



BAS Weekly Newsletter
Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

AGM

Due to some technicalities with the accounts we are going to have to delay the AGM from the planned date of Oct 3rd to Sunday 22nd of November at 3 pm. Apologies for the the change of date but it is unavoidable.

This means that the papers will be sent out/ emailed on the 9th of October. The AGM will still be conducted by Zoom.please send me an email for the link to the event with "AGM 2020" in the subject line. As previously mentioned the reason for asking you to ask for a link is so we can have a good idea of attendance and make sure we have the capacity in the system to cope.

Because we are doing the AGM by Zoom it would be helpful for as many members as possible to use the electronic voting system. You will get an email with instructions around 9th October. There will still be the capability to vote during the AGM but it will make life simpler if the electronic voting system is used.

You can email about this or anything else on ceo@bas-uk.com

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO

Grassroots Office Move

Grassroots Systems Ltd – who manage our registry and membership services - are delighted to report that they are moving into larger office premises next week. This will facilitate the whole team, who have been working from home, to come back to work in a Covid19 secure environment. This will not affect :

- the phone number (01392 270421)
- email address (registry@bas-uk.com)
- or postal address (PO Box 251, Exeter. EX2 8WX)

However **the office will be closed from noon on Thursday 3rd September until noon on Monday 7th September** to allow the move to be completed.

BAS Show Rules Committee

Although there has not been an opportunity for halter shows this season the Show Rules Committee still exists and is keen to keep working!! If you have any show rule related issues you would like to raise please send your thoughts through using showrules@bas-uk.com .

Created in early 2018 when the Board saw a need to dedicate a committee solely to the Show Rules, the remit continues to be to undertake an in depth review of the the Show Rules Book with the aim of improving content, presentation and usability.

The Committee works with exhibitors, Judges, Show Organisers and the Board with the Board ultimately approving, or not, the rule book.for the following show season.

The Show Rules Committee has a responsibility to:

- *review current rules with a view to improving and moving forward*
- *determine the strengths & weaknesses of the current Show Rules*
- *determine and deal with any potential conflicting rules*
- *to view rules with circumspect, what is fair and achievable from an exhibitor's point of view*
- *maintain contact with Show Organisers, Exhibitors & Judges to determine areas needing to be altered*
- *recommend those changes that will clarify and or add rules that better reflect industry objectives for the show ring*
- *achieve consistency and fair play in the show ring*



The **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2020**, comprising Junior, Intermediate, Adult and Senior Classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleeces, will be judged on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd October**.

The Judges for the Show are **Mrs. Shirley Bettinson and Mr. Roger Clarke**

*The prizewinning fleeces will be eligible to enter the
Champion of Champions - National Fleece Show 2021*

Entries opened on **Monday, 3rd August 2020** and will close on **Sunday, 6th September** or when the entry limit is reached. Entries can be found on the BAS website, via 'Manage Your Herd' at a cost of £17+VAT per entry (to include the £2 levy).

The deadline for fleeces to be delivered to Julia Corrigan-Stuart, CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL, is **Sunday 13th September 2020**. However, if you have entered other Shows around this date, we will liaise for your fleeces to be forwarded but please tell the Show and us that this is required.

Please pack individual fleeces in unmarked clear plastic bags (ie no writing/numbers etc), with the entry form that is produced when you make your on-line entry.

Please specify what you would like done with your fleeces after the Show:

1. Collect fleeces from CS Alpacas after the show on 4th October 2020 by prior arrangement
2. Have your fleeces sent back – please enclose a return address label. You will be invoiced after your fleeces have been sent – please do not send cheques beforehand
3. Donated to the BAS for training courses (if you do not specify one of the above options at entry, we will assume this is the option you have chosen).
4. Any queries, please contact Julia on mobile: 07803726464 or email: julia@csalpacas.co.uk.

**Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have the usual Open Day on Sunday, 4th October 2020 but instead will hold a Zoom Session to announce the results.
Further details will be available nearer to the date.**



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2020

Closing date – Sunday 6th September

As we have not been able to hold the Shows this year, let's make up for it with lots of great photo entries for the **2020 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**, which is open to all amateur photographers. Ingrid Weel of Ingrid Weel Media Ltd., who has been the Official Photographer at the HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta for the last four years, will blind judge them in the following categories – Portrait, Natural Behaviour, Abstract and Under 16yr old Photographer. Plus an additional category – **LOCKDOWN SPECIAL!**

To be eligible, images must include an alpaca and be submitted in 300dpi resolution and no smaller than 1000 pixels on the long edge. Some smartphones have 2 different options, so you need to choose the bigger file! The resolution will be checked before judging and only images of the correct specifications can be included, so please check before you submit your entry.

The results will be announced at the **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show on Sunday 4th October**, which this year will be held via Zoom; further details will be available nearer the date. Prizes will be awarded in each category and the overall winning photograph will be featured on the front cover of the Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2021 catalogue with a full credit.

All entries may be featured at some point, again with full credits, on our website or in other promotional material.

Please send your entry to

chairperson@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk with your name, herd name, email address/telephone number & age if under 18yrs.

Check out the tips from Ingrid Weel in the News section of our [website](#)



HoEAG Craft Competition

Kindly Sponsored by Softly Softly
Judged by Shirley Bettinson



We know we have some very talented and creative members within the alpaca world, so again this year we're giving you the opportunity to show off your skills, talents and wares in an Alpaca Fibre Craft Competition!

HOW TO ENTER

The categories are: Alpaca Yarn, Wearable items, Household Items, Toys & Miscellaneous **PLUS A SCARF – JUDGE'S CHALLENGE**. This is a new initiative suggested by our Judge, Shirley Bettinson, last year. We hope you have taken up the challenge to create a scarf using alpaca fibre - simple, no specific sizes required.

SPECIAL TROPHY TO BE AWARDED - kindly donated by Kerry Lord of Toft UK.

ENTRY FORMS are available on our [website](#) along with category details - just click the 'Download' link!

ENTRIES: HoEAG Members £2.50 per item & *Non Members £4 per item

CLOSING DATE: 20th September & items to be received no later than 27th September 2020

If you would like to enter a product into any of the above categories simply complete an entry form, make a payment via BACS and send with your item(s) to Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks, HP18 0RL to arrive by Sunday 27th September 2020.

Please include a description of each item, including the materials used.

Mrs. Shirley Bettinson has kindly agreed to judge the competition again and this will take place on Saturday 3rd October. The results will be announced at the **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show** on **Sunday 4th October**, which this year will be held via Zoom; further details will be available nearer the date.

Any queries please email fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk

Please note : if you will be entering any other Alpaca Craft Competitions around that time, we will liaise for your items to go from there to HoEAG - just mark on the entry form!

***Membership to the HoEAG is available at just £25 per year!**

Show opening and closing dates ...

Show name	Show Dates	open	close	terms
SWAG Somerset Fleece Show	19th Sept	CLOSED FULL		max 65
Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece	4th October	OPEN	6th Sept	max120
North East & Borders Halter	31st Oct	CLOSED FULL		max 140
Yorkshire Group Halter Show	24th Oct	CLOSED FULL		max 175
Yorkshire Group Fleece Show	13th Oct	OPEN	21st Sept	max 70
Northern Fleece Show	6th Dec	1st Oct	1st Nov	max 120

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
HSWAG @ Somerset Halter	19 and 20 September Cancelled
F SWAG Fleece	17 September
F Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece	4 October
H Welsh Show	10 October Cancelled
F Yorkshire Group Fleece Show	14 October
H Eastern Region Halter	18 October Cancelled
H Yorkshire Group Show	24 October
H NEBAG	31 October FULL
H West Shires Halter	7 November
F Northern Fleece Show	29 November

2020 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

2020 Dates

Somerset County Show

Date: Sat 17th September(Fleece)

Fleece Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stuart. Fleece will continue on 17th September

The fleece show which is now 17th September.

Fleece delivery to Judith Newman at Apple Tree Farm by 12 noon on the 16th at the latest.

The judging will now take place in East Huntspill, Highbridge.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show - 4th October

Date: Sunday 4th October

Judges: Shirley Bettinson and Roger Clarke

Judging days: Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd October

Entries Open: Monday 3rd August

Entries Close: Sunday 6th September, or when the entry limit is reached

Entry Fee: **£15+VAT per entry** (to include the £2 levy). *This is a one year only reduction in entry fee, due to the pandemic we are all having to deal with at this present time.*

NEBAG Halter show - 31st October

Date: 31 October 2020

Judge: Tim Hey

Entries Open: 3rd Aug

Entries close : 24th Aug

Fees:£21 + VAT

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 29 November

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Organiser: Stuart Ramsey

2021 DATES

BAS National Show

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021



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