your current RAS Rules and Regulations and may need to be clarified as part of your Strategic Review.

### **Strategic Review**

The AANZ acknowledge your initial document dated May 2021 which was sent 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 by Debbie Cameron then CEO of RAS.

This document which was marked 'Confidential' was very welcome by the AANZ who retained it within the National Council (NC) and was a catalyst for discussion within the NC.

Since receiving this document no further detailed updates or documents outlining RAS's progress on the topics, questions and recommended actions outlined in the Strategic Review have been forthcoming.

We have been made aware of the resignation and replacement of the RAS CEO together with other key executive positions being reviewed and/or filled by new officeholders.

Although the AANZ are not at this stage wanting to nominate individuals to go on the Executive, we are keen to be part of discussions or workshops to help develop key strategic outcomes for the RAS and in turn the Associated Breed Societies which the AANZ is part of. Looking at membership numbers as at Nov. 2020, the Alpaca Association has some of the highest membership numbers in their respective breed society with only around four other breed societies from the Sheep, Dairy and Equestrian areas with greater membership numbers.

Therefore the AANZ would like to build on their relationship with the RAS and work alongside other breed societies in developing a sound future for both the RAS and A&P Shows.

AANZ would welcome an update from RAS on the progress of the Strategic Review and what workshops or input the RAS could see our breed society making to help in a united front to achieve the sound future we are all looking for going forward.

### **Contact Details for Correspondence**

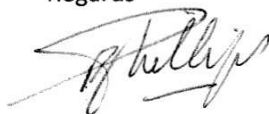
Detailed below is our current secretary's contact details for any future correspondence from RAS in regards to updates, feedback, AGM agenda and/or reports for discussion at the AGM in 2022 etc.

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I look forward to your reply in regards to the topics above.

Regards



**Bob Phillips**  
**President**  
**Alpaca Association New Zealand**



**Alpaca Association of New Zealand (AANZ)  
Voluntary Tb Testing Protocol for Alpaca  
(Effective from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021)**

<b>TB Free Current Disease Control Areas (As per OSPRI Map – Link Below) <a href="#">Disease Control Area (DCA) map   OSPRI</a></b>	<b>AANZ Voluntary Whole Herd Testing Frequency</b>	<b>Alpaca Age to be Tested</b>
Surveillance Area Risk-based Testing Schedules	5 Yearly Testing	24 Months and Over
Biennial Testing		
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 would 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.

**All results from any TB testing of alpacas is to be recorded on the official AANZ  
TB Test Receipt Document.  
(One copy for the person carrying out the TB testing and one copy for the owner of the  
alpacas being tested).**

# ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY of NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



**Saturday 18 June 2022, 5.00pm – via ZOOM**

## ATTENDANCE:

**Executive:** Rachel Walker (President), Nic Barkley (Vice President), Malcolm McKerrow (Treasurer/ND Council/Hon.Life), Maria Barta (Member), Melissa Jebson (Member/Judges Convenor/Malvern A&P/CD Council).

**Committees:** Kelly Allison (UBS Dairy Cattle Breeds Chair/Ayrshire Cattle), Ben Burgess (UBS Council Chair), Diane Chesmar (UBS Equestrian Breeds Chair), Mark Fleming (UBS Beef Cattle Breeds/Chair Canterbury A&P), Maxine Mulligan (HSCEX Clean Sport Convenor/National H&P Show).

Phil Holden (Chief Executive), Christine Roberts (Admin/Oxford A&P).

**Members:** Shona Addison (Helensville A&P), Paula Bell (Southland A&P), Heather Brake (Rotorua A&P), Chris Carden-Holdstock (Dairy Goat Breeders), Garry Dodd (Palmerston-Waihemo A&P), Steph Gowing (Whangarei A&P), Jakkie Guildford (Alpaca), Merran Hain (Poverty Bay A&P), Tabitha Hazlett, Rob Hall (SD Council), Fe Howie (Upper Clutha A&P), Nicky Hutchinson (Banks Peninsula A&P), Vicki Jagersma (WD Chair/Stratford A&P), Jackie Kelly (SD Chair/South Otago A&P), Doug Lineham (MND Treasurer), Michelle Mair (Taranaki H&P/Pony Breeders), Chris Mason (ND Chair/Whangarei A&P/Hon/Life), Emmy Maxwell (NZ Gypsy Cob/Cheviot A&P), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Matamata A&P/Morrinsville A&P), Hillary Milne (Clydesdale Horse), Cara O'Connor (Equestrian), Jane Stalker (Upper Clutha A&P), Peter Stewart (Amberley A&P), Ruth Stiven (SD Manager), Leigh Taylor (MND Manager/Te Kauwhata A&P/Side Saddle), Lyn Tetenburg (Rotorua A&P), Ian Tippett (SD Eq Chair/Winton A&P/Upper Clutha A&P), and Philip Worthington (Northern A&P/Lowline Cattle).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	<b>Rachel Walker – RAS President</b>	Warm welcome extended by the President to meeting attendees.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	<b>Rachel Walker</b>	The Chairperson opened the 2022 Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
<b>3.1</b>	Wendy Collin (ED Chair), Leanne Cooke (ND Eq Convenor/ND Manager), Louellen Davies (MND Eq Chair), Mary Davis (ED Manager), Marita Elsenlohr (NZ Boar Goat Breeders Assn); John Jebson (CD Chair), Steph Mann (NZ Carriage); Mike McElrea (Perendale Sheep Society), Helena McLeod (HSCEX Chair), Pip Saunders (Black & Coloured Sheep/CD Council), Mike Smith (SD Council), Tina Sergeant (ED Manager); Ian Stevenson (UBS Sheep Chair)	<p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> these apologies noted in 3.1 be received.</p> <p>Moved: R Walker      Seconded: P Worthington      <b>CARRIED</b></p>

4	Obituaries	Discussion - Action
		The meeting paused for a moment's silence as a mark of respect of members who had passed away during the year.
	<b>Northern District</b>	
	<b>Mid Northern District</b>	
	<b>Eastern District</b>	

	<b>Western District</b>	Betty Burge (Manawatu A&P)
	<b>Central District</b>	David Jackson (Westland A&P Show Manager), Roger James (Past RAS Executive Member), Ray Colville (Ashburton).
	<b>Southern District</b>	Malcolm Anderson (Life Member Winton A&P)

<b>5</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		No conflict of interest declared.

<b>6</b>	<b>Standard follow up items</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Confirmation of 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Minutes of 20 June 2021 Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.
		Moved: M Jebson      Seconded: M McKerrow      CARRIED
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Matters arising from Minutes (not on Agenda)</b>	No matters arising.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>General Business added to the Agenda</b>	None noted.

<b>7</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>President</b>	<p>The following points in the report (pages 51-53) were spoken to:</p> <p>Thank you - reiterated the various thank yous and that the Exec truly appreciate all the work that everyone does.</p> <p>Strategic Plan - asking for initial thoughts on matters that we should focus on in the next three years by mid-July to support the drafting of a strategic plan as per the June Presidents Update. There will be an opportunity for members and Districts to review the draft before its is finalised.</p> <p>Resolution Process – currently being reviewed and a draft will be forwarded to members and Districts asking for feedback for it is finalised.</p> <p>New Website - launched 2 weeks ago. A lot of information on it was on the old website, but now looks more modern and more interactive enabling it to be used easily via various types of devices e.g. cell phone, tablet or computer. 'Members only' page has been included which is only available to members who need to register. Additional information/photos/ promotional material can now be added to individual shows areas. Horse Search is a more user-friendly area when searching for a horse/pony. Thank you to those who have advised any amendments to be made to the new site, and these have been actioned. The Digital Optimisation Working Group will be looking at the website going forward to see how they can make it easier and more interactive for people.</p> <p>Government Minister Meeting - scheduled for 28 July, which will be the standard 30-minute meeting. Need to open the door, begin a dialogue with the focus on reinforcing our importance</p>

		<p>and relevance in the rural community, and the roll that we hold in the NZ agricultural sector.</p> <p>The Executive asks that if individual members are engaging with Government Ministers that they be advised accordingly, so any Minister does not have numerous meetings on the same topic and then become dis-engaged.</p> <p>A very successful meeting with the District Chairs this morning, and there will be more meetings between the Executive and this group than has been the case in the past.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the President's Annual report, as tabled be received.</p>
		Moved: R Walker    Seconded: M Mulligan    CARRIED
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<p>Financial Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was circulated and tabled – see link on page 53..</p> <p>Reiterated that it has been a tough year. Executive have been mindful of the significant reduction in the income throughout the year.</p> <p>Our Auditor is appointed to ensure the report to members is true and accurate, and assurance is given that there are 'no matters of concern' from them to raise to our members.</p> <p>The Financial Report is for the RAS at national level to use to talk with possible funders, but not for any other entity to use.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the 2021.2022 Annual Financial Report as tabled be sustained.</p>
		Moved: M McKerrow    Seconded: P Worthington    CARRIED
	<b>7.2.1 Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>See pages 53-54.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Treasurer's 2021.2022 Report be adopted.</p>
		Moved: M McKerrow    Seconded: M Mulligan    CARRIED
		<p>Regarding the question of having more detail around the Income and Expenditure of the Equestrian Levies - the equestrian levy is collected to provide services to our members. Executive will look at increasing the transparency around the annual report. A change from MYOB to the XERO financial programme has been implemented and will allow more in-depth reporting to members.</p>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Equestrian Breeds and Main Annual general Meetings</b>	<p>D Chesmar – a good meeting. Pleased to see that Breed columns are now included on the Horse/Pony ID form.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Equestrian Breeds Chairperson's verbal report be received.</p>
		Moved: D Chesmar    Seconded: P Worthington    CARRIED

7.4	<b>United Breeds Society (UBS) Annual General Meeting</b>	<p>Ben Burgess – good meeting with respective affiliated Breeds. Alpaca Assn tabled some changes.</p> <p>M Fleming - Overview given on the new TB testing schedule that OSPRI is initiating, as well as increasing their NAIT Tag levy.</p> <p>J Guilford – rule 99 needs to be amended to reflect any changes.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the United Breeds Society Chairpersons verbal reports be received.</p>
		Moved: B Burgess    Seconded: M Fleming    CARRIED
7.5	<b>Districts Chairpersons Reports</b>	<p>As tabled and circulated – see pages 54-57.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Districts Chairperson’s Reports as tabled be received.</p>
		Moved: M Jebson    Seconded: R Hall    CARRIED

<b>8</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
8.1	<b>Levies/Fees Review</b>	<p>See page 53-54.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Levies and Fees Review as outlined in the Treasurer’s Report as tabled be received.</p>
		Moved: M McKerrow    Seconded: M Mulligan    CARRIED
		<p>RAS Executive reviewed the Levies and Fees increases and resolved to withdraw the notices of motion given to the Districts and note that no increases are recommended for 2022.2023.</p> <p>The role of the Executive is to ensure the RAS has appropriate funding and note that no increases, including CPI increases, have been implemented for five years. This will need to be considered for next year. The meeting noted that the challenges in doing so include perceived value for money and that funds are tight for everyone. It was asked if the members been asked how they will cope with any increase.</p>
8.2	<b>Appointment of Auditor</b>	<p><b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> Ashton Wheelans Ltd be appointed as the Society’s Auditors for the 2022.2023 financial year.</p>
		Moved: M McKerrow    Seconded: M Fleming    CARRIED

<b>9</b>	<b>Remits, Motions, Business or Proposed Resolutions</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
9.1	<b>Remits</b>	Executive are looking at enabling Remits to be tabled again soon.



9.2	<b>Recommendations from Equestrian Breeds, and Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meetings.</b>	Revised Horse/Pony ID Form
9.3	<b>Recommendations from United Breeds Society Annual General Meeting.</b>	No recommendations tabled.
		<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the recommendation as noted in 9.2 above be approved.
		Moved: N Barkley    Seconded: D Chesmar    CARRIED

<b>10</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
10.1	As noted in 6.3	No further General Business noted.

<b>11</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
11.1	<b>District Service Awards</b>	<p><b>Northern</b> - Neil Sidwell received a Medal of Excellence from the district in respect of his long service to the shearing and other sections within the showing movement.</p> <p><b>Mid-Northern</b> – Rotorua will be awarding two Life Memberships, as well as a Medal of Excellence to Lyndon Hunt at their 2022 AGM.</p> <p>Walter Scott recognised by the District, a long-time supporter of shows, the District, as well as a being a Past President of the Society.</p>
		<b>Decision:</b> THAT the names of above who were awarded District Service Medals be ratified.
		Moved: P Worthington    Seconded: L Taylor    CARRIED
11.2	<b>Honorary Life Membership</b>	No Honorary Life Membership awarded in 2022.

<b>12</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
12.1	<b>Patron</b>	<b>Right Honourable Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro.</b> Current Patron – while in her term as Governor General.
12.2	<b>Executive</b>	
	<b>12.2.1 President</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Ms Rachel Walker</b> Nominees: Jackie Kelly (SD Chair)/Canterbury A&P Association
	<b>12.2.2 Vice-President</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mr Nic Barkley</b> Nominees: Mayfield A&P Association/R Walker (RAS President).
	<b>12.2.3 Member</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mr Ben Burgess</b> Nominees: Manawatu A&P Society / R Walker (RAS President).

<b>12.3</b>	<b>Horse Stewards Council Executive (HSCEX)</b>	
	<b>12.3.1 Chairperson</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Ms Helena McLeod</b> Nominees: Waverley A&P Association / C O'Connor (RAS Executive).
	<b>12.3.2 National Clean Sport Convenor</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mrs Maxine Mulligan</b> Nominees: Manawatu A&P Association / Hawkes Bay A&P Society
	<b>12.3.3 National Judges Convenor</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mrs Melissa Jebson</b> Nominees: Northern A&P Association / Oxford A&P Association
	<b>12.3.4 National Measuring Convenor</b>	<b>Ms Steph Mann's</b> term remains current
<b>12.4</b>	<b>Equestrian Breeds Chairperson</b>	<b>Mrs Diane Chesmar's</b> term remains current.
<b>12.5</b>	<b>United Breeds Society (UBS) Executive</b>	
	<b>12.5.1 Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Ben Burgess's</b> term remains current.
	<b>12.5.2 Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mr Mark Fleming</b> Nominees: Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society / Limousin Beef Breeders Society
	<b>12.5.3 Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson</b>	One nomination was received, that of - <b>Mr Kelly Allison</b> Nominees: Otago-Taieri A&P Society / Tokomairiro A&P Society
		<b>Decision:</b> <b>THAT</b> the above nominations as noted be ratified
		MOVED: P Worthington Seconded: L Taylor CARRIED
		Thank you very much to Melissa Jebson and Cara O'Connor who have stepped down as Executive Members and look forward to working with you in other sections of the RAS.

<b>12</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Discussion - Action</b>
		The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, is looking forward to catching up around the Districts, and attending shows once the new season is underway.  <b>Meeting declared closed at 6.04pm</b>

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 President – Rachel Walker

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are finally at the end of a season that few of us would like to repeat. The easing of government COVID-19 restrictions came too late for the normal A&P show season to be possible, with almost all our A&P Association members cancelling their shows.

There has however been a lot of RAS activity this year as reported below.

#### Thank you

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who works or volunteers in the showing movement, for what you do for our members, competitors / exhibitors, and as officials. Thanks to those who undertake roles for their local A&P, including Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Committee members, Convenors and Measuring Stewards. Thanks to our Equestrian Judges and those in district roles (including District Chairs, Managers, Councillors and Judge Convenors). Thanks also to those in national roles (including the United Breeds Societies Executive, Horse Stewards Council Executive and Horse of the Year Committee).

Thank you to all of you for your voluntary hours, support and understanding in these trying times – hopefully, we will be back to some normality soon.

This year has seen several people come and go, and various people have been acknowledged for their significant service to the RAS or their member A&P Association. While we can't name everyone, I must acknowledge the contributions made by our outgoing Chief Executive Officer Debbie Cameron and National President Brent Snellek, and our outgoing Executive Members Cara O'Connor and Melissa Jebson.

We have welcomed our new Chief Executive Phil Holden and Vice President Nic Barkley this year, while Melissa Jebson has taken on the role of National Judges Convenor. We also have a different patron being the new Governor General, Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, and we thank her for her patronage.

I would like to thank Christine Roberts and the Executive members for their tireless work and support. There has been so much change and uncertainty throughout the year and they have all stepped up to the mark and worked very hard for the RAS in particularly trying times.

The RAS Executive extend their sympathies to those who have lost loved ones during the 2022 / 2023 year.

#### COVID-19 impact

No more than 20 of our 93 member A&P Associations held a show or section(s) of competition over the 2021 / 22 season. Some members have sadly cancelled their show for two or three years in a row now.

Well done to those who did run events, we are sure it was appreciated by the competitors / exhibitors who attended. I particularly congratulate those members who found innovative ways to showcase rural excellence this season. I have heard of displays in town shopfronts, overhauled schedules, and of course the Virtual Beef Competition held by the Canterbury A&P Association that I was delighted to attend.

With not many shows able to run due to COVID, judges including our equestrian judges have not had the opportunity to be out and about, and only one Clean Sport test was undertaken (which returned a negative result). Although slightly down on the previous season, measuring stands have been busy.

A&P Association members tell us that the inability to run under the traffic light settings, uncertainty about the changing nature of the settings, and the risks to volunteers (often seniors) were the most common reason for cancelling shows. Only one member indicated they had concerns about their financial reserves due to the cancellations and the Executive have followed up with them to offer additional support.

We have been in contact with Ministers, including Hon Damien O'Connor (the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Rural Communities), and have a meeting scheduled with him in July.

The RAS Head Office and the Executive are aware it could be challenging getting underway again for the upcoming season and wish to offer aid to members as they start to run shows again.

Like many of our member A&P Associations, and almost all event organisers around the country, COVID cancellations have hit the RAS financials. Much of the RAS income comes from the equestrian levies members collect from the competitors at their shows. Therefore, no show means no levies and a significant reduction in the RAS income. A large proportion of shows are held after Christmas, and late in 2021 many members were indicating they intended going ahead. The traffic light setting change in January meant many of those shows did not run as expected, which meant no equestrian competition or levies.

Ways to fund the RAS (without asking more of our members) is the highest priority of the Chief Executive and the Executive going forward.

## Conference and events

Due to the uncertainty around COVID settings at the time when we had to make decisions, and the need to pay deposits in advance, the RAS conference 2022 was cancelled. The meetings usually held there have been scheduled online to be held via Zoom.

Other events cancelled for 2021 / 2022 included the Rural Ambassador competition, National Golden Fleece Exhibition and the National Young Judges/Paraders final.

It has been bitterly disappointing to find ourselves cancelling events including seeing scheduled Royal Events unable to proceed. However, it does mean we have started the planning for the 22 / 23 season earlier than normal.

## Working Groups

The 2021 SGL Funding report (sometimes known as the Bramley Report) recommended we establish several working groups, and their activity over the 2021 / 2022 year includes:

**Events Optimisation** – Information circulated to members included a list of entertainers; guidelines for Show Stewards; and a show readiness checklist. The group surveyed Show Managers and shared the outcomes; provided funding application guidelines and a list of funders; and developed a show success measurement template. Now they are establishing a Show Mentors panel to aid Show Managers.

**People** – The group adapted the Northern District guidance on the role of a District Councillor, and this has been sent to all Districts to review. The RAS is working with Volunteering NZ to investigate partnering with them to offer members their people related tools and guidance.

**Home Industries** — A set of section guidelines will be distributed to members. These may be available in both printed and online formats, with options in terms of complexity for convenors to choose between.

**Equestrian rulebook review** — A survey was conducted on the measuring section of the equestrian rulebook which received 300+ replies. These are being collated to develop recommendations. The Minimum Standard Schedule (MSS) is the next section scheduled for revision.

**Royal Shows and Events** — The group produced a paper on Royal Shows and Royal Events. Several options on ways these could be run were submitted to the Executive, who are in discussions with members on implementing the recommendations.

**Digital Optimisation / Next Generation** — These groups were merged, and the focus this year has been on building and releasing our new website. The test site was shared with District Chairs in February 2022 and the new website released. This working group will now be reinvigorated in order to make further contributions for members.

**Rural Community Hubs** – Case studies of member organisations who earn revenue from sources other than an annual show have been developed for inclusion in the new website.

**Conference** – A fabulous programme was designed for 2022 and this will be a starting point for developing the 2023 conference, to be held 23 - 25 June in Wellington. Mark your calendars now!

**National Golden Fleece Exhibition** – Organisation for this event was well underway when the decision was made to cancel the 2022 event. The next Exhibition will be held on 10 May 2023.

## Strategy Development

The RAS was a case study for the Institute of Strategic Leadership (ISL), allowing us to build on and test our progress against the Bramley Report. The feedback we received was encouraging and was summarised in a recent Presidents Update newsletter to members.

In the next few months, we will offer Districts, national office holders and members the opportunity to comment on a draft three-year strategic plan. The plan will build on the work in the Bramley Report; consider the ISL case study feedback and the impact of COVID; and maximise the opportunity provided by our upcoming centenary.

## Work in progress

This year we have applied our resolution process on several occasions, resulting in us identifying room for improvement in the process. A review has commenced, and Districts, national office holders and members will be given an opportunity to be involved in the design of a revised process.

2024 will see the centenary of the RAS and we will establish a working group to look at how to acknowledge this milestone.

Relationships with Federated Farmers, Agricultural Shows Australia, the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth, and others have been developed or advanced this year. We are continuing to look for ways to partner with these and other organisations.

Hopefully you have seen increased communications this year, with both Show Connect (available to anyone interested in showing) and a regular member update from the RAS President. Anyone interested in Show Connect can sign up to receive it via the website and we encourage you to forward it to your committee and paying members.

#### **A final note**

This has been a tough year for everyone, some more than others. As a membership organisation, our focus is on the support, guidance, and tools we provide to you, our members.

Please remember that the RAS Head Office and / or Executive Members are only an email or phone call away for any queries, concerns, or advice.

We are all looking forward to seeing you next season.

Rachel Walker  
President

## **7.2 Financial Report – Attached and Link on website from 15 June 2022**

<https://www.ras.org.nz/about/our-conference/>

### **7.2.1 Treasurer – Malcolm McKerrow**

The following report to members is on the financial outcomes for the society for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The continued uncertainty around the changing traffic light settings introduced by the government through the COVID -19 pandemic, unsurprisingly had a major impact upon A & P showing throughout New Zealand with no more than twenty of our ninety three member A & P Associations able to hold an event of some kind.

It is recognised that a significant level of income for the RAS comes from the levies our members collect from show competitors at their shows and consequently with the fewer number of events held had a material impact upon the RAS income for this period.

When we compare this year's income to that of the immediate financial year prior to start of the Covid-19 pandemic one can measure what the real impact has been.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
2019/2020 Year \$318,994.00	2019/2020 Year \$290,646.00
2021/2022 Year \$197,177.00	2021/2022 Year \$232,116.00

This clearly demonstrates how savage the covid -19 pandemic has been on the RAS income and the outcome of the measures your executive has taken to reduce expenses. Regrettably, this brings little comfort to us all with the knowledge that we have a disappointing operating deficit of \$34,939.00 for the 2021/2022 period. Members should be mindful that the society did incur an extraordinary cost this year covering the recruitment services for the appointment of a new chief executive.

The Executive also recognise that this has been a difficult year for our member societies and our district councils. I would like to thank Northern, Eastern, Western and Central District Councils for waiving their right to receive the annual A & P rebate this year. We deeply respect the assistance that they have given to help protect the RAS cash reserves for the betterment of all members for the future. Without their assistance the operating deficit would have been far greater this year. Consequently, RAS cash reserves remain reasonably healthy with strong liquidity.

### **Membership**

Life membership as of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 stood at 659 members. There are 63 Breed and Kindred memberships and 93 A & P show or event memberships. The Angus Breed Society and the New Zealand Sheep Breeders membership fees remain unpaid for this financial period.

### **Subscriptions**

As is customary, we continue to credit five percent of the life members fund to the current account which does assist in meeting the costs associated with servicing life members.

Over the course of the last nine months our President has reported on the approaches to government ministers seeking to secure funding for the RAS and A & P showing in New Zealand. These discussions remain ongoing. That said along with all our member society's the RAS faces significant inflationary pressures, and until such time as other funding avenues have been secured, it falls on the member societies and their event competitors to withstand most of the inflationary pressures. The RAS cannot grow, fund new initiatives and continue to provide the level of services to its members and solely absorb the cost of inflation.

## **Membership & Levies Review**

A & P and breed society membership fees and equestrian levies and fees have not been reviewed since the 2018 AGM. Inflation since 2018 to 2021 has been 7.8 % and the executive in consultation with the district chairperson resolved to seek an increase in all levies at this year's annual general meeting. The extraordinary increase in inflation within New Zealand in recent months immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic suggests that the time is not right to seek such increases from our members and competitors and consequently the intended notices of motion have been withdrawn.

As responsible governors the executive need to recommend to its members that the organisation keeps up with inflation and we are now clearly signalling the executives intention to seek the required increases at the 2023 annual general meeting which at that time may be more significant than originally intended. To put matters into perspective had the increases been sought this year the A & P levy increase would have generated a mere \$4,186.00 in additional income.

In closing, I would like to thank the executive for their support in what was an extremely challenging year. Thank you again to those districts that were able to waive their right to the annual A & P rebate. My thanks to our past CEO, Debbie Cameron, for all that she did for the RAS and A & P showing over the years this was a significant contribution and valued. I welcome Phil Holden into the organisation. In my report last year, I made reference to Christine Roberts the organisations unsung administration hero. Christine filled the void left by our departed CEO and kept the organisation running and gave the executive the time to rescope the organisations future human resource requirements. Thank you Christine, for all that you have done and continue to do.

To the membership it has been a difficult year for you and no doubt there are still challenges ahead but many of the challenges will be simplified if we utilise the collective will amongst us.

I formally move the adoption of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Malcolm McKerrow - Treasurer

## **7.5 Districts**

### **7.5.1 Northern District – Sharon Cook (Chairperson)**

Well, what another rollercoaster year we have had covid has played a big part in crippling the Showing movement for 2021/2022 season. Covid seemed to be on the decline from mid-April of 2021 which allowed the RAS to hold its annual AGM in Wellington on June the 20th to June the 23rd 2021 I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to go as the District Chairman to the RAS AGM. The district had planned a meeting for August the 28th, this meeting was postponed and later cancelled due to covid lockdowns. August 17, saw Auckland back at level 4 as an outbreak of Covid Delta took hold of the city. By August 20 the whole country was back at level 4 as Delta had spread. While many parts of the country changed the lockdown levels, Auckland and Northland remained at level 4 or 3. While Northland went to level 2 on the 11th November 2021 Auckland and other parts of the country remained at level 3. 2/12/2021 saw the whole country change to the traffic light system. While most of the country was in orange, Northland and Auckland remained in red. We then saw an outbreak of the covid variant omicron. The whole lockdown and upheaval of Covid has made things very hard for our district to function. Yes most of the country was having Zoom meetings this was not feasible for our district as a couple of our councillors don't have the facilities to do Zoom. While we had a couple of meetings with emails these are not satisfactory either. Very sad and hard year for all our A and P Shows in the Northern District as most of them had to cancel their events due to the Covid pandemic. I am pleased that Kaitaia and Kumeu went ahead with their Equestrian events. Northland is one of the hotspots for Omicron at this moment. I wish the RAS and Districts, and all the A and P's a very successful 2022/2023 season ahead. Please stay safe everyone.

### **7.5.2 Mid-Northern District – Bruce McRobbie (Chairperson)**

It is with pleasure I present the 2021.2022 chairman's annual report for the Mid-Northern District of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions some shows were cancelled while others ran limited events with the absence of the public. Those events that did run had good entries. I was unable to attend the shows that did run because of these restrictions.

This year we recognised the achievements of Mr Walter Scott for his contribution to the showing movement and the RAS. He served as a show delegate from Morrinsville on Mid-Northern Council, served as secretary and president within his 50 years supporting the Mid-Northern district, as well as National President. An outstanding effort.

Finances during this time have been difficult. However, it is with thanks to those who given their time freely to the many roles of this committee that we have remained in a similar financial position.

To Leigh and Doug, we thank you for looking after the secretary and finance of the district.

To council members who are retiring and not seeking re-election – we thank you for your time and support over the years. The 2022.2023 showing season will bring a new set of challenges which we as a district will address together.

### 7.5.3 Eastern District – Wendy Collin (Chairperson)

COVID take two, well it has once again been a very difficult year for not only the Eastern District, but for the whole Royal Agricultural Society movement. Covering all sectors of the RAS, Beef, Dairy, Shearing, Rural Ambassador, Stock Judging, Equestrian, and so it goes on.

We had shows run in the Poverty Bay, Wairoa, Wairarapa, and Masterton, all were able to run with partial schedules sections, able to manage the Red and Orange Traffic Light system, and 100 people limited Bubbles. Sadly, the Orange Traffic light didn't kick in in time for Hawkes Bay who had decided not to run under the Royal Show banner for 2021, Northern Hawkes Bay Showing ran a Pop-up Show Jumping event the weekend of Hawkes Bay Show with Hawkes Bay decision to cancel the show.

Along with Hawkes Bay, Central Hawkes Bay, NZ National Horse and Pony Show, and Horse of the Year all cancelled, due to the difficulty with the Covid restrictions. Dannevirke was set to run an Equestrian Section and a Dairy and Beef section, when the Council had a serious water leak in the town, so water was restricted to no use other than essential use. This just brought to the fore that we need patience and understanding around the challenges of "Covid" and limited group numbers of the traffic light settings, none the less it is very frustrating for the organiser's of events.

Eastern Districts was given 2 medals of Excellences which were given to Masterton and Dannevirke to award to a member who has given outstanding support to their show. Masterton awarded their RAS medal of Excellence, to Phyllis French, who is Patron of Masterton A&P, and also past President. Dannevirke's recipient for the Excellence was Neil Thorburn. Neil is a past equestrian Chair, and sat in the role of the Management committee.

The National body, of the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) has undergone some major changes on the Executive. Debbie Cameron tendered her resignation as CEO. Thanks to Debbie for her leadership, and support she brought to her role. Philip Holden was employed as the new Chief Executive. Philip is currently providing Executive support to New Zealand Shearing Contractors Association, and has worked an Executive level Lion Foundation, New Zealand Rugby League, Greyhound, and Harness Racing New Zealand.

Rachel Walker who was in the Vice President position, stepped into the President chair, after the resignation of Brent Snell, due to health issues. With Rachel's position as Vice President becoming vacant, Nick Barkley took on the position.

Melissa Jepson took on the National Judge's Convenors portfolio. Eastern Districts now has a Judges convenor with the position being filled by Maxine Mulligan. I would like to Thank Megan Hawkins for her help over the last two years as our stand in Convenor. We were able to run combined Judges seminars with Western District. Along with the Judge's Convenor Maxine also holds the Clean Sport Portfolio. This has brought new challenges to the testing of Clean Sports with it reported that equestrian competitor's going to new lengths to get the satin ribbon, using vodka and also Diazepam on their Horses which with random testing these drugs and others may affect the speed, stamina, or temperament.

Maxine will be organizing Judges seminars along side Western again with dates to follow, for anyone wanting to upgrade or become a Judge, or want to sit judging exams for other areas. These dates will be forwards on.

Ben Burgess is the Chair of the United Breeds once again. With the National Conference now cancelled it has been mentioned that zoom meetings may be used to cover the various meetings which would have been held at Conference.

The RAS Strategic plan is still underway with various working groups having been set up to discuss ways to move the Royal Agricultural Society forward. These working groups are

People/ Job Description; Digital Optimisation/Next Gen/Website; Events Optimisation; Rural Community Hubs; Conference; Home Industries; Equestrian Rule Book; Royal Shows and Events.

We were given the opportunity to take part in the Equestrian survey, for the changes to the Equestrian Rule Book review.

Acting President Rachel Walker wants the RAS to approach the Government for support of A&P Shows. She feels this is a conversation needed to be had. In Australia this call has been made and the Australian Government has given another \$25 million from the Australian Federal Government, and in the first round of payment, the pay out was \$59 million. The New Zealand Government Domestic Events fund paid out \$10 million direct financial support to smaller scale shows like the Hawkes Bay Show, Horse of the Year, NZ Agricultural Show (Canterbury A&P Show). Of the 96 A&P Shows around New Zealand, 77 cancelled and of these 16 ran a scaled back event, mainly Equestrian.

The RAS, has could be looking at a 30 k lose this year will a loss of income. With this in mind at a recent RAS Executive District Meeting we were asked if we would consider to weaver our rebates, which I said Eastern would, as the Eastern representative. RAS pays out 27k in rebates to the districts which is then divided between the members. The RAS Website has been worked on and updated with the Data Base all so coming to life with the techie work done by the new Vice President Nic Barkley. Nic has given it a real shake up and it is much easier to navigate. On the new Data base all equine info Owner, Competition names, height certs, breeding, result records, Open / Novice status.

Rural Ambassador Finalist winner last year was Eastern's very own Emma Pollitt. Emma represented Eastern at the finals held at Conference in Wellington. With Emma winning the finals this meant Emma would get to compete in

Australia, with New Zealand as the seventh state at the State finals. Unfortunately, with all the uncertainty of Covid Emma decided to pull out, which was really unfortunate for Emma but really lucky for the Aussies!

Thank you to the three Judge's who give their time to interview the two applicant's who put their names forward to Rural Ambassador, Graham Johnston, Fenton Wilson, and Peter Reeves.

Rural Ambassador for this year is hopefully able to go ahead, with the interviews possibly done via zoom. I will keep you posted.

The 5<sup>th</sup> December was National Volunteer Day, which we as a District would thank all our volunteers who help to run the 93 A&P Shows and 67 Breed and Kindred Societies.

Dairy week was held again at Manfield Park in Feilding, back in January. Once again, this event had large numbers attending, even with the difficulties, of the traffic light system. Competitors competed for National Titles.

Golden Fleece Competition is to be held down South, with the competition for both Fine and Corse wool. I would have liked to have seen a North Island Show have the Corse wool Competition. Melissa Jepson has asked if all the districts would be happy to donate \$100 to go towards the running of the competition.

You would have all seen the horrendous display of Horse abuse, at the North Otago A&P Show, where a competitor was seen to be kicking and hitting a horse around the head. MIP and the RAS, are investigating this. The difficulty RAS, has is the Show hadn't officially started. MIP are investigating the abuse of the horse in question. Unfortunately, RAS doesn't have a Red card system, which would have been able to deal with the abuse of this horse.

Eastern's only fundraiser held in August, the Equestrian Market Day, this year I ran alongside the National Horse and Pony Show. Once again Hawkes Bay kindly gave us the use of the Exhibition Hall, as their donation to Eastern. Thank you to Hawkes Bay.

The market day raised \$ 2108.00 with expenses of \$190(a shared room for myself and Leanne), BBQ food was donated by myself and Simon, Coffee cart had no charge as a donation, so the money received was \$ 959.00 and with interest earned \$1054.90.

Thinking outside the square and looking for new ways for Eastern to be able to interact with each other, I would like to start an Eastern Chat page on messenger which can only be accessed by Show organiser's and Eastern list Judges. All who are invited to join. This is to share info, converse with topics which may be useful to Eastern and just general support. I have no idea how to do this so I shall be working with Tina to get this up and running.

Thanks to you all for your support though out the year, and the difficulties you have all dealt with,

Thank you to Sally Jackson for doing our minutes over the past four years,

Thank you to Vice President Emma Pollet, Junior Vice Sophie Hansen, and District Secretary Tina Sergeant

Our Purpose-RAS Showcasing Rural Excellence

Our Vision – Supporting our members to connect, educate, excel and innovate

#### **7.5.4 Western District – Trevor Latimer (Chairperson)**

It is my pleasure to present my report for the 2021/2022 season as the Western District Chairperson.

Due to COVID we only had one meeting in Taihape last year thank you to those who attended on a bitterly cold day. Unfortunately, the turnout was low but it was good to get out into another area. Thanks to Ann and Pania from Taihape who updated us on their Association and like most smaller Shows they are struggling to survive.

Western District Shows held in the past season were Wanganui, Waverley, Fielding and Horowhenua. Show reports indicate that these all went well and worked within the Covid framework at the time. I know Horowhenua were extremely lucky to host a full Show and get it finished just prior to going into the Red traffic light system on the Sunday night.

Thanks to Janene from Waverley for organising the rack cards which advertised all the WDC Shows. Unfortunately, COVID again spoilt this initiative with most Shows being cancelled.

Due to Horowhenua being the only WDC Show to have a Dairy Cattle competition, none of the WDC trophies were awarded for the season.

Many thanks to all WDC Office bearers and Councillors for their support of the Showing movement as a whole over the past year.

As I have completed 5 years service in the Chairperson role I am stepping down from the position and thank everyone for their support in my term of office.

#### **7.5.5 Central District – Sam Rutherford (Chairperson)**

It is with pleasure that I present the 2021/2022 Chairman's Report for the Central District Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand. At this point I would like to acknowledge and remember those members of our district that have passed away over the last year. The contribution they have made to our district and the A&P Associations is much appreciated and our condolences to their families.

Last year I wrote "what a very strange two years" well another year can be added to that. Virtually no complete shows were held and those that were held were in a very scaled down form. As we wait for the traffic lights to change to orange, we can only hope that it is done in time for our spring shows to have plenty of time to plan. As I write this, we wait for an announcement at 1.00pm this afternoon on whether we move in to orange. Congratulations to those shows that went ahead in a scaled down form, financially it certainly will have taken its toll but here's hoping for a



return to normality. Well done to the South Island Championship Show for running its full show, one of very few in the country I imagine.

Council this year has met a number of times by zoom which has had its share of technological “gotchas” but overall worked well. Our December meeting was held at Lake Hood so was a good opportunity for all councillors to get together as well as some guest from the southern area of the district.

The RAS annual conference was held this year in Wellington and the highlight as far as Central Districts was concerned was the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to John Grigg from Hororata. John was a member of the initial RAS Equestrian Rulebook Committee and also assisted in the development of the modern Equestrian Performance Card. A modified version of this card is still used by our equestrian exhibitors today. John also worked with representatives of the NZ Government to ensure the RAS retained the 1908 A&P Act, which is the founding document for the showing sector. The conference was also the venue for the Rural Ambassador final judging. We were very ably represented by Emma Owens, congratulations Emma on being one of the four finalists. The conference concluded with me inviting everyone to the 2022 conference in Christchurch but of course since then covid has intervened and all conference meetings will now be held by zoom.

A big thank you to our judge’s convenor Melissa Jebson and her team of tutor judges, another frustrating year but things have still been rolling along in that space. Also, thank you to our councillors and John Jebson my Vice-Chair who I’m sure would like things to be back to normal, it has been frustrating and when I look back on my last year’s report I thought we then had the worst behind us – how wrong I was.

Finally, Christine Roberts our district manager – you are a marvel – thank you so much for guiding me over the last three years. I suppose when we look back, I will be known as the “COVID Chair” – not one full showing season did I see while in the chair. In conclusion I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and wish the district all the best in the future.

#### **7.5.6 Southern District – Jackie Kelly (Chairperson)**

If my report is to be a summary of what has happened in our District this year, I could do it by using one word – COVID. With the ‘traffic light’ system in place every show was affected in some way. Some held only one or two sections with no public being allowed on the grounds, while many shows made the difficult decision to cancel altogether. Those shows that did hold any sections (mainly Equestrian), reported good entries and that competitors enjoyed having an event to attend and expressed their thanks to the A&P’s for organising it - which makes a nice change!

Financially every show will have been affected, especially the larger shows with fixed costs, and going forward we hope the 22/23 show season will be unaffected by this virus but who knows what is around the corner?

In the South, as a mainly agricultural based economy, apart from our tourist spots, we were lucky last year to be relatively unscathed. While Auckland was in lockdown we mainly carried on as normal. This year however, with the traffic light system, the arrival of the COVID 19 Omicron variant which is highly contagious, and the worst drought in decades, if not recorded history, in many parts of the southern east coast, we have finally felt the full effects of this virus. Many businesses have had to close at some stage, if not for good, it is difficult to get repairs done as you wait for parts, and the stock killing facilities (SFF and Alliance) have been badly affected by staff shortages which has put pressure on farmers needing to destock because of drought conditions and a lack of surplus feed going into the winter. We can only hope for a more normal season in the coming year but who knows what we will be dealt.

As Rob will report our financial situation, as with everyone else, has been affected with not much coming in but money still going out. Our main source of income over the years has been our District Rebate, but this has also been affected as revenue everywhere has diminished, and we will be budgeting on getting back approximately half of what we used to get. While we have cut our spending, we hope to rely on fundraising in the District to help keep our budget on track, so I hope we can rely on Councillors and A&P’s to support us.

Thank you to all those who have supported the SD RAS in the last year over this difficult time. Thank you to those involved in the Dairy and Beef Handlers Accumulator competition, Merv Livingston for organising the Dairy Heifer Competition, Ian Tippet for overseeing the Equestrian section, Kristine Russell for continuing the great work organising the Tutor Judges section, Rob Hall our Treasurer, my Councillors for your support and thank you to our District Manager Kirsten Kean, who stepped in to something she knew very little about but has now decided to hand in her resignation. I would just like to say to all A&P members – support your Secretary! An A&P or a District cannot function without one. You do not realise what their job entails unless you have done it yourself. Please also support your committee members, in this day and age it is hard to get committee members so please value those you have.

My best wishes to everyone for the coming show season. Enjoy our way of life down here in the South as there are not many places that are better, and please support one another if and when you can.

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