

**Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting
Of the Australian Alpaca Association
Held virtually via zoom 7.00 pm (AESTD)
13 November 2023**

Attendees:

Brett Fallon	Prue Walduck	Lee Sadler
Jolyon Porter	Sue Harris	Craig Cavenagh
Mick Williams	Jacki Bishop	Deb Redelman
Michelle Malt	Cathy McMullin	Steve Ridout
Paul Maslen	Rob Harborne	Andy Bousie
Trevor Parry	Carolyn Austin	Nick De Bruyn
Jane O'Neill	Peter Kennedy-Gane	Katy Armson-Graham
Jonathon Provis-Vincent	Elimbari Alpacas	Max Poon
Maddie Bissells	John Harris	Lynda Holdsworth
Kerry Porter		

Non-Voting Attendees: Alexandra Maramenides, Tanya Wheeler (minutes)

Apologies: The following apologies were provided on the day of the meeting, no apologies were received prior to the commencement of the meeting:

Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt
Pauline Glasser
Natasha Clark
Ada Milley

Following an Acknowledgement to Country and welcome to members, the President Brett Fallon declare the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Alpaca Association open at (AEDST).

The notice of the meeting was tabled, the President confirmed that the notice of the meeting and required documentation was distributed to all members in accordance with the AAA Constitution. The AGM pack included a link to all relevant documents including the President and Treasurers reports and the Audited financial statements. The President read the list of attendees present at that time and confirmed that a quorum 20 eligible voting members were present.

The President confirmed that no proxies had been received by the deadline articulated in the AGM Notice.

1. Confirmation of 2022 minutes of the meeting

The President asked if any member had any concerns or objections with the minutes as presented, no issues or concerns were raised. The President asked that the minutes as presented be accepted and confirmed by a member who was present at the 16th AGM as a correct record of the meeting.

M23M1: The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Alpaca Association be confirmed.

Moved: Lee Sadler

Seconded: Carolyn Austin

Carried

2. Presidents Report

Brett Fallon provided the meeting with an overview of his Presidents Report.

Achievements of the year. Launched All about Alpacas education program, implementation of NLIS and eAlpaca changes liaise with animal health australia – EADRA Research, alpaca cheQa, 2023 National Show huge success, updated showing and judging rules, upgrades to eAlpaca, continued the remit to open pathways to NZ and others, sponsor and contribute to ASA Youth Competition.

Thank Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt research strategy and research and development, funding applications

Thank Julie Wilkinson sustainability framework.

In closing thanks to the fellow directors very proud of what we have done. Thanks to all volunteers and their enthusiasm and commitment to the AAA. Regional Presidents, committee members and show coordinators and convenors.

Lastly 2 staff members Paula and Tanya, service through quite a bit of change there and available, off site and flexible hours supports the president, board and membership. Michelle Malt further thanks the two staff regionally and members.

The President moved that his Presidents Report be accepted by the membership.

M23M2: The Presidents Report be accepted by the membership.

Moved: Steve Ridout

Seconded: Michelle Malt

Carried

3. Treasurer's Report

The past 12 months has been a time of consolidation, cost reductions improved business models.

Thanks to Paul and Tanya for their work. Coherent group which works.

The President moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted by the membership

M23M3: The Treasurers Report be accepted by the membership.

Moved: Carolyn Austin

Seconded: Sue Harris

Carried

4. Audited Financial Statements, and Auditor's Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The current Treasurer, Carolyn Austin, presented the Audited Financial Statements to the membership for consideration.

The President moved that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted by the membership.



M23M4: The Audited Financial Statements be accepted by the membership.

Moved: Carolyn Austin

Seconded: Mick Williams

Carried

5. Election of Directors

For the position of President

- Brett Fallon

For the position of Director there are two nominations for two vacancies that are duly appointed as Directors under the AAA Constitution as follows:

- Steve Ridout
- Carolyn Austine

Good team going into the next year. Already getting plans together for 2024.

Retiring board members:

Annemarie Ashton- Wyatt

Julie Wilkinson

6. Remuneration of Auditor

The membership was asked to consider and agree that the remuneration of the Company's Auditors for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 be determined by the Board at the next Board meeting to be held.

M23M5: That the remuneration of the Company Auditors for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 be determined by the board at the next Board Meeting.

Moved: Carolyn Austin

Seconded: Sue Harris **Carried**

7. Presentation of Member Awards

The President awarded the following awards:

National Certificates of Appreciation

The following members were notably awarded with Certificates of Appreciation:

- Lee Sadler
- Judy Barlow
- Jenny Miles
- David Daddo

The Shane Read Medal

Peter Kennedy- Gane

Life Membership

No recipient in 2023

8. General Business

Restructuring the revenue. Membership per capita model but is there any options being looked at to review the fee structure. Seeking alternatives to membership fees, animal registrations and transfers for example. Additional income streams from other services looking at broadening our scope wider than just the membership for education for example to the broader alpaca community. R&D grant money can really make a difference to industry changes. Sponsorship and grant money is a good way forward. More animals on the registry is better so not having additional charges per animal is not preferable.

Work on the levy-based systems is going to be looked at. Currently in other industries.

NLIS impact, what is the feedback coming in about NLIS. There are some people very opposed but that's relatively small group. Getting on track. Negative feedback is mostly about why are we doing this when it is not legislated yet. Has been some accusations about revenue raising.

Alpaca CheQa simplistic questionnaire. Gives people a prompt to make sure that biosecurity measures are in place. There are some mandatory questions which must be met to get a certificate. Uplift in biosecurity plans for biosecurity for alpaca farmers. Needs more information on how to complete the form and what do they need to know. Having this in place will enhance our credibility with the overseas markets and government bodies.

The program is quite similar to a cattle one which is a requirement to sell cattle. This is bringing the alpaca industry into line with the other industries.

EADRA we are part way through the process of becoming a member. Have been to meetings and have been impressed with how the alpaca industry is managing and where we are currently placed.

Acknowledgement to Brett from the board, he does a great job and are looking forward to another great year in 2024. Thank you, Brett.

The President declared the meeting closed at 8.07 AEDT