



Minutes of AAA Board Videoconference

9th of August 2022

Via zoom

1. CONVENING OF MEETING

WELCOME President Brett Fallon opened the meeting at 8.17am.

PRESENT: Brett Fallon, Prue Walduck, Lee Sadler, Julie Wilkinson, Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt, Mick Williams,

APOLOGIES: Kevin Ekendahl, Sue Harris

GUESTS: Carolyn Austin, Alexandra Maramenides, Paul Maslen

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

Minutes of 14 June 2022

BM22M44 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the AAA Board video conferences held 12 July 2022 as true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

5. GOVERNANCE

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6.1. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Association is on a good financial position.

BM22M45M The Board resolved to accept the Financial report

6.2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Staff Update:

Paul Maslen has been employed part time.

NLIS:

Meeting held with AHA. Draft letter to JTG/Safemeat finalised. Next steps include drafting letters to state CVO's and ag ministers to further lobby for inclusion of camelids within NLIS. Movement of FMD to Bali increases risk to the Australian alpaca industry. Now is the time to push hard for traceability improvements.

Pending meeting with ISC to discuss NLIS database and potential to include RFID for camelid prior to full traceability capabilities. Also follow up on inclusion within LPA program.

NLIS tags may be a reasonable alternative to IAR tags for our registry as an intermediary step towards a better traceability program. A few discussions to be held on this backgrounding a paper in months to come.



Quality Assurance and Biosecurity:

Alpaca CheQA web form completed. Pending website update should be sent to QAlpaca participants. Reminder to them to complete QAlpaca return, and potential to add on Alpaca CheQA.

Next steps include passive rollout to entire membership this month. Then slowly ramp up the process. Potential to promote to purchase stock from QAlpaca or Alpaca CheQA compliant members.

Paper to be completed to support the background of how the new Alpaca CheQA to be treated. As an example that participants will be considered “assessed” from a showing perspective but not of the same standard QAlpaca. This may include a requirement to have status identifiable on Ealpaca.

Potential for Paul in capacity of project officer to assist Alison Lee get the QAlpaca historical reports closer to finalised.

BM22M46 The Board resolved to accept the President’s report

7. BOARD ACTIONS / PROJECTS

Research and Development

7.1 Alpaca Industry Research Network (AIRN)

The Alpaca Industry Research Network (the Network) is a voluntary network established by the Australian Alpaca Association to support research which contributes to a credible, authoritative evidence-base to inform good practice and help develop a sustainable and resilient Australian alpaca industry.

BM22M48 The Board resolved that Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt will be the chair of the ARIN for the first term/

BM22M47 The Board resolved to accept the terms of reference for the ARIN

7.2 Grants

The AIRN may create expectations of increased AAA funding to research. This will be managed by the establishment of a \$5,000 annual research grant and the administration of the Richard Dixon Memorial scholarship.

BM22M48 The Board resolved to accept the establishment of the \$5,000 annual research grant in addition to the Richard Dixon Memorial Scholarship

7.3 The board received an application from Imogen Boughey a PHD candidate for the Richard Dixon Memorial Scholarship.

The application was discussed, and it was considered that she was a suitable applicant, and the scholarship should be awarded to Ms Boughey. Discussion was also had about advertising of the scholarship through universities and other forums so that there is more awareness around it and therefore getting in more interest.

BM22M49 The Board resolved to award the Richard Dixon Memorial Scholarship to Imogen Boughey.

Market access and trade

Discussions are continuing with DAWE to open the borders to NZ and EU. There was general discussion about market access and trade and the problems of FMD and Q fever. There will be a continuing push to open the borders.

National show

Update was given on live streaming and screens and how vital it is for this as it will be great to see it for those who could not attend.

General discussion on the progress and how things are going.

8. Other Business

Next meeting:

13th September 2022 at 8am

Meeting closed 11.00am