



Minutes of AAA Board Videoconference

12 April 2022

Via zoom

1. CONVENING OF MEETING

WELCOME President Brett Fallon opened the meeting at 09:07am.

PRESENT: Brett Fallon, Sue Harris, Prue Walduck, Lee Sadler, Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt, Kevin Ekendahl, Julie Wilkinson

APOLOGIES: Mick Williams

GUESTS: Carolyn Austin

MINUTE TAKER: Tanya Wheeler

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND WHS

2.1. REGISTER OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST - It was noted by the Chair that the Register was to be used by directors for any listed agenda items or anomalies that arise during the meeting where an interest needs to be declared.

2.2. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY WHS Nil reported

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

BM22M10 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the AAA Board video conferences held 11 January 2022 and 15 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1. Finance Officer

Additional paid staff member to be employed to undertake the duties currently being carried out by Carolyn Austin (in a volunteer capacity). Position description to be developed and go to advertising, both internally (members) and externally in May for a start by the new financial year. The position will be budgeted for the 22-23 financial year.

BM22M11 The Board resolved to recruit a finance officer, to include in the budget provision for employment of a finance officer and to progress that appointment.

4.2. Education and Training update

Kevin has established the online platform. It can be found at learn.alpaca.asn.au. Kevin is now looking at creating courses and the costs of those courses. The plan is to go the market with a couple of test courses and see what the uptake is. Education is a priority. Julie and Kevin are going to meet to discuss subject matter as animal welfare will be a good starting point for education and the Sustainability Working Group are keen to work on an animal welfare module.

Issues to be worked though are learning outcomes, accurate and factual content, assessment process, course development , market need and budget.

Micro credentialling framework to be aligned with sustainability project.

Then the issue will be determining who will do the content.

The courses will be suitable for members and non-members.

A meeting of the new education committee will be convened in the coming week

4.3. SJC Budget & Regional subsidies

Paper from the SJC requesting \$12,500 in 22/23 budget for funding judge upgrades. The budget this year was used for judge upgrades, co-judging, judge mentoring and training, Apprentice judges do not receive any assistance for travel or accommodation. Additional payment for COVID related which is covered in the insurance but it is not a great amount. COVID related cover for judges is in the 22/23 budget. Additional assistance of \$2,000 per state to be provided to QLD, WA and Tas for judges as the costs are more and there are no local judges.

General discussion was had about judge upgrading.

7.5 R & D update accepted as read

7.1 Project funding

Annemarie is to be the director responsible for Research & Development and can work on applying for more grant funding, consortium partnerships and survey analysis. Agrifutures report on what Youth work to start once the successful applicant is on board.

7.2 Regional Capitation – new member percentage

Discussion was had about capitation and whether there should be an incentive through capitation for new memberships and for running events.

The cost of associate membership was also discussed and what an associate membership could look like going forward.

7.2 Code of Conduct

New code of conduct has been developed and will be provided to members via the website and will go out in the next presidents member update.

BM22M14 The Board resolved to accept the new code of conduct and distribute.

8 GOVERNANCE

Discussion of the governance issue was deferred to the next meeting.

9 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Board Guest

Alexandra Maraneide has accepted a guest place on the board, initially for a six month period. There was general discussion about the role and what she will bring to the board.

Neogen

Discussions with Neogen team have highlighted those errors in AAA certification/pedigrees are not likely the process and it is more consistent with pedigree inaccuracies. Integrity of the IAR database is considered under threat. IAR rules to be revisited.

Mitcham investment property

Attended AGM for the Mitcham owners corporation. Challenging to be involved in this decision making / representing the AAA without closer proximity to have improved physical sense of the property. I have considered adding a member to FARC that is located not too far from this property, has an interest in property management, and could have a delegated

responsibility. The strata fees are increasing with anticipation for the upcoming R&M due for the property.

Japanese Encephalitis

SA Chief Veterinary Officer called me 29/3 and then called SA President Jolyon Porter to inform us of the impending media release. Media updates and advice sheets have since been provided to support our members. One alpaca identified with JE as cause of death in February in the Adelaide Plains SA. Delayed finding / coincidence finding via SA university involvement. Likely that there will be no more cases given time of year. Alpaca considered a dead-end host. No impact for our industry very similar to horses. Potential delay to export negotiations.

Biosecurity

AHA have been asked for input into potential use of LPA's biosecurity audited program rather than developing our own. Would be far more cost effective. Current proposal to discuss with member forum / biosecurity working group:

- Qalpaca remain unchanged. Alison Lee has got in contact with Tanya. Potential changes to Alison's access to the system will need to be implemented. Alison is happy to continue in the Registrar position, but the initial feedback is that poor quality information has been provided for cause of death limiting the value of any reports to members. Potential revamp still required.
- Alpaca CheQA – new program developed and released July 2022. Baseline program with quick links to AAA and other resources to assist members with basic biosecurity measures on farm. No audit process, just a checklist and declaration. Simple web based platform (rather than ealpaca) is the current recommendation.
- Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) – promote members sign up to the LPA biosecurity program designed for cattle/sheep/goats. Cost is approx. \$99 for three years. Includes self paced training modules online + audited declaration.

BM22M12 The Board resolved to accept the President's report

9.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

General discussion around the treasures report 2022/2023 budget.

BM22M13 The Board resolved to accept the Treasurer's report.

10 BOARD ACTIONS / PROJECTS

7.1 National Show

General discussion, getting close to an outcome. MOU still not finalised. Judges proposed for the National Show have been formally asked to judge.

Other Business

No time was available for discussion of other business.

Next meeting:

10th of May 2022 at 8am

Meeting closed 12.21pm



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