

West Shires Alpaca Group

Committee Meeting

Date	21-Jul-2020 (15) Fleece Show Updates
Location	Zoom meeting
Attendees	Iain Sharp, Anne Cheston, Julia Berry, Liz Welch, Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Trish Tatchell
Apologies	

AGM		Action	Due Date
1.1	21-Jul-20 – No update 9-Jun-20 – No progress yet. 12-May-20 – The charter needs to be changed to allow for online banking with the same restrictions as single signature cheques. 25-Sep-19 - No progress yet 17-May-19 - No progress yet 13-May-19 – No progress yet 16-Apr-19 – No progress yet – needs a few updates and definition of a quorum (possibly 3) 6-Feb-19 – No progress yet 21-Nov-18- No progress yet. Charter – Iain/Julia to review and propose changes.	IS/JB 2/2	

Financial Update		Action	Due Date
2.2	21-Jul-20 – No update 9-Jun-20 – No progress. 12-May-20 – No update. 16-Mar-20 - We still have outstanding sponsorship payments from the Midland Show – Jay and Roger to chase outstanding sponsorship	JH/RM 11/1	

Midland Championship		Action	Due Date
3.1	21-Jul-20 – Although Summerhouse Equestrian Centre would be cheaper to hire than Three Counties, additional costs for a fleece membrane to put over the surface, transport charges for the hurdles, etc. may make it more expensive. It was suggested that the show remain at Three Counties this year. 9-Jun-20 – Summerhouse Equestrian Centre have indicated they may be interested in hosting the show. IS to follow up. 12-May-20 – No update. 16-Mar-20 – Viability of other locations is to be pursued as Three Counties continue to increase charges.	IS/JH 10/5	Complete
3.2	21-Jul-20 – It was suggested that the show be extended to two days or have two judges and run two rings. Concern was expressed about obtaining sufficient volunteers to support this.		
3.3	21-Jul-20 – A BAS show organisers meeting is to be held on 28 th July to discuss how/when halter shows can resume and how to make them 'COVID-19 secure'.		

R3Cs		Action	Due Date
4.1	Fleece Show.		

	<p>21-Jul-20 – Over 150 fleeces were entered into the show. As village halls were not open the judging took place in the barn at Apple Cross.</p> <p>30-Jun-20 – <i>There are currently 93 entries, it was hoped to get in excess of 100 entries.</i></p> <p>9-Jun-20 – <i>Currently there are 25 entries. Efforts will be made through BAS, email to members, Facebook etc. to boost entries. Location was discussed, especially as village halls have not opened yet. It was agreed that Stoke Bliss would be convenient if possible. JB to contact village hall committee. An alternative venue will be needed if it is not possible to use a village hall (? Barn at Apple Cross or Pure).</i></p> <p><i>All fleeces will need to be returned or forwarded to other shows. Invoices will be sent to exhibitors.</i></p> <p><i>Roger to check that judge is still able to travel and where he will be staying (it is thought he will be staying with Trish Tatchell).</i></p> <p><i>Sashes have arrived but 3Cs are saying they do not have spare rosettes. Checks to be made if any surplus have been stored and IS to offer to pay 3Cs to see if we can get some from them.</i></p> <p>12-May-20 – <i>Royal Three Counties Show has been cancelled but the fleece show will still be held but the date has been put back to 11-12th July.</i></p> <p>16-Mar-20 - <i>It was agreed to carry on with planning for the Royal Three Counties show. Sashes can still be ordered as long as there is no date on them and they can then be used for another year if necessary.</i></p>	JB 13/1	Complete
4.2	<p>21-Jul-20 – Trestle tables were not available. Judging tables were created from stacks of pallets and wooden partitions covered in table cloths. Roger Clarke found them to be a good working height.</p> <p>30-Jun-20 – <i>We will run two judging tables, IS to ask Abberley Village Hall if we could borrow some trestle tables</i></p>	IS 14/1	Complete
4.3	<p>21-Jul-20 – Volunteers were limited to Anne, Liz, Trish and Julia to keep numbers below 6 people from different households as allowed under the COVID-19 regulations.</p> <p>30-Jun-20 – <i>Anne, Iain, Liz, Trish and Zoe volunteered to help.</i></p>		
4.4	<p>21-Jul-20 – To limit Roger Clarke’s exposure to different people and provide him with some different scenery Trish took him to Abberley Alpacas for a BBQ provided by Iain and Anne.</p> <p>30-Jun-20 – <i>Roger Clarke would need to be entertained/fed Saturday evening. As limited venues were open a BBQ at Apple Cross was suggested. Again, everyone agreed to bring food.</i></p>		
4.5	<p>21-Jul-20 – As Jay was travelling to Viv Hamilton’s, he collected and transported all fleeces going to the Eastern Alpaca Group Show. It was decided not to ask for donations for this transfer. Iain to email all those who have received free transport of their fleeces.</p>	IS 15/1	
4.6	<p>21-Jul-20 – All other fleeces that were not being collected were packed up and couriered back to the exhibitors. Iain to invoice for courier costs.</p>	IS 15/2	
4.7	<p>21-Jul-20 – It was suggested that the fleece show should continue to be run as a separate show from the Three Counties Show and it should be held in mid-July. A range of fleeces should still be present at Three Counties for the public to look at/feel. It may also be worth running a few demonstrations looking at the fleece and</p>		

	explaining what the judge is looking for. The craft show should still be part of Three Counties to show the public the diverse use of alpaca fleece.		
R3Cs Wrap Up			
4.1b	25-Sep-19 – To be picked up next year with 3Cs. <i>17-Jul-19 – It would help if we had more lights over the arena/maybe lower. IS to discuss with 3Cs.</i>	IS 7/11	On hold
4.2b	25-Sep-19 – To be picked up next year. Jay was not asked for the information when he entered his animals!! <i>17-Jul-19 – Grassroots to be asked if the entry form can include asking exhibitors which nights their animals will be present and whether they will combine animals with another herd. RM to include in request for Grassroots to manage entries.</i>	RM 7/12	On hold

Membership		Action	Due Date
5.1	25-Sep-19 – Only two members have not renewed. <i>17-Jul-19 – Reconciliation has been carried out on a number of occasions. IS to follow up on those that have renewed but not paid. A number of members have not renewed their membership these are to be contacted directly one last time!</i> <i>13-May-19 – There needs to be a reconciliation between the bank and membership renewals to ensure that those that have renewed have paid. IS to chase any that haven't paid.</i> <i>16-Apr-10 – Membership renewal – first email has been sent out. Another to be sent now and end of April.</i>	JB 7/17 IS 6/9 JB 5/9	Complete Complete

Website/Social Media/Newsletter	Action	Due Date
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Events		Action	Due Date
7.1	Additional events to be planned for the year: Handling: Jay Parasite Workshop: Bob Broadbent – Roger to approach TB – Debunking the myths: Jay Husbandry/BBQ: Jay	RM 10/9	On Hold

AOB		Action	Due Date
8.1	It was agreed to co-opt Trish Tatchell onto the committee to provide extra help and reduce workloads for committee members.		

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 th August 2020 7.30pm – Zoom meeting
