



The British Alpaca Society

Shows Committee meeting, Thursday 16 March 2006 Watchbury Farm, Barford, at 6.30 pm

Present

Maxine Watts (MW) (Chairman), David Barnett (DB), Tim Hey (TH) and Anthea Osborn-Jones (AOJ)

Apologies: Mike Coghlan (MC)

In attendance: Claire Waring (CW)

06/019 Minutes of meeting on 10 January 2006

These were accepted as a true record.

06/020 Report from Judges Panel

The Judges Panel is to be formalised and all fully qualified judges will be members.

A request had been made to the Board that the use of overseas judges be phased out.

It was noted that existing policy is that overseas judges should be phased out in BAS shows. Only one would be invited in 2006 and none in 2007. However, it was recognised that the choice of judge is the prerogative of the show organisers and this can only be suggested rather than mandated.

The Panel had also requested that changes to the Show Rules should not be made without consultation with the Judges Panel and that any disputes be resolved by the Board.

This was noted.

The Panel had asked the Board to ensure that, wherever possible, judges should receive reasonable travel and overnight expenses.

This was agreed but it was noted that the additional expense would have to be budgeted by the show organiser.

The introduction of colour championships was generally accepted.

The Show Committee was asked to reconsider the removal of a lower limit on the number of show entries for the selection of a champion.

It was noted that the judge has discretion as to whether or not a champion would be awarded from the animals entered into the show.

The Show Committee was asked to provide a summary of changes to the Show Rules in 2006.

TH agreed to produce this and would include an explanation of the situation regarding age and colour champions.

ACTION: TH

06/021 Shows – progress of qualifiers, associated, notified. Sponsorship

Qualifiers

Animals from qualifying shows taking place after the Royal, including composite classes, will qualify for the Royal in the following year.

Royal Norfolk

AOJ agreed to ask Su Lenk if she wished the Royal Norfolk to be a qualifying show. She would be encouraged to use the online entry system. *ACTION: AOJ*

Devon/Bath and West

It was noted that the class numbers in these shows would not conform to the BAS rules because of the system used by the main show organisers.

National

It was recommended that BCA-registered animals be accepted into the National on the proviso that the federation proposals are approved by the BCA AGM. *ACTION: MW*

(This was subsequently approved and BCA members have been invited to enter any BAS show in 2006.)

Sponsorship

Armitage has give £300 sponsorship to the National. MW will talk to them about sponsorship for the Royal. *ACTION: MW*

Judges

A judge qualifies to take an apprentice when he/she has judged a minimum of 150 animals. An apprentice must have passed level 3. Before being granted a full judging ticket, someone must have apprenticed three times.

DB would approach all fully qualified judges to ask if they wished to apprentice Rick Hodgson at the National. *ACTION: DB*

The question of whether a judge could be certified with a restriction would be passed to the Board. *ACTION: MW*

06/022 Online entry system

Not many show organisers had taken advantage of the online entry system.

Grassroots would be asked to invoice those who have entered but not yet paid. They would also be asked to supply a VAT invoice where required. *ACTION: CW*

06/023 Issues raised by Mr Potts

It was noted that the Show Committee does not appoint judges. It gives guidance to show organisers to favour UK judges wherever possible.

It was also noted that shows are self-financing.

DB would send a formal reply to Mr Potts. *ACTION: DB*

It was recommended that, from 2007, the judges for the National and the Royal are chosen by the Show Committee and the show organisers and approved by the Board. *ACTION: MW*

06/024 Budget guidelines. Invoices

Freddie Smart (Finance Director) had asked for a pro forma which he can use to develop budgeting guidelines for show organisers. TH agreed to supply one. *ACTION: TH*

06/025 Communication/workload/responsibilities

AOJ would not be organising the National after this year and another organiser needs to be found. A venue for the 2007 show has to be chosen. It was agreed that regional groups should be encouraged to take responsibility for shows in their areas.

Alpaca

MW would write a contribution for the next issue and circulate it to other committee members to add material. *ACTION: MW/ALL*

06/026 Show Guidelines/memoranda

TH has nearly completed the organisers handbook which would be circulated for comment the following week. *ACTION: TH/ALL*

06/027 Global e-mails

It was agreed to send out a global e-mail about BCA-registered animals being invited to enter BAS shows in 2007.

Libby Henson would be asked if global e-mails could come from BAS rather than from Grassroots Systems. *ACTION: CW*

06/028 Kelso fleece show – name

It was agreed that this should be known as the Scottish National Show with BAS Fleece Show.

Ballantyne Cashmere have pulled out and the show organiser is seeking an alternative.

It was agreed that the fleece show at the Royal should be known as the Royal Fleece Show.

06/029 Show Organisers' meeting

It was agreed that this had been a very helpful event and it should be held on an annual basis. The suggested time was early September at the end of the show season. It gave an opportunity for those closely involved with the shows to debate and reach a consensus. It also gave the opportunity for consistency in arrangements between shows.

06/030 Insurance

Members have been given the opportunity to purchase third-party insurance with their show entries, both on paper and on the website. Premiums would be paid for those taking this up, numbers being notified to the insurers after each show or at the end of the season. It was noted that no payment should be made for shows taking place prior to the expiry of the existing insurance policy. *ACTION: MW*

Online payment for insurance

Grassroots Systems would be asked to quote for including online payment on the website.

ACTION: MW

06/031 Royal Show

A plan of the alpaca area has been received. It was suggested that the BAS trailer should be located on the corner of Avenue M. It had been agreed with Haymarket Land Events that owners would be allowed to swap animals over on Monday night as long as the pens are not left empty. Ideally, a large marquee was required which would allow the fleeces to be displayed in the middle with animals on either side. Entry fees would remain as 2004 at £10/animal with penning fees at £30.

06/032 Magazine articles and website

DB agreed to edit MW's article about the 2006 shows. The article on show preparation would be removed. Names of the Show Committee would be checked and corrected if necessary. Hilary Shenton would be asked to provide her CV and a photograph for the judges section.

ACTION: DB/CW

06/033 Any other business

Clarification of rule on Judge's accommodation

It was agreed that a judge should not stay with anyone entering the show he/she is judging for at least 7 days prior to the show.

Fleece boxes

The Board would be asked to approve the purchase of 100 fleece boxes at £9 each. TH would ask the Bath and West if they would donate the money previously used to hire boxes from the British Wool Board to cover this cost.

ACTION: MW/DB/TH