



The British Alpaca Society

## Board Meeting

### Minutes of a meeting of the Directors held at 11:00 on Monday 19 May 2008 at The Exeter Arms, 3 Church Lane, Helpston, Peterborough PE6 7DT

**Present:**

Graham MacHarg (GM) (Chairman), Matthew Tims (MT) (Vice-Chairman), Jay Holland (JH), Lesley Howard (LH), Maria Leitner (ML), Freddie Small (FS), Mary-Jo Smith (MJS).

**Apologies:**

Richard Beale (RB), Carole Christian (CC), John Gaye (JG)

**In attendance:**

Claire Waring (CW)

**Meeting Started:**

11.00

**Meeting Ended:**

15.00

**703.0 Minutes of the meeting held 23 April 2008**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by LH and seconded by MJS. Agreed.

**704.0 Draft minutes of the AGM held on 15 March 2008**

Acceptance of the draft minutes was proposed by GM and seconded by MT. Agreed.

**705.0 BAS Judge certification/recertification**

The Board had a detailed discussion about the recent judge certification/recertification course. The background to the arrangements was described.

**705.1 Recertification**

It was agreed that:

GM/MJS

The Board approved the process and execution of the certification/recertification course and therefore also accepted the recommendations from the panel.

It was agreed that whatever the eventual formulation for judge recertification, it did not represent a ticket for life.

The Board would arrange a halter clinic and a fleece clinic for all BAS judges in the next few months at a cost of £100 each per person.

A recertification course would follow at the Alpaca Training Centre in autumn 2008, free of charge to existing judges.

The next recertification course would be held at Bozedown Alpacas in autumn 2009, free of charge to existing judges.

GM would contact the candidates to inform them of the results.

Detailed results would be sent to each candidate by post.

Nick Weber would be asked to join MJS in meetings with individual candidates to discuss the way forward.

**705.2 Certification**

It was agreed to appoint Vicki Agar as a BAS judge subject to completion of two successful apprenticeships.

GM

After discussion it was agreed not to offer a fleece-only ticket to the other candidate as this was a completely new category and has not been discussed or approved. The possibility of a fleece-only ticket would be discussed with the Judges Panel.

**705.3 Video**

Libby Henson would be asked to obtain a copy of the video tape made at the recent course to file in the archives.

CW

**706.0 Dates of next meetings**

Wednesday 23 July (to include budgets 2008/2009 and 2009/2010)

Wednesday 24 September

Wednesday 19 November (to include ratification of show rules 2008 and budget 2009/2010)

Wednesday 18 February (to include verification of nominees)

Saturday 14 March (AGM)



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- 707.0 Any other business**
- 707.1 Judge training exemption**  
A request from Janie Hicks, Coolaroo, Australia, for her other judging qualifications to be taken into account to allow her to enter the BAS judge training scheme at Judge Stage 2 was discussed. As with similar requests, the Board confirmed that anyone wishing to become a BAS judge must successfully pass all the training levels. CW
- 707.2 Support for AOBA suri judging course**  
A request from Nick Harrington-Smith for financial support to attend an AOBA suri judging course in America was considered. It was agreed to support his attendance to a cost of £500 on the proviso that the information received was passed on to all BAS judges. Val Fullerlove and Paul Cullen were to be offered the same level of support if they were eligible and wished to attend. MJS