

West Shires Alpaca Group

Committee Meeting

Date	16-Sept-2020 (17)
Location	Zoom meeting
Attendees	Iain Sharp, Anne Cheston, Roger Mount, Trish Tatchell, Liz Welch
Apologies	

AGM		Action	Due Date
1.1	<p>16 Sept 2020</p> <p>Decided to delay confirmation until decision is made regarding the Midland Show date</p> <p>18 Aug 2020 –</p> <p>Date set for 28.02.2021 venue to be decided as it may have to be zoom</p> <p>Jonathan Guy suggested as speaker</p>		

Financial Update		Action	Due Date
2.2	<p>16 Sept 2020</p> <p>£7065</p> <p>18.8.2020 Approx £6900 after fleece show expenditure although some sponsorship and couriers monies are still outstanding</p> <p>21-Jul-20 – No update</p> <p>9-Jun-20 – No progress.</p> <p>12-May-20 – No update.</p> <p>16-Mar-20 - We still have outstanding sponsorship payments from the Midland Show – Jay and Roger to chase outstanding sponsorship</p>		

Midland Championship		Action	Due Date
3.1	<p>16.09.2020</p> <p>New covid rules now make it impossible to run in November.</p> <p>Roger and Iain have made an exhaustive search for alternative venues. Livestock markets are good value, not only cheaper – Frome would be £850 for one day, £1000 for two days and there is a café on site and the price includes bedding, tables etc. Use of an exclusively sheep market was ruled out due to the fixed penning / hurdles being too low. Surfaces are disinfected after each use as a TB precaution. Equestrian centres are also possible although more expensive and would need a single use cover for the arena surface and one thought that alpacas may upset some of their other members!</p> <p>Avon Hall is a good space, easy parking, good heating and lighting but TCS can be difficult to negotiate with. RM to ask VF if she is prepared to talk to Di Walton at TCS showground about a potential booking in February.</p> <p>A decision will be made at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>18.8.2020 Confirmation needed that the Three Counties Showground is accepting bookings</p> <p>Entries need to open the first week in September</p> <p>Choice of judge was discussed</p> <p>York Halter Show has a risk assessment they are happy to share.</p>	<p>IS</p> <p>RM/JH</p>	Complete

	<p>Use of visors by judge and ring steward otherwise masks.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9-Jun-20 – Summerhouse Equestrian Centre have indicated they may be interested in hosting the show. IS to follow up.</p> <p>12-May-20 – No update.</p> <p>16-Mar-20 – Viability of other locations is to be pursued as Three Counties continue to increase charges.</p>	IS/JH 10/5	
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 secure'.		

Membership		Action	Due Date
4.1	<p>16.10.2020</p> <p>Liz has kindly agreed to be membership secretary.</p> <p>It was agreed to suspend membership subs for 12 months due to Covid as we are not offering members any value added.</p> <p>18.8.2020 A new membership secretary needs to be appointed, meantime someone will gather the information from JB</p> <p>25-Sep-19 – Only two members have not renewed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A number of members have not renewed their membership these are to be contacted directly one last time!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16-Apr-10 – Membership renewal – first email has been sent out.</p> <p>Another to be sent now and end of April.</p>	<p>JB 7/17</p> <p>IS 6/9</p> <p>JB 5/9</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>

Website/Social Media/Newsletter		Action	Due Date
6.1	<p>16.9.2020</p> <p>Anne has received an article from Victoria.</p> <p>Roger will get his 2 articles re Porschia's death and the fleece show to Anne asap.</p> <p>Other inclusions will be a message about membership subs and some of the fleece show results.</p> <p>18.8.2020 Anne offered to pull together the next newsletter to include the write up of the fleece show and an article from a member, PR for members who do walking, farm visits, fibre processing etc if they would like to be included.</p> <p>Victoria's Pride of Birmingham</p>	RM	31.8.2020

Events		Action	Due Date
7.1	16.09.2020		

	<p>All events are on hold. Committee discussed and agreed they were not in favour of a zoom presentation and covid restrictions prohibit anything else for the time being.</p> <p>18.8.2020 C'mas do, same format as last year, 5.12.2020 AGM 25.2.2021 (both Covid dependant)</p> <p>Maybe a group zoom meeting with Jay debunking TB myths</p> <p>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</p>	RM 10/9	On Hold
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AOB		Action	Due Date
8.1	<p>Roger has received Julia Berry's resignation from the committee. We would like to thank her for all her efforts running the committee and many other events over the last 2 years at which we could depend on her fabulous cakes. She will continue to run the craft show at the RTC and help with other events that WSAG run throughout the year. Thank you Julia.</p> <p>Trish Tatchell has agreed to be the interim secretary until the next AGM</p>		

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 th November 2020 7.30pm – Zoom meeting
