



# New Zealand Wool Classers Association Inc.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**At Auction Room PGG Wrightson Wool Store, 503 Blenheim Road, Christchurch**

**Meeting commenced at 1.30pm**

**Board Present:** Bill Dowle (Chairman), Rose Barnett, Bruce Abbott (Executive Officer), Allan Frazer (Vice Chairman), Sarah Dalzell, Don Urquhart, Ian Kofoed

**Classers/Other Attendees Present:** Karen Wilkins-Duff, Marg Forde, Trish Moke, Julie & Kerry Thompson, Emarina Watson, Graeme Goodger, Nigel Cossar, Cedric Aramoana, Tracey Hill, Eric Laurensen, John & Mary-Liz Sanders, Donald Aubrey, Graham Nell, Ian Shaw, Bruce Tinnock, Terence Mullahy, Dave York, Brent Cole and Trudi Landreth

*Great sign in apologies if we have missed anyone*

**Apologies Received:** Alastair Eckhoff, Dave Carr, Dave McPhearson, Sandra Harnett, Krystal Wilson, Bill Hale, Annette Gamble, Robyne Murray and Barry Pullin

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

**Moved: Ian Kofoed**

**Seconded: Rose Barnett**

**CARRIED ALL**

## **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:**

Meeting held at the Milton Town and Country Club, Union Street, Milton on the 6th May 2014

Minutes circulated

Matters arising from last AGM minutes – None

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

***MOVED: Ian Kofoed***

***SECONDED: Bruce Abbott***

***CARRIED ALL***

### **FINANCIAL REPORT (01/01/2014 to 31/12/15):**

Annual accounts presented & circulated

Chairman went through report

- Slight loss for 2014
- No sponsorship from NZ Federated Wool Merchants due to no request being made as Registrar left during year. We have approached them retrospectively for this.

***Move that the Association's Financial Annual report be accepted***

***MOVED: Don Urquhart***

***SECONDED: Alan Frazer***

***CARRIED ALL***



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## **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Circulated and Read by Bill Dowle

*Move that the Chairman's report be accepted*

**MOVED: Bill Dowle**

**SECONDED: Nigel Cossar**

**CARRIED ALL**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT:**

New Executive Officer Bruce Abbott presented his report;

- Since starting in April has been busy visiting Brokers, arranging Awards and producing the latest newsletter
- Is planning to produce 3 Classer Newsletters along with articles and photos in the Shearing Magazine
- Planning to have a lot more engagement with Wool Brokers at field days involving crossbred and half bred clips
- More work on Website & Face book
- Is planning to visit people in the sheds, looking at the feedback for classers from Wool Brokers especially for the younger classers
- Looking at increasing our membership with Level 4 graders under the classer brand
- Very pleased with the nominations for new Board members
- Has had Classer logo put onto clothing & caps to help advertise the Association. Will look at getting price for caps and make available to purchase.

*Move that the Executive Officers report be accepted*

**MOVED: Brent Cole**

**SECONDED: John Sanders**

**CARRIED ALL**

## **UPDATE ON WOOL INDUSTRY EDUCATION GROUP (WIEG) BY ALLAN FRAZER:**

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Bruce Abbott made comment on how fortunate we are to have Alan Frazer on our Board.

Bruce Tinnock thanked Alan for all his hard work, time and effort.

**MOVED: Bruce Abbott**

**SECONDED: Don Urqhart**

**CARRIED ALL**

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

Ian Kofoed's position as South Island representative is retiring by rotation, Ian has chosen to retire

Bill Dowle's position as South Island representative is retiring by rotation, Bill has put his name forward for re nomination

**MOVED: Eric Laurensen**

**SECONDED: Margaret Forde**

**CARRIED ALL**

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Five nominations have been received

In the South Island - Bill Dowle, Dave Carr and John Sanders

In the North Island - Trudi Landreth and Bill Hale

There are 4 seats to fill on the board.

Results - Bill Dowle, Dave Carr, John Sanders and Trudi Landreth

***Move that the above four members be accepted to the NZWCA Board as replacements for retiring Board members and that a resolution be passed to destroy the voting papers***

***MOVED: Allan Frazer***

***SECONDED: Bruce Abbott***

***CARRIED ALL***

## **ELECTION OF PATRONS:**

Bruce Tinnock & Dave McPhearson are listed as patrons.

Bill Dowle explained that he had discussed with Bruce Tinnock who felt this was unusual and he was a life member and felt there should only be one Patron and it should be Dave McPhearson.

Bill Dowle nominated that Dave McPhearson be re-elected as a Patron

***MOVED: Bill Dowle***

***SECONDED: Ian Kofoed***

***CARRIED ALL***

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Don Urquhart - brought up that there is a move to introduce a test for length & strength in crossbred clips. This will happen soon and will increase testing costs.  
Trudi Landreth added a trial period has been happening. Valuable for Brokers particularly in the North Island. This has been happening for 12 months with loxs right through to full wool.

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## **PRESENTATION OF CLASSING MERIT AWARDS 2014-2015 YEAR:**

Merino Merit Award sponsored by New Zealand Merino  
Awarded to Tracey Hill (A1722) Glen Lyon

Mid Micron Merit Award Sponsored by Elders New Zealand  
Awarded to Nigel Cossar (A1285) Goat Hill

Cross Bred Excellence Award sponsored by Canterbury Wool Scours  
Awarded to Phyllicia Jorgensen (D1647) Hawkdum

Owner Classer Merit Award sponsored by PGG Wrightson  
Awarded to David Gould (FM 1401) Guide Hill

North Island Classer Merit Award  
Awarded to Tish Moeke (H2115) Roundaway

## **Commendation Certificates awarded for HALF BRED:**

Sandra Harnett (A1899) Mt Possession, Windermere and Lynnford

Dawn Ratana (P2112) Belfield

Ian Kofoed (A2086) Taihoa

Nigel Cosser (A1285) Waimihi

## **Commendation Certificates awarded for MERINO:**

Sandra Harnett (A1899) Castle Ridge

Nichola Fergusson (A1736) Godley Peaks and Ben Omar

Phillipa McConway (A1864) Blairich and Upcot

## **SPECIAL AWARD IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR SERVICES TO THE NZ WOOLCLASSERS ASSOCIATION**

Presented too DAVE CARR

***MEETING CLOSED 2.47pm***

## **Note on Wool Industry Education Initiative**

In the latter part of 2014 your NZCWA directors became increasingly concerned as rumours abounded that Tectra was no longer going to be in a position to offer courses in wool industry training. While Tectra informed the NZWCA board in early November that it was working hard to find a new home for the CWT and CWTC courses, run out of Massey by Laurie Boniface, there was a subsequent lack of communication. We became worried that Tectra may not be able to find an acceptable solution. As a result your Chairman, Bill Dowle, spoke with leaders of other sectors in the industry who had also been reliant on the CWT and CWTC courses to see if there was a willingness to combine to address this issue given the possibility that Tectra may not be able to find an acceptable solution. As it turned out a number of these leaders had already been in discussion with each other so there was a lot of goodwill to find a solution.

Recruitment of good people and provision of relevant training and education has always been important to the industry and is even more relevant today with the Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan Guy, having set a target for the value of agricultural exports to double by 2025.

As a result Bill convened, in early February, a widely representative workshop to address the future of the CWT and CWCT courses and wider wool industry education issues. Those at the meeting were from scourers, shearing contractors, marketers, brokers, researchers and educationalists as well as a good turnout from your Association.

Those attending were made aware that Tectra had just advised that they were continuing to try and find a new educational organisation to host the CWT/CWCT courses and were given an update on discussions which had been initiated by Tectra with Lincoln University/Telford.

The Group agreed there was a need to take a comprehensive look at wool industry education and agreed on the following as guidelines:

1. Formation of an umbrella entity for skills and training – Provision of Leadership
2. A unified course or courses that suit the whole industry
3. People currently enrolled in the CWT course need to be supported
4. A Plan B needed to be in place if Tectra and Telford/Lincoln fails
5. Education/Training must be supported by best governance desirably with industry involvement & assured funding

The Group decided to name itself the Wool Industry Education Group (WIEG)

It formed a subcommittee to define industry education needs, irrespective of possible providers. It agreed to advise Telford/Lincoln of this meeting and of industry's willingness to take a responsible and collaborative approach including endeavouring to ensure support continues for current CWT/CWTC students.

The members of the sub-committee are:  
Nigel Hales – CEO Cavalier Wool Scourers  
Mavis Mullins – Shearing Contractor  
Bill Dowle - NZWCA  
Derrick Milton – Chair WRONZ

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Jackie Donald – The NZ Merino Company  
Craig Smith – PGG Wrightson  
Bruce Abbott - NZWCA  
Allan Frazer – NZWCA - Facilitator

The sub-committee set the following Terms of Reference:

### Terms of Reference to develop a comprehensive Wool Industry Education and Training Strategy

1. Review education/training currently and recently provided in the sector
2. Define education/training needs in broad terms from perspective of each sector eg scourers, brokers, classers from Cadet to Senior management
3. Define education/training required pre-workforce entry eg in schools part of an approach to change perceptions of career opportunities in the sector leading to enhancing recruitment
4. Assess if there are any learnings from other wool producing countries eg Australia
5. From above identify gaps and consider options on filling gaps and actively work with industry, government and education organisations to plug gaps in existing programmes and if relevant to introduce new programmes

To date the committee has:

- Received advice from LincolnFirst Telford that they expect a decision any day now on their taking over the CWT CWTC training and that Laurie Bonniface will continue as Tutor
- Lincoln Telford have agreed to involve the sector in a review of course content and selection criteria
- Been made aware that some industry support has been provided to Laurie Bonniface to enable him to continue supporting current CWT CWTC students
- Drafted a document setting out all wool industry related education provided in NZ
- Defined Needs as advised by committee members – both skill and attitude needs wanted from employees along with skill needs
- Met with Lincoln Telford with the intent of supporting them in exploring provision of more extensive wool industry education to all students as well as more course options for students wishing to gain a wool specific tertiary qualification at diploma and degree level
- Sought broad industry endorsement by inviting support and endorsement from the NZ National Council of Wool Interests
- Arranged to meet again with Lincoln Telford in early June to explore a Terms of Reference to establish a Wool Industry Advisory Group to Lincoln University