

West Shires Alpaca Group
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<i>28-Feb-2021 11.00am</i>
<i>Zoom</i>

**Attendees**

Roger Mount, Iain Sharp, Anne Cheston, Liz Welch, Pauline Key, Maggie Rivron, Jacqueline Greenway, Victoria Barrett, Tilly Barrett, Janet Ireland, Caroline and Ian Oakes, Steve Ashwood, Helen Taylor, Owen and Sue McCarthy, Trish Tatchell.

**Apologies**

Catherine Wood, Harry Edwards, Sue Steadman, Philip Greenway, Nathan Rivron, Paul Ireland, Rose and Michael Dukes, Teresa Davies .

**The minutes of the 2020** were accepted

Proposed Janet Ireland

Seconded Jacqueline Greenway

**Matters arising**

None

**Chairman's Report**

Roger Mount started by commenting that WSAG's social and educational events were interrupted by COVID-19. So much so that we have only been able to hold the fleece show since last year's AGM and committee meetings have been held on zoom. The committee decided that members should not be asked to pay a subscription last year largely due to the fact that WSAG did not attempt to put on any zoom trainings as BAS and some other groups were covering so many topics.

Hopefully face to face activities can be resumed in the not too distant future.

## Treasurer's report

### WSAG Accounts, Twelve months Wel to: 23/02/2021

	£'s
Opening balance	7,141
<i>Add</i> Income	3,058
<i>Less</i> Expenditure	1,349
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>8,849</b>

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<b><u>Expense summary by type</u></b>	<b>£'s</b>
Website hosting costs	50
Show expenses (sashes, rosettes, courier costs, sundries)	1,059
Other: SWAG tent costs	240
	<b>1,349</b>
<b><u>Income summary by type</u></b>	
Show Entries	1,696
Sponsorship	1,075
Courier payments (fleece return)	58
Subs (held on account)	110
Miscellaneous ( <i>SWAG tent, bank reversal of transaction</i> )	120
	<b>3,058</b>

The good news is, we have money. The increase in the balance is due to a combination of Fleece show income and the result of minimal group activity resulting in low expenditure. Due to the inactivity the committee agreed not to call on subscriptions this year and anyone who has already paid will have their subscription rolled over. The group will have some heavily subsidised activities in the future.

The public liability insurance payment is not shown in the accounts as the broker advised that it was not necessary until events restarted.

#### **The accounts were adopted**

Proposed Pauline Key

Seconded Caroline Oakes

## **Election of the committee**

Chair	Roger Mount
Treasurer	Iain Sharp
Secretary	Trish Tatchell
Membership Secretary	Liz Welch
Committee Members	Anne Cheston Jay Holland
Additional new	Pauline Key

Proposed Janet Ireland

Seconded Jacqueline Greenway

## **Future Program of Events**

It is proposed to hold the fleece show over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July. Details of venue and judge TBC.

Other group events will be scheduled as and when restrictions are lifted.

## **Fibre Analysis Co-operative**

An email will be circulated around shearing time so members can voice an interest in doing this. 200 samples are needed to get the price down.

## **AOB**

Pauline Key asked how many members we have, TT said there were 61 entries in the spread sheet. When broken down there are 37 farms and 82 people on the list. Several members have new owners to add to the list.

Pauline followed up by asking when subscriptions would be requested again.

Iain said not while covid restrictions remained in place.

Roger suggested a review point in July.

## **General discussion**

Helen Taylor wanted some input regarding a female alpaca who they thought was pregnant but turned out not to be when scanned, instead the vet thought she had a cyst in her uterus. Discussion ensued! Steve Powell talked about retained corpus luteum (RC) which could be treated with estrumate. Roger hadn't had direct experience of treating a cyst but thought that it could preclude the female from breeding he also made the point that estrumate causes abortion if used on a pregnant female so be absolutely certain she isn't pregnant.

Maggie Rivron shared their experience of a male who had a urinary tract problem which resulted in his death. They had first noticed a swelling around his testicles when he was sheared, with hindsight he had always been a messy weeer. The vet initially felt that the swelling was fatty tissue. At PM the swelling was found to be a build up of urine which couldn't escape.

Roger commented that due to the anatomy of the male alpaca and the very narrow urethra they can be prone to UTI and even stones.

The discussion moved on to vets, it was decided to enquire from members which alpaca knowledgeable vets they use so that a list can be posted on the WSAG website. Trish to send email, Anne to post information on the website. Members can send details to [Cheston\\_anne@hotmail.com](mailto:Cheston_anne@hotmail.com)

**Close of meeting** at 12.05

Roger thanked everyone for zooming in.