



## British Alpaca Society Board Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Directors  
held at 10.00am on Wednesday 10 November 2004  
at Atlantic Alpacas, Glyndebourne Farm, Glynde, Near Lewes, East Sussex BN8 6SH

**Present:**

Rob Bettinson (RB) Chairman, Philip O'Connor (POC), Keith Scott (KS), Maxine Watts (MW), Nigel Cobb (NC)

**Apologies:**

Graham Reed (GR)  
Michael Berry (MB)

**Meeting Started:** 10.30hrs

**In attendance:**

Bill Cooper (BC)

**Meeting Ended:** 17.00hrs

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- 298.0 New Board Director**  
Nigel Cobb was welcomed as a new director.
- 299.0 Election of BAS Chairman**  
Rob Bettinson was elected as the Chairman.  
Proposed: KS  
Seconded: POC
- 300.0 Meeting Chairman**  
BC was elected as Chairman for the meeting.  
Proposed: KS  
Seconded: MW
- 301.0 Disclosure of Interests**  
Each Director presented their interests within the Alpaca community. BC presented GR's interests. MB was unavailable and RB summarised on MB's behalf.
- 302.0 Minutes**  
The minutes of the last board meeting (22 Sept 2004) were agreed.  
Proposed: KS  
Seconded: MW
- 303.0 Accounts**  
NC asked for a summary of the accounts, which BC gave.



**304.0 Outstanding issues/updates**

**304.1 Show Rules**

BC stated that these would be produced by James Wade (JW) to be presented to MW by end of November.

**304.2 Show Meeting Report**

BC stated that a report of the meeting would be handed to JW on 15 November.

**304.3 Cameron Holt Communication**

BC stated this would be dealt with by JW in November.

**305.0 Registration**

**305.1 General Registration**

- Little has happened this month.
- Members are unhappy about the importers not screening the current import via BAS. RB explained that the BAS cannot comment because of the confidentiality clause.
- Tags & Microchips working well.
- 30 animals have been registered via the Amnesty
- Amnesty for animals to be screened runs out on 2 Dec.
- Amnesty only used by one member of the board to register to castrated males that a breeder wouldn't register.
- PedView is to be made available to our members as an online service. KS to discuss with Grassroots.
- There are problems for individuals who have animals on the current non BAS import. BAS are unable to help or comment because of the importer confidentiality clause.
- The categories of pedigree registration will be reviewed by KS after the amnesty is complete.
- KS is to guide Grassroots about checking against overseas registries on application of an import onto our registry.
- Prefix Pedigree Name cannot be changed. A suffix can be added.
- Ks will investigate reciprocal arrangements with overseas registries.

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**305.2 NAR**

- The Chairman gave an update, stating that there has to be one meeting, with legally binding protocols. RB commented that Nick Weber has stated he is under significant pressure.
- RB agreed to approach Nick Weber to see if he could attend a BCA council meeting and present the single community concept.
- NC agreed to talk to John Potts, Michael Brookes and John Gaye to explain that the board are taking all reasonable steps to move the process forward.

RB

NC

**NOTE NC left the meeting to attend another at this point**



<b>305.3</b>	<b>New Chairman</b> KS will take of the Chair of Registration. POC and GR will remain as Directors on the committee.	
<b>306.0</b>	<b>Screening and Importation</b> CBS Technologies had been approached with regard to providing DNA profiling for the BAS. POC reported that they had been extremely slow in responding, and when they eventually responded it was to say they would not work with us as they had signed up to a 12 month exclusivity deal with Chas Brook and the BCA.  Apparently Grassroots have also agreed to a 12 month exclusivity deal with BCA, regarding DNA data processing on the registry. POC is to investigate further to assess the damage / limitation of Grassroots service from this point, and report.	POC
<b>307.0</b>	<b>Welfare Committee</b> No points.	
<b>307.1</b>	<b>New Chairman</b> POC will take of the Chair of Welfare. GR will remain as Directors on the committee.	
<b>308.0</b>	<b>Education and Judge Training</b> Liz Barlow is to be approached and asked if she is willing to be co-opted onto the Board as E&JT Chairman.	RB
<b>309.0</b>	<b>Judge and Rules</b> To be discussed with the Director (and Chairman) when appointed.	
<b>310.0</b>	<b>Shows</b>	
<b>310.1</b>	<b>New Chairman</b> MW is the new Chairman.	
<b>310.2</b>	<b>Suffolk Show</b> MW will contact Lady Cranbrook and explain that we cannot support the Suffolk Show. She will assess is we can provide and Alpacas for a demonstration.	MW
<b>311.0</b>	<b>Media, Magazine and Marketing</b>	
<b>311.1</b>	<b>Archant</b> Archant are ceasing to provide quarterly magazine. Associa, Fellows and Deeson have been approached and are providing quotations.  Archant will however, provide a presence in both the country small holder and possibly the CLA magazine.	RB
<b>311.2</b>	<b>New Chairman</b> Alan Lorentzen had previously been approached and asked if he is willing to be co-opted onto the board, and accept the Chairman of Media, Magazine & Marketing. This was approved unanimously by those present.	



- 312.0 Membership**  
NC (Who had left the meeting at this stage) will be asked to be Chairman of Membership and oversee the restructuring and increase of membership fees. RB
- 313.0 Board and Sub Committees**  
No points.
- 314.0 Regional Groups**  
MB is to be asked if he will be Chairman of Regional Groups. RB
- 315.0 Business Management**  
BC explained that Kelston Communications Ltd had informed the Chairman in September that they would not be renewing the contract in November. Kelston Group Ltd (the parent company) was restructuring the group and forming a new specialist Management Services Company, who would take on the new contract, the detail of which will be discussed with the chairman in November.  
  
BC will not be part of the new company and as such will no longer be available to the BAS.  
  
He recommended that the title of CEO be dissolved as he felt it was misleading to the membership.  
  
James Wade (JW) will be the Managing Director of the Management Company and will meet with RB in November to discuss the new contract, roles and responsibilities.
- 316.0 AOB**
- 316.1 AGM draft Minutes**  
Were circulated to all. Comments were asked for by Monday 15 Nov 2004. The Chairman agreed to provide a covering letter and a summary of the NAR presentation.  
  
The office will provide a combined document of both the presentation and RB's speech.  
  
The AGM minutes, The covering letter, presentations and a copy of the Financial Statement (including P&L, income and expenditure) will be sent to all members and posted in the members' section.
- 316.2 Teams Partnership and Kelston Group Limited**  
The board asked for clarity of Kelston's relationship with Teams partnership. It was stated that certain Members had accused Kelston of owning Teams and therefore having a conflict of interest.  
  
BC was happy to confirm that whilst he had the obvious connection with PriceWaterhouseCoopers (and hence could not use them), he did NOT have any ownership (or interest) of Teams Partnership. He was happy that any further accusations would be met with legal action from Kelston.
- 317.0 Date of Next Meeting**  
GR had asked if the board could set a standard date for all board meetings (i.e.



3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month).

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Prior to leaving the meeting early, NC asked if meetings could start at 4pm, in the evening or at weekends.

The general consensus was that neither weekends nor evening were possible. It was confirmed that part of the submission to be a Director involved agreeing to be available for weekday, day time meetings. As such the following was agreed:

Wed 1st Dec 2004	Toft
Wed 2nd Feb 2005	tbc
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2005	tbc