

Minutes of AAA Board Videoconference

30 July 2024

Via zoom

1. CONVENING OF MEETING

WELCOME President Brett Fallon opened the meeting at 8.08 am.

PRESENT: Brett Fallon, Mick Williams, Carolyn Austin, Andy Bousie, Lee Sadler, Steve Ridout, Sue Harris, Alexandra Maramenides

APOLOGIES:

GUESTS:

MINUTE TAKER: Tanya Wheeler

DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND WHS

2. 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. The Register may also be used to record any standing notice of conflict of interest given by a director under section 192 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Sue Harris – Declared interest in becoming a board member of Waratah on a permanent basis.

Mick Williams – Declared he is no longer a board member of Waratah so has no interest any longer.

2.1. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY WHS Nil reported.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Draft minutes of 18 June 2024

B24M035 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the AAA Board video conference held on 18 June 2024 as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Council meeting

For the board to review the Gantt Chart and add in the start dates for the projects and make any changes that they feel are needed.

5. GOVERNANCE

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

5.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance report

- All Bank Accounts have been reconciled to 30/06/2024
- PAYG all been lodged and paid
- Superannuation for June quarter is lodged & paid
- All known invoices are entered & paid
- The Trading Account Balance as at 12/07/2024 is \$141,914.33
- The Cash Manager Account Balance as at 12/07/2024 is \$18,565.32
- Trade Creditors are within terms
- Trade Debtors are within terms
- The membership income accruals will be processed during July 2024 & carried forward into 2024-2025 amount is for \$56,000

The auditor will have their report completed by November. The AGM can therefore be in November.

BM24M36 The Board RESOLVED to accept the financial report.

BM24M37 The Board RESOLVED to have the AGM on the 18th of November 2024 via ZOOM.

7. Actions/Projects Reports

7.1 eAlpaca update

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to accept the financial report

8. Any other business

8.1 Richard Dixon Memorial Scholarship – Crystal Cheng

Very topical subject and very relevant now to breeders of all sizes.

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to accept the application from Crystal Cheng and offer her the scholarship. Subject to the budget, reporting and IP rights up to \$5,000.

8.2 National Show Stands

Accept those who have applied for the stands as listed.

8.3 AAA Panels at VER transport costs & Fleece boxes

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to renew the current arrangement with VER/VCR with a proviso to be added that the request for the return to Bendigo for the National and Colourbration should be in writing to the VER President one month prior to the show. VER will provide the use of their trailers free to VCR if they require the use of the pens for other VCR shows that are not on at the same time as a VER show.

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to get details of the TARE weight of the trailers used for AAA purposes and get the weight of the pens calculated to ensure that the weight of the trailers with the pens are safe for the drivers to pull.

8.4 Q Alpaca

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to stop supporting Q Alpaca from the 30th of June 2025.

8.5 Camelid Connections

Good to have as much information as possible out there for the membership.

Ad for Camelid Connections to all members with the link.

Reach out to her to discuss doing interviews and provide the people to contact for 4 subjects for the year.

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to continue the current financial support Camelid Connections.

8.6 International Judges

Refer to the SJC for their consideration.

8.7 Regions access to MYOB

8.8 Registrations Discount

Discount for registration of animals that are over 2 years old.

Launch at the National from the 1st of September to the 31st of December 2024. The same as the animals registered under 12 months, including the discount.

BM24M3 The Board RESOLVED to have the moratorium on fees.

BM24M36 The Board RESOLVED to set up a task force to review registration fees.

8.9 Research Project update

The initial review of literature has harvested over 200 English language research papers on alpacas relevant to the work of the AAA published since 2020. Systemic analysis is proceeding with information being aligned to the pillars of the Sustainability Framework. The draft report should be ready for the Board to provide feedback in approximately two weeks.

Two articles were submitted for the National Show publication based on the early research work. One on artificial insemination and one on climate change impacts on parasite management.

The draft grants report was submitted for Board review on 26th June. Feedback would be appreciated by 15th August to enable the final report to be delivered within the project timeline.

A grant application for National Agriculture Traceability Grants Program - Livestock and Animal Traceability Development, Implementation, and Improvement Grant Opportunity was submitted on 8th July to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Decisions on the outcome are expected in August/September. Thanks to Carolyn, Lee and Alex for their assistance to pull the information together in time for submission.

Next meeting: 11 June 2024 at 8.00 am

Meeting closed 10.54am.