



BAS Weekly Newsletter
Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

AGM News

Voting on AGM issues will be open from 9th October until 19th November. Voting on-line closes on the Thursday before the AGM (scheduled for Sunday 22nd November at 3pm) to allow collation of the results. Votes can still be cast during the AGM but given that the meeting will be a video call its hoped that most will cast their votes before hand. The full AGM pack (50 pages so be ready for that if you print it out!!) is in the AGM section of the Members area of the website.

On Wednesday 14th Oct at 7pm there will be a Zoom debate around the Resolution 2 .The Resolution concerns an amendment to the import screening regulations. The format will be a presentation from a supporter of the resolution and presentation from someone against the resolution. Max 5 mins each and then questions from attendees.

The zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83191988509>

Meeting ID: 831 9198 8509

Call for volunteers

We would like volunteers to help with the validation of a DNA swab test. See details below. If you have an alpaca that has already been DNA tested you are who we are looking for.

Magazine articles wanted

Liz from Alpaca Magazine is planning a Christmas Special that features product and events with a Christmas theme. If you have a story idea that would make 200 to 400 words and has some good quality pictures then please make contact with Liz Mason using liz.mason@phonecoop.coop .

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO

Call for volunteers - to validate a DNA swab test.

One potential supplier of DNA swab tests has developed a new methodology they would like to test. The advantage is that a mouth swab is less invasive than a blood test and does not require any veterinary support to collect.

To validate the method we need alpacas that have completed a blood DNA test to try the new system so the results can be compared.

If you have alpacas which have been previously DNA tested using blood and you are willing to help. please email libby@grassroots.co.uk with a note of which animals, and Libby will send out the kits and do all the admin. There is no cost to you other than your time.

Welsh Winter Fleece Show

The Welsh Winter fleece show will be held on the 6th of February 2021.

Judged by Julia Corrigan Stuart

Comprising: junior, intermediate, adult and senior classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleece.

Additionally we will be having a photographic competition (more details to follow) and an award for the Welsh fleece that is awarded the most points.

Entries are limited to 70 entries and open on the 23rd of November and close on the 4th of January or when maximum entries are reached. Entries can be found on the BAS website in manage your herd. The cost is £20+vat per entry

Fleeces should be delivered to Michael Henderson, Brooklyn, Lancaster Road, Cockerham, Lancaster, LA2 0DZ, no later than 31st January 2021."

Countryside productivity Small Grants

The third and final round of the Countryside Productivity Small Grants (CPSG) scheme launches today. Farmers are invited to apply for grants to help improve their efficiency and benefit the environment.

Further details are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/25-million-available-to-help-farmers-boost-productivity>.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-small-grant-cpsg-scheme-round-3>.

The grants are 40% of the standard costs listed in Annex 3 for a minimum grant of £3,000, up to a maximum of £12,000.

Applicants in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly can receive up to 50% of the eligible costs in the application. We will use the location postcodes provided to check that you are eligible for the higher grant rate.

The standard cost for each item in Annex 3 is the actual fixed price which we will pay grant towards. For example, if the standard cost is £7,500, even if the actual amount you pay is only £7,000, you will receive 40% of £7,500 (or 50% if you are located in Cornwall).

Examples of qualifying equipment

Electronic Weigh System (all species)

Weigh bars and weigh platforms for weighing livestock

Positive pressure tube ventilation systems

Cameras for monitoring livestock

Grassland sward lifters

UV Water treatment system

EID Hand held recorder device

EID Hand held device (stick reader)

Auto EID drench gun

Auto vaccination gun for administration of vaccines and medicines to livestock

Pasture plate meter (hand-held)

Pasture plate meter (trailed)

Solar powered electric fencer energiser

Meet the Candidates

At the AGM this year there will be 7 candidates standing for election to the Board. The full CV for each is available in the members area of the BAS Website - search for AGM or meet the candidates or follow this link but remember you will need to log in. Click [here](#) to get to the page. Voting will be opened on 9th October and you will get an email asking you to vote electronically with full instructions..

<https://www.bas-uk.com/members-area/the-british-alpaca-society/agm-information-and-previous-minutes/agm-2020-meet-the-candidates/>

AGM

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.

Show opening and closing dates ...

Show name	Show Dates	open	close
Northern Fleece Show	5th Dec	1st Oct	1st Nov

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
F Yorkshire Group Fleece Show	14 October
F Northern Fleece Show	5 December
F Welsh Winter Fleece Show	6 Feb 2020

2020 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

2020 Dates

YAG Fleece Show

Date: 13 October

Judge : Liz Barlow

Organizer: Deborah Sporton

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 5th December

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Organiser: Bob Crosbie

Fee: £24

Show judging :Walkerburn Village Hall

Fleeces to be delivered to: Westyett Alpacas, Pauline Robson, Westyett Farm, Lanark ML11 8NT

Fleeces should arrive by 30th November at the latest, but should not be sent to arrive before 20th Nov to minimise returns in case of COVID restrictions changing. Please provide postal address for those wishing for fleeces to be returned by courier (invoices will be sent by email).

Restrictions currently prevent the winning fleeces being available for display locally after judging.

Welsh Winter Fleece Show

Date: 6 Feb 2021

Opens: 23 Nov 20

Closes: 4 Jan 2021

Location: TBC

Judge: TBC

Cost: £24

Address for fleeces: Michael Henderson, Brooklyn, Lancaster Rd., Cockerham, Lancaster, Lancashire. LA2 0DZ. No later than 31 January 2021

2021 DATES

BAS National Show

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021

Scottish Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 24 April 2021 & Sun 25 April 2021

Location: Lanark Auction Mart

Halter Judge: Barbara Hetherington

South of England Spring Alpaca Show

Date: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25 April 2021.

Location: Ardingly

Judge: Jo Bridge