

Minutes of AAA Board Videoconference

10 December 2024

Via zoom

1. CONVENING OF MEETING

WELCOME President Brett Fallon opened the meeting at 9.08 am.

PRESENT: Brett Fallon, Mick Williams, Carolyn Austin, Andy Bousie (left at 11.09 am), Steve Ridout, Alexandra Maramenides, Lee Sadler

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*.

2.1. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY WHS Nil reported.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Draft minutes of 12 and 27 November 2024

B24M067 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the AAA Board video conference held on 12 & 27 November 2024 as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 Confirmation of Portfolio/Director/Regional alignment

Company Secretary – Lee
Treasurer & eAlpaca– Carolyn
Vice President – Andy
Communications – Alexander
Others unchanged.

B24M068 The Board RESOLVED to confirm the executive positions

5.2 Strategic Plan

There was a strategy discussion at the face to face council meeting and have a member survey in the new year. Recommendation is to extend the end date of the current strategic plan until the end of April 2025 to get member feedback and input from the board members and the regions.

B24M069 The Board RESOLVED to extend the date of the current strategic plan to the end of April 2025.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

6.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance report

- All Bank Accounts have been reconciled to 27/11/2024
- PAYG all been lodged and paid
- Superannuation for Sept quarter is lodged & paid
- All known invoices are entered & paid
- The Trading Account Balance as at 06/12/2024 is \$48,053.74
- The Cash Manager Account Balance as at 06/12/2024 is \$48,766.06
- 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

RSM Australia Partner the previous auditors require a board resolution accepting the resignation of them as our auditors.

- It is an ASIC requirement that a change of auditor's is a formal process.
- RSM Australia Partner have yet to handover being auditors from themselves to Northcorp Pty Ltd.
- *'There are no disagreements between the auditor and the management of directors of the public company'.*
- *'There are no reasons that give rise to an inability to complete any audit under the Corporations Act 2001 or the National Consumer Credit Protection Regulations 2010'.*
- The new auditors, Northcorp Pty Ltd have been appointed as at the board meeting January 2023.
- **Auditors for the 2024-2025 financial year**
- There is a recommendation to accept Northcorp P/L as the auditors for the AAA for the financial year 2024-2025.
- **B24M070** The Board RESOLVED to accept the Finance report.
- **B24M071** The Board RESOLVED to accept the resignation of RSM Australia Partner
- **B24M072** The Board RESOLVED to accept Northcorp P/L as the auditors for the AAA for the financial year 2024-2025.

7. Actions/Projects Reports

7.1 Marketing update

Marketing guidelines document to come to the board early next year.

The first NAW meeting Wednesday the 11th with the regions.

PR and social media

PR focus will be on NAW and the NAS and we are looking for additional opportunities, budget permitting for an evergreen approach. Further to the initial topline quotes sent from Soda Communications, there will be further discussions with them and our intention is to continue working with them.

The quote for social media management was too high and we are going to get other quotes for this social media side of things.

7.2 eAlpaca update

7.3 Showing and Judging

Jonathon Provis-Vincent upgrade.

Jonathon has completed his apprenticeship – completing 6 halter shows and 5 fleece shows.

Scores

Halter Perth 93.50% Jillian
Fleece Perth 91.40% Jillian
Fleece Sydney 87.60% Natasha
Halter Canberra 81.50% Shane
Fleece Seymour 87% Jillian
Fleece SA autumn 88.8% Adrienne
Halter Lardner 75.25% Natasha
Halter Strathalbyn 81% Peter
Halter Charles Ledger 92.50% Molly
Fleece Adelaide Royal 87.40% Peter
Halter Adelaide Royal 75.13 % Peter

B24M073 The Board RESOLVED to accept the upgrade for Jonathon from an apprentice to a AAA level 3 judge.

Showing and Judging Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Showing and Judging Committee to be broken into two working parties.

Showing Working Party.

- Darren Hard
- Natasha Clark
- Jude Anderson
- Jenny Carey

Judging Working Party.

- Jenny Carey
- Lynda Holdsworth
- Chris Ravenhill
- Maddy Bissels
- Maddy Schulz
- Janelle Jago

It is requested of the board to resolves to accept the two Working Parties- Showing and Judging. Working parties to be revised in May 2025.

Responsibilities for each Working Party:

Showing

- Convenor Manual Update – Fleece Noodling
- Convenor Training
- Ealpaca updates

Judging

- Judging Timetable 2025
- Judge Apprentice candidates Interview and plans for implementation.
- Judge Progression Document

B24M074 The Board RESOLVED to accept the creation of the 2 working parties inclusive of, Showing Working Party, Darren Hard, Natasha Clark, Jude Anderson & Jenny Carey. Judging Working Party, Jenny Carey, Lynda Holdsworth, Chris Ravenhill, Maddy Bissels, Maddy Schulz & Janelle Jago

7.4 R & D Update

Updates provided on the current state of play with R&D. AIRN minutes and agenda provided, it continues to be very successful model to progress this area for the AAA. Briefing papers presented for Isolation Periods in Alpacas, Meat Export Abattoir and Across Herd Genetic Gain in Alpacas. Input sought from AIRN

Colour intensity genetic testing

Two stages in testing for AAA members to get involved providing an opportunity for early uptake of the new technology and a quick return for members given the AAA's investment. Curtin University is yet to extend the testing to other base colours from black. Neogen to replicate what is being done by Curtin University to ensure it works commercially.

AAA could deter the commercial availability of the new research if it proceeded with patent rights and attributing a value to the IP. Limited financial benefit evident for the AAA withholding this IP, relative to industry gains.

B24M074 The Board RESOLVED to, Endorse the AAA to waive any IP rights to the Colour Intensity research part funded by the AAA, and prioritise AAA members having access to the Colour Intensity research prior to other countries.

7.5 Grant update

The project activity and revised budget was provided. The work is starting, and a report will be provided to the board.

7.6 Classing course

The scope of works includes two pivotal pieces of our remit, member education and a certified AAA fleece classing course. Further detail provided including draft module costs to members, classing draft rules and repricing from Educonomy.

Board approval is required for the Fleece Classing Course to be continued given the scope of work has increased. To date the outline has been finalised and presented. An updated quote has been provided by Educonomy with a final budget cost up to \$75,000.

Contact will be made with Educonomy about setting up KPI's and a payment plan based on those KPI's.

B24M074 The Board RESOLVED to accept the quote up to \$75,000 with the milestones, KPI's and a payment plan set up for the classing course set up.

8. Any other business

8.1 Office Xmas closure

23.12.2024 to 02.01.2025

8.2 Neogen price increase

Neogen has increased the fees for all DNA testing.

Combibreed, Netherlands can do the following tests with costs - 49.51 euros for a certification process and 57.48 euros for the grey colour test plus the cost of the testing kit and postage.

Weatherbys Scientific is another company to be looked at.

B24M072 The Board RESOLVED to pass on the increase to members as of 1 January 2025 and will do further investigation into other companies that can provide these services.

8.3 eAlpaca and Royal Adelaide Show

Deferred to next meeting.

9. Next meeting: 21st of January at 9.00 am.

Meeting closed 11.5 am.