

West Shires Alpaca Group

Committee Meeting

Date	18-Aug-2020 (16)
Location	Zoom meeting
Attendees	Iain Sharp, Anne Cheston, Roger Mount, Trish Tatchell
Apologies	Liz Welch

AGM		Action	Due Date
1.1	18 Aug 2020 – Date set for 28.02.2021 venue to be decided as it may have to be zoom Jonathan Guy suggested as speaker		

Financial Update		Action	Due Date
2.2	18.8.2020 Approx £6900 after fleece show expenditure 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		

Midland Championship		Action	Due Date
3.1	18.8.2020 Confirmation needed that the Three Counties Showground is accepting bookings Entries need to open the first week in September Choice of judge was discussed York Halter Show has a risk assessment they are happy to share. Use of visors by judge and ring steward otherwise masks. 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 RM/JH 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 secure'.		

R3Cs	Action	Due Date

4.1	<p>Fleece Show.</p> <p>18.8.2020 suggested that we should retrospectively send the catalogue out to all exhibitors including a list of sponsors</p> <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 3C's are saying they do not have spare rosettes. Checks to be made if any surplus have been stored and IS to offer to pay 3C's 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>	IS	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	Completed
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	completed
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</p>		

	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 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	18.8.2020 A new membership secretary needs to be appointed, meantime someone will gather the information from JB 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
6.1	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. Victoria's Pride of Brimingham		31.8.2020

Events		Action	Due Date
7.1	18.8.2020 C'mas do, same format as last year, 5.12.2020 AGM 25.2.2021 (both Covid dependant) Maybe a group zoom meeting with Jay debunking TB myths 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
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8.1	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. Trish Tatchell has agreed to be the interim secretary until the next AGM		
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Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th Sept 2020 7.30pm – Zoom meeting