



Minutes of AAA Board Videoconference

12 September 2023

Via zoom

1. CONVENING OF MEETING

WELCOME President Brett Fallon opened the meeting at 8.13 am.

PRESENT: Brett Fallon, Mick Williams, Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt, Carolyn Austin, Alexandra Maramenides, Andy Bousie, Sue Harris, Lee Sadler

APOLOGIES: Julie Wilkinson

GUESTS:

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

Draft minutes of 8 August 2023

B23MM48 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the AAA Board video conference held on 8 August 2023 as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Certificates of appreciation and Shane Read Medal

B23MM49 The Board RESOLVED to accept the application for the Shane Read Medal and 5 certificates of appreciation to be announced at the AGM.

4.2 Council meeting minutes

President's meeting

The Council raised having a regional presidents' meeting. Every second Council meeting to be a presidents only meeting. This will give them the opportunity to discuss their issues and ideas without the board members in attendance and provide information back to the Board.

Face to Face Council Meeting

Face to face council meeting. Have a face-to-face meeting once per calendar year. Have the meeting in Melbourne and to be paid for by the office not out of regional funds. If the regions would like to bring another committee member with them the region would pay for them. A date to be confirmed. Agenda to be drafted with input from the regions. Possible skill building session at the meeting.

4.3 Paraders Judge Upgrades

Held over to next meeting.

5. GOVERNANCE

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

National Show:

Overall great feedback about the National Show from members. Thank you to all Directors and Tanya for being there, and those that weren't there, thank you for your support leading up to it.

All About Alpacas launch

The "All About Alpacas" launch did not go as planned. We are now coordinating a backup strategy to continue to push this message.

Board-Region Liaisons

Continue to provide feedback from regions.

Register to be updated with ORM and ARM held for each region. To be shared with Board monthly.

Biosecurity

Pending communication strategy support from AHA to help promote NLIS to membership and wider industry, plus promote Alpaca CheQA.

Alpaca CheQA to be promoted internally to address the level of apathy amongst members (particularly at shows) for biosecurity.

Lee is waiting on AHA for DAFF contacts to help with progression of EADRA. AHA have covered the travel and accommodation of our representative to be at the next AHA members' meeting in September.

Member update

Support required from Directors to continue to spread the message of what the AAA have been doing with our members. All contributions to Tanya. Next update to be issued shortly.

BM23M50 The Board RESOLVED to accept the President's report.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

- All Bank Accounts have been reconciled to 31/08/2023.
- PAYG all been lodged and paid.
- Superannuation for the June quarter is lodged & paid.
- All known invoices are entered & paid.
- Trade Creditors are within terms.
- Trade Debtors are within terms.
- The membership income accruals have been done & carried forward into 2023-2024.

BM23M51 The Board RESOLVED to accept the Treasurer's report.

7. BOARD ACTIONS / PROJECTS**7.1 SJC****Nationals Sponsor Satisfaction Survey**

21 of 24 sponsors responded to the survey (88%).

14 of 21 respondents indicated that they were happy with the overall sponsorship arrangements for the 2023 National Show (67%), with 9 of those respondents indicating that they "strongly agree". 2 respondents responded negatively to this question.

13 of 21 respondents indicated that they would like to continue their level of sponsorship for the 2024 National Show (62%), with 2 respondents indicating they would like to sponsor the 2024 National Show at a different level (10%), 5 respondents are undecided (24%), and 1 respondent have indicated they would not continue their sponsorship going forward (5%).

The board noted the survey results

National Show

Have a standard operating procedure developed for the National Show. Quotes to be sought for external support.

Discussion around the success of the show. The necessity to maintain the current convenors for a further year to cement the success of having such young and enthusiastic members contributing. To go out to an EOI would be counter-productive for the AAA, but to be considered for 2025. 2024 National Show considered for the 16th to the 18th of August 2024 in the same location at Bendigo. Jonathon Provis Vincent and Maddie Bissels to be the convenors. Julie Wilkinson will convene the Fleece component – dates to be announced asap.

BM23M52 The Board RESOLVED to accept that the 2024 National Show will be 16th to the 18th of August 2024 in Bendigo. Jonathon Provis Vincent and Maddie Bissels to be the convenors.

7.2 Biosecurity update

The board discussed the use of Alpaca CheQa and how to implement this to the broader membership. The need for biosecurity is high and we need to educate the members on the importance of biosecurity. The goal is to have higher penetration of Alpaca CheQA across the industry and to help move the membership towards this we will provide education sessions and meetings in the coming months for members to get the information.

The board discussed whether the AAA consider supporting alpaca to join the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA). Alpaca joining the LPA (Livestock Production Assurance) would be the logical next step after joining NLIS. LPA in principle would agree to alpaca being included in their assurance program alongside cattle, sheep, and goats. One significant benefit to members would be electronic waybills/NVD. Quotes to be sought from ISC. To be discussed further.

7.3 Youth

Expression of Interest from Jillian Elwers for Chair of AAYE

B23MM53 The Board RESOLVED to accept the expression of interest for Chair of AAYE from Jillian Elwers and put out an expression of interest for committee members for AAYE.

7.4 Ealpaca update

Ealpaca Youth Process

Issues raised by the NSW Youth Committee which are being dealt with by Andy, Sue, and Tanya. Will report back.

Ealpaca change – Alpaca CheQa

Quote presented to include Alpaca CheQA as a biosecurity option within eAlpaca.

B23MM54 The Board RESOLVED to accept quote to have Alpaca CheQA added to eAlpaca.

7.5 Education update

The National Alpaca Show was a perfect opportunity to arrange for Neon Sheep Films to record educational videos. Three videos were recorded:

- 2 videos: colour Genetics (one shorter one, one more complex)
- 1 video: Judge's assessment of an Alpaca
- 1 video: Judge's assessment of Fleece

The aim is for the next education video to be on **Shearing**, later this year. This is likely to be tagged onto a Shearing Workshop, dates to be confirmed. As shared the aim is to focus on prep, shearing techniques, fibre collection, animal welfare & checks.

Webinars

A session for convenors will be set once there is confirmation that everyone is in agreement regarding the process and the update convenor manual has been finalised.

Specific dates for sustainability, export, and bio-security webinars- an opportunity for members to ask key questions. Biosecurity towards the end of October and export November. Dates to be confirmed.

7.6 MATC

MATC report

MATC – Committee Status

Resignation – Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt effective 16 08 2023.

Appointment – Matthew Lloyd appointed via unanimous circulating resolution 24 08 2023.

UK Submission – DAFF have not yet finalised the submission and expect to do so by the end of September 2023.

Trade lane development priorities outlined with UK & EU protocols highest ranking.

The Board noted the report.

8. Any other business

Financial Hardship Policy

There is a delegation in the financial delegations which gives the Regions the ability to provide financial hardship assistance to a member.

A Financial Hardship Policy will be drafted by Carolyn, Sue and Tanya to go to FARC for comment and some clarifying changes to the Financial Delegations to come back to the board for approval.

ASA Nationals – Tasmania Oct 2023

TAS Youth have requested support from the AAA to include two support members' travel to TAS to help facilitate the young judges show and promote the alpaca youth.

Potential for cost to AAA to be limited by credits already held with Qantas.

B23MM55 The Board RESOLVED to accept travel and accommodation costs for two members to support the ASA competition.

Next meeting:

10th of October 2023 at 9 am

Meeting closed 12.18 pm.