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CEO NOTES

Handlers needed

The Advanced Alpaca Assessment course needs some volunteer handlers for Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December at Kingswood near Aylesbury. Food and drinks and a £50 fee are offered. We need 8 each day so if you can do either or both please drop Julia Corrigan Stuart an email asap julia@csalpacas.co.uk . You will need to be available from 10am until 5pm Saturday and 10am until 3pm Sunday. It is a good opportunity to see what happens on this course and pick up some pointers on alpaca conformation and fleece.

Webinars

Thank you to everyone (peaked at 56) who attended the webinar on Diversification by Neil Payne. If you missed it and would like to catch up the link is <https://youtu.be/Xoph2hzXNsE>

Please note we have added a further webinar in January from Dr Kylie Munyard on the genetics of coat colour. Due to the time difference between UK and Australia, it will be live broadcast at 11 am UK time on 13th January. There will be a recording.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496578781



AGM - Draft Minutes

Any corrections or clarifications please email ceo@bas-uk.com

BAS AGM – Draft Minutes

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the British Alpaca Society held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 by Zoom Video call

There were 72 members present on the call. This is compliant with the Articles which require 30 for a quorum.

Duncan Pullar explained how the meeting would be run using the Zoom functions especially the use of “chat” to record questions and any votes.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received Bob Crosbie, Helen MacDonald and Nick Harrington-Smith

2. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd November 2020

The minutes were approved. Proposed by Emma Taylor and seconded by Ken Freivokh.

3. Chairman’s Report

Sue Loach (SL) took the report as read and invited questions. No questions were offered at this point.

SL highlighted several important developments that have been introduced in the last year.

The developments include:

- The introduction of subsidised Vet CPD training for up to 20 vets per year.
- The rollout of the young members
- The Alpaca Farm Day with 30,000 visitors to 90 Farms. The event will run in 2022
- The re-invigoration of the Affiliate scheme
- Delivery of Introductory (by Zoom), intermediate and advanced alpaca assessment courses Webinars
- The development and publication of a Breed Standard
- An overhaul of the Show Rules document to make it easier to use.
- The commissioning of a promotional video for BAS for use on the website and on members web pages.

SL went on to thank Ron Mackintosh as retiring Chair for his great work. He has motivated and managed the Board for the benefit of all members. A commemoration vase was presented.

RM commented that he has had a fascinating time. During the last 6 years membership has grown by 30%.

4. Approval of the Accounts

SL drew the attention of the AGM to the Society Accounts which had been published in full on the website with a summary in the AGM pack. and invited questions.

A question from a member in attendance asked for a breakdown of the legal costs which had increased significantly on the previous year. BAS treasurer Ian Mitchell explained that most of the costs related to legal advice relating to BCL and an

ongoing legal dispute with a member. Much of the legal costs in the dispute will be met by insurers with BAS only liable for the VAT element, which will be reclaimable.

A question regarding magazine cost was posed. The magazine is self-funding but had a £3,000 bill – what is that for? Duncan Pullar explained this cost was for distribution of extra copies to Country Stores to help promote alpacas.

The accounts were proposed by Judith Newman and seconded by Ron Mackintosh.

5. Resolutions 1 and 2

Resolution 1 – BAS should remain a member of BCL

DP reported there were 122 votes for staying with BCL, 196 against staying and 30 abstentions.

This means that BAS will leave BCL on 31 March 2022.

Resolution 2 – BAS should put any future question of leaving BCL to a vote

DP reported that there were 122 votes for the resolution 2, 194 against and 27 abstentions.

The result of Resolution 1 makes Resolution 2 redundant.

6. To elect members to the Board of Directors

Election of members to the Board of Directors

SL requested that any votes to be cast in the meeting be entered into the chat function.

The final position which is:

- there were 3 candidates for 2 places on the Board.
- that 330 members took part in the poll to elect members to the board (327 on line 3 proxy votes by mail, one at the AGM meeting).

Votes were cast as follows:

Ken Freivokh	250
Neil Payne	221
Doug Steen	217

According to Rule 3.2 (viii), Ken Freivokh and Neil Payne were elected to the Board. The Board thank Doug Steen for his continued support.

7. General Questions

Clarification was sought on the voting system, DP explained that when electing Board members effectively each member is a Resolution and hence the need for votes “for” and “against” each candidate. The candidates with the most votes are elected to the Board unless the votes against exceed the votes for in which case the candidate is out of the competition that year.

A question regarding the use of sheep flock numbers by APHA to identify alpaca herds was raised. It is not national policy but may have been hatched by someone at a local level. Mary-Jo Smith indicated that it is probably because you have other livestock that are not alpacas (e.g., sheep). As the law currently stands APHA cannot compel alpaca owners to use tags.

8. Final Comments

SL thanked everyone for attending and reminded all members that she is happy to be contacted by phone or email on any alpaca related issues.



<https://www.alpaka-expo.at/>

World Alpaca Expo and Conference -10th to 13 February

The Bas Board have decided to take a stand at the World Alpaca Congress in Austria.

The purpose of this is to both represent and promote the British alpaca industry, members interests and the British Alpaca Society at a global level.

Our CEO, Duncan Pullar, will be attending and we are seeking a volunteer to go with him (the Society will cover travel expenses and accommodation) to work on the stand during the event.

Anyone who is interested should contact Duncan Pullar (using ceo@bas-uk.com) by 5 pm 30 November with a single page (no more than 300 words) explaining their interest and experience.

Applicants should possess good communication skills, a wide knowledge and experience of alpacas and have sound knowledge of exporting and associated veterinary checks and testing, and current bTB policies.

Importantly they should be enthusiastic about British alpacas, the depth of quality we have in our national herd and the positive prospects of investing in the British alpaca industry.

They should be prepared to be away from home for 4 days 10th-13th February 2022 and be happy to spend time “talking alpaca” and promoting all aspects of the British alpaca industry.

The successful candidate will require a valid passport and be able to comply with Covid travel requirements.

Whilst we appreciate that many members have no interest in exporting, having a strong export market plays a pivotal role in maintaining a healthy domestic market. Not only does export have a positive impact on UK sales, but on the UK industry as a whole, as it helps to create space, avoid saturation and ultimately contributes to maintaining a vibrant UK market.

We look forward to receiving your applications for this exciting venture. Selection will be based on the 300-word submission.

3. Ensure that all stock is up to date with registration.

- Ensure that your alpaca is registered with it's correct colour. (colour can change as the alpaca ages.
- Ensure that correct ear tags and/or microchips are inserted and that the microchips are working.

British Alpaca Society
Certificate of Pedigree Registration
BREEDING MALE

UKBAS34291 Inca Magnitude (ET) MALE

Sex: 08/07/2018 Race: Huanzaque
Origin: U.K. Colour: Solid Fawn Black
Ear mark: INCBAS34291 DNA tested
Microchip: BT700007198075 DNA parentage verified

Director: Alpaca House Ltd, 96 & 98, The Hay, Actonhey Park, Higher Chiffins, Doncaster, South, YO22 0JL

Date of issue: 08/02/2019 Signed: [Signature]

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BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 21/22. Other titles will follow as they are confirmed.

In a change from last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest and a link will not be emailed to you personally.

7.00pm - Thursday 9th December 2021

Victoria Barrett - Camelidynamics

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84267771106>

11.00 am - Thursday 13 January 2022

Dr Kylie Munyard - Colour genetics in alpacas

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511309786>

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

EAG Winter Warmer Webinars - topics & dates tbc We are just waiting to hear back from the last host but can't confirm dates until we do in case we need to juggle!

Saturday	04-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Sunday	05-Dec	Advanced Alpaca Assessment
Thursday	09-Dec	Webinar-Victoria Barrett, Camelid dynamics
Thursday	13-Jan 2022	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Saturday	05-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	06-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Thursday	14-Apr	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

NEBAG Halter Show -

Date: 20th November 2021

Entries open: Monday 25th October 9 am

Entries Close: 1st Nov

Entry fee: £30 inc VAT

Venue: Hexham Mart, Northumberland

Judge: Roger Clarke

Organiser Debbie Rippon info@barnacre-alcas.co.uk 07903347790

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Date: 27/ 28th November 2021

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Chop Gate Village Hall

Entry fee: £25.2 inc VAT

Entries limited to 120

Organisers: Deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk 01439 798168 /07753836502

National Show

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Entries open for pre-booking: 1st December 2021

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, ceo@bas-uk.com

NWAG Halter Show

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Entries open: 18th February 2022

Entries Close: 24th March 2022t

Entry fee: £22 inc VAT

Organiser Stuart Ramsay