

West Shires Alpaca Group

Committee Meeting

Date	9.6.2021 (23)
Location	Zoom meeting
Attendees	Iain Sharp, Anne Cheston, Roger Mount, Trish Tatchell, Liz Welch, Pauline Key, Jay Holland
Apologies	

AGM		Action	Due Date
1.1			

Financial Update		Action	Due Date
2.2	<p>9.6.2021</p> <p>Balance £8189</p> <p>Expenses £236.79 for Fleece show sashes, £50 website.</p> <p>Invoices for sponsorship due 13/4/2021</p> <p>£8524 after payment to the judge for last year's fleece show</p> <p>10 Nov 2020</p> <p>£7153.87</p> <p>16 Sept 2020</p> <p>£7065</p> <p>18 Aug 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>	IS	

Shows 2021		Action	Due Date
3.1	<p>Three Counties Fleece Show,</p> <p>9.6.2021</p> <p>Jay explained the principle of the extra judge to trial the new scoring system from New Zealand to give less emphasis on weight. The impact on timings would be negligible. We agreed to accept the trial, Barbara Hetherington and Julia C-S will run it.</p> <p>Judges to sort out their own accommodation, WSAG will pay for Mary Jo.</p> <p>Trish will receive the soft wear from Libby</p> <p>Iain will establish what time we can go into the hall.</p> <p>Iain to get insurance</p> <p>Anne will weigh fleeces on arrival</p> <p>Saturday set up, time TBC</p> <p>Catering will be arranged for lunches (checking dietary requirements)</p>	IS/AC	

3.2	<p>Volunteers Margaret (who has contacted Roger) Saturday: Pauline, Anne, Trish Sunday: Roger? Anne, Trish Discover Zoe's availability and ask members Great Whitley Village Hall WR6 6HR 04.05.2021 Fleeces sent to: Abberley Alpacas Venue: Great Whitley Village Hall Judge: Mary Jo has confirmed Judge accommodation: either Anne and Iain or The Pub, M-J to decide RM reported no response from members regarding sponsorship, he will approach the usual people.</p> <p>13/04/2021 Roger to confirm with Mary Jo Iain to book date with Abberley Village hall if possible Send sponsorship email to members ahead of outside sponsors, Roger to send Trish details, Trish to email members</p> <p>23 Feb 2021 Three Counties Fleece show to be held the weekend of 24th/25th July. Iain to ask TC if they will provide rosettes Roger to ask Mary Jo to Judge, venue TBC, fleeces to be delivered to Abberley Alpacas, Trish to set up software and do weighing</p> <p>West Midland Show 9.6.2021 IS has received the contract, similar to previous years. The price, adjusted for inflation, is £2207. Three Counties suggests that if it is cancelled for any reason they keep the money for funding the show next year. We would prefer a refund, say 90% or part payments. IS to go back to them and discuss this. RM suggested ordering the Eco Bed early as it is hard to get Tim Haye has not yet confirmed his availability.</p> <p>4.5.2021 Date: 6.11.2021, set up on Friday 5th, access on 7th should we need to finish clearing up Venue: Three Counties Show Ground, Avon Hall Entries: 160 Judge: TBC, Roger to approach judges Duncan to put in diary</p> <p>23 Feb 2021 Iain to call Richard at TC to provisionally book 13/14th Nov 2021 with no cancellation fees because if the Goodlife show goes ahead we won't need this date.</p> <p>05 Jan 2021 Roger to call TC to book 13/14 Nov 2021 10 Nov 2020</p>	<p>TT</p> <p>IS RM/TT</p> <p>IS RM</p> <p>TT</p> <p>IS RM</p> <p>RM RM</p> <p>IS</p> <p>RM</p>	<p>complete complete</p> <p>complete</p> <p>July 2021</p> <p>Completed, date 5/6th Nov</p> <p>completed</p> <p>Moved on!</p>
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<p>3.3</p>	<p>Roger has not contacted Val, indeed it was agreed that we couldn't make any plans regarding shows until we have some idea where the covid thing is going.</p> <p>Royal Three Counties/ Goodlife 9.6.2021 Jay will take 3 or 4 animals, Tori will take 3 or 4 animals her crafting and her sister to spin. Bridget and James have been approached to do the same and Jay is looking for one other. Request 4 double pens each with 4 animals and 2 people.</p> <p>04.05.2021 It was decided that we couldn't have a halter show here because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid week - Too soon for short fleece too late for full fleece - Composite shows weren't popular <p>If an alpaca presence is required Jay and Hilary are happy to take animals and we'll ask other members if they would like to take some animals and their products to sell if TC would like us to.</p> <p>13/04/2021 IS feels that the Goodlife show is in the balance. He will seek confirmation from TC regarding this show by the end of April as we need to be able to put a firm date in the BAS calendar ASAP before another group gets our date.</p> <p>Update from Iain 08/03/2021 Email confirmation received that the Three Counties have held the Avon hall 6/7 Nov 2021 for us for Midland Halter Show.</p> <p>If however, the Goodlife Festival goes ahead in October they've agreed to let us pull out of the November date with no obligation because we'd be adding content to the Goodlife Show which is a draw and they know we can't do both!</p> <p>23 Feb 2021 The Goodlife show in May is now postponed until October. Date TBC</p> <p>05 Jan 2021 The RTC has been split into three smaller shows this year for Covid reasons.</p> <p>Following a discussion Iain had in December with Richard Heath at the TC Showground we have been offered to hold our halter show as part of the Smallholders/Good Life Show on the 22nd and 23rd May. We have been allocated a 25m bay in Wye Hall with an option on a further 18m to accommodate the alpacas and the show ring. This would cost £850 (which may include rosettes). It is felt that we are the main event for this show which will also include rabbits, bees & honey, pygmy goats, poultry display and possibly the dairy goats. Roger has tried to gain some information regarding the level of interest we could expect from potential exhibitors via Duncan with no success via email, he will phone him.</p>	<p>IS</p> <p>IS</p> <p>TT</p> <p>IS</p> <p>RM</p>	<p>ASAP When Iain confirms that this is required</p> <p>30/04/21</p>
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Membership		Action	Due Date
4.1	<p>9.6.21 4 people have renewed so far 4.5.2021 In principle covid restrictions will be lifted on June 21st, therefore it was decided to restart membership from 1.7.2021. Liz to email members with this 16 Sept 2020 Liz has kindly agreed to be membership secretary. It was agreed to suspend membership subs for 12 months due to Covid as we are not offering members any value added. 18 Aug 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. 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! 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. 16-Apr-10 – Membership renewal – first email has been sent out. Another to be sent now and end of April.</p>	<p>LG JB 7/17 IS 6/9 JB 5/9</p>	<p> Complete Complete</p>

Website/Social Media/Newsletter		Action	Due Date
6.1	<p>10 Nov 2020 The Autumn Newsletter was emailed out to members on 19 Oct, thanks to Anne for putting it together. 16 Sept 2020 Anne has received an article from Victoria. Roger will get his 2 articles re Porschia's death and the fleece show to Anne asap. Other inclusions will be a message about membership subs and some of the fleece show results. 18 Aug 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 Birmingham</p>	<p>RM</p>	<p> complete</p>

Events		Action	Due Date
7.1	<p>6.9.2021 A pot luck lunch to be held on 7th August 12.30 at Snowhill Alpacas TT to email members. (please see note in AOB) 4.5.2021 First social event for the group to be held on 7th Aug.. yeh! 16 Sept 2020 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. 18 Aug 2020 C'mas do, same format as last year, 5.12.2020</p>		

	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 TB myths: Jay Husbandry/BBQ: Jay	RM 10/9	On Hold
7.2	11 Nov 2020 We discussed the possibility of a zoom presentation from Jonathan Guy sometime before Christmas, or at AGM. Iain to contact Jonathan	RM/IS	On hold

AOB		Action	Due Date
8.1	13/4/2021 Email to go to all members for their contributions to a list of alpaca knowledgeable vets	TT	complete
8.2	13/4/2021 Seek clarification from Anne Price regarding the cost of the plasma drive ahead of resending the information	TT	complete
8.3	<i>Following the meeting Iain and Anne discussed further the arrangements for August 7th, they decided that since the tent and bar bq are with I&A and their transportation is complicated that we should hold the social at Abberley Alpacas. Roger will host a farm visit at a later date. Hope you all agree.</i>		

Next Meeting: Tues 13 th July 7.00pm – Zoom meeting
