



New Zealand Wool Classers Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting, 6th May 2014
In conjunction with Classer Refresher Day
At Milton

Meeting commenced at 12.35pm

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Bill Dowle

REGISTRAR: Dave Carr

SECRETARY: Annette Gamble

BOARD MEMBERS: Bruce Abbott, Ian Kofoed, Alastair Eckhoff, Rose Barnett, Allan Frazer

CLASSERS:

Don Urquhart, Tracey Hill, Jan Darlington, Shirley Munro, Bruce Robertson, Angela Scott, Robyne Murray, Pagan Rimene, Terence Mulcahy, Marie Whiu, John Dillion, Tom Bryant, Grant Cousins, Andina Kitto, Lavene Menzies, Olga Kuti and Dawn Ratana

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rebekkah Nelson, Ronnie Hill, Peter Lyon, Dylan McKinley, Dallas Mihaere, A J Terry, Kristal Wilson, Stevie Mason-Smallman, John Milne and Tunis Rata.

Great sign in apologies if we have missed anyone

FROM NZ MERINO:

Shaun O'Docherty

APOLOGIES: Alan Paterson, Bruce Tinnock, Eric Laurenson, Straun Hume, Gordon McLay, Graeme Bell, Craig Adams, Sarah Dalzell

Move that the apologies be accepted and leave of absence be granted

MOVED: Alastair Eckhoff

SECONDED: Robyne Murray

CARRIED ALL

CHAIRMANS WELCOME

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:

Meeting held at the Greyway Room, Timaru on the 21st May 2013

Minutes circulated

Matters arising from last AGM minutes – Brokers responded well in regards to paying for employees that are unregistered Classers

Move that the minutes represent a true and correct record of the Annual General Meeting.

MOVED: Ian Kofoed

SECONDED: Bruce Abbott

CARRIED ALL

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FINANCIAL REPORT (01/01/2013 to 31/12/14):

Annual accounts presented & circulated
Chairman went through report

- Finances discussed at board meeting last night
- Great we have done so well only having a loss of \$3000.00
- Thanked NZ Wool Merchants for their support & sponsorship

Move that the Association's Financial Annual report be accepted

MOVED: Bill Dowle

SECONDED: Bruce Abbott

CARRIED ALL

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Circulated and tabled as read by Bill Dowle

Move that the Chairman's report be accepted

MOVED: Bill Dowle

SECONDED: Don Urquhart

CARRIED ALL

REGISTRARS REPORT:

Circulated and tabled as read by Dave Carr

Move that the Registrars' report be accepted

MOVED: Dave Carr

SECONDED: Allan Frazer

CARRIED ALL

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Craig Adams has been retired as the Brokers representative by rotation.

His replacement is Don Urquhart from Kurow Wools

Graeme Bells position as South Island representative was up for reelection, Graeme has chosen to retire

Only one nomination was received

Sarah Dalzell

Move that Sarah Dalzell & Don Urquhart to be accepted to the NZWCA Board as replacements for

Graeme Bell and Craig Adams

MOVED: Ian Kofoed

SECONDED: Alastair Eckhoff

CARRIED ALL

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ELECTION OF PATRONS:

Bruce Tinnock & Dave McPhearson

Bill Dowle nominated that Dave McPhearson & Bruce Tinnock be re-elected as a Patrons

MOVED: Bill Dowle
SECONDED: Bruce Abbott
CARRIED ALL

MENTORS REPORT:

2014 Block Course

The South Island block course is being held in Kaiapoi from the 19th -23rd May which is a week later this year due to our venue being booked out. Student enrolments into the course are occurring now for the 14 students eligible to attend.

The North Island Block course will be held in the last week of June.

Please find attached the programme for the block course. We would like to extend a welcome to any of you that may want to call in and visit during this time.

Tutorials

Tutorials will be scheduled for students over the Pre-lamb season. Experience shows this is the best time to do this, while most of the students are about in the area, increasing their opportunity to engage.

Tutorials have been marketed to the students and we're confident there will be a good response to this. The feedback I receive is that students enjoy and benefit from getting together to study with others, hearing others ideas and making progress. Tutorials will be run by Tina Rimene and Robyne Murray. Tina has already run a couple of "one on one" tutorials to help students who have been struggling.

Mentoring

After discussion at last night's Board meeting the current Mentoring scheme is going to have a revamp prior to Pre lamb. This will be done by myself & Dave Carr and will be signed off by the Board.

We are also looking for more Mentors especially in the lower South Island if anyone knows anyone that would be suitable or would like to help out, training will be available.

Robyne Murray
National Classing Manager
Tectra Ltd

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PRESENTATION OF MERIT AWARDS:

Presented by Don Urquhart from Kurow Wools

Award:

Merino Merit Award

Recipient: **Graeme Goodger (P1883) Grey Hills**

Mid Micro Merit Award

Recipient: **Ian Kofoed (A2086) The Hectors**

Cross Breed Excellence Merit Award

Recipient: **Guy Palmer (A1678) Mendip Hills**

Owner Classer Merit Award

Recipient: **John McKenzie (FH463) Mt McKay**

North Island Classer Merit Award

No award given this year

Commendation:

Pip McConway (A1864) for Richmond Brook

Murray McLaughlan (A1677) for Mt Nicolas

WOOL MERCHANT'S AWARDS:

Sponsored by Federation of Wool Merchants, presented by John Milne from New Zealand Wool Merchants

First Scholarship presented to:

Rebekkah Nelson

Top student end of Year 1 coming back for Year 2

Second Scholarship presented to:

Dawn Ratana

Top student out of the Wool Technology course after the final year.

Each recipient received \$500.00

Bill Dowle thanked Federation of Wool Merchants for continued support for Scholarship's & Newsletter

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WEBSITE:

- Would like fresh new ideas and articles sent through if anyone has any
- List of paid up members is on website will be updated after the AGM. NOTE: your details are only there if you have given us permission to publish them. If you wish to check this please call Annette Gamble 0800 496 657 to check.

MEMBERSHIP AND THE FUTURE – Program for rest of 2014

Suggestions:

- Look at a more formal day on farm, looking at the industry from an owner/classer point of view
- Shed days in smaller groups and in different regions/areas (3/4 locations)
- Look at inviting Buyers & person from local Wool Store
- Hold AGM separately

From minutes of Board meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ When is merino Company Finewool Day? – Shaun from NZ Merino explained that at present there is not one planned

2/ How long is it appropriate to hold a P stencil? – There is no timeframe at present but as Dave does not work full time for the Association it is not monitored very well at present. Association needs to work out a system for monitoring this and assist classers with sending in incoming clips & their log book. Also need to look at what the Brokers do with the clips & work out a system of getting these results to the Association.

Meeting closed 1.47pm