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## CEO NOTES

### **Webinars**

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.

### **Fibre testing**

Wool Testing Authority Europe WTAE has announced the launch of their new OFDA 2000 fleece testing service ([www.wtaeurope.com](http://www.wtaeurope.com) for more info). BAS continue to work with Art of Fibre in the EBV programme.

### **BAS Board Blog**

This week Kate Brookes looks at a handy hints to make life easier around gates. <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

You can email about this or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

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BAS CEO 07496578781



## Young Members Zoom Call

If you are a BAS Young member, or are under 26 and interested in alpacas, you are invited to a zoom call on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm.

The aim is to explain a little about the plans BAS has for Young Members and ask Young Members what would help them in their alpaca "world".

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099501990>

Call or email Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com) or 07496 578781 for more information.



## SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**23<sup>rd</sup> AND 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

AN EXCITING ADDITION TO THE SHOW – WE ARE INCLUDING A FIBRE ZONE

Since its advent in 2016, the Scottish Alpaca Championships have gone from strength to strength, attracting exhibitors, and their alpacas from across the whole of

the UK, also welcoming visiting members of the public to the event at The Lanark Agricultural Centre.

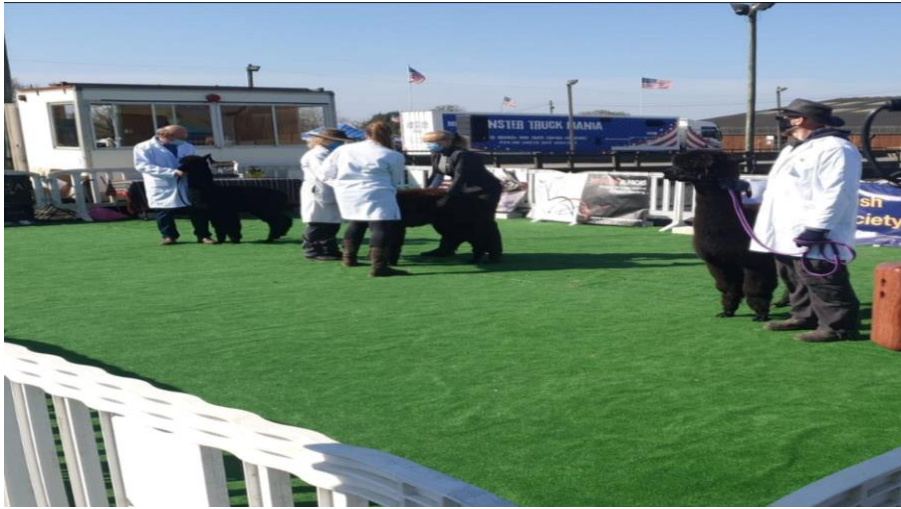
COVID restrictions impacted the Scottish Show, just as they did many more over the past two years; so, we aim to come back stronger than ever in 2022.

Next year's Scottish Alpaca Championships will be held over two days, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April, at Lanark and will, for the first time, include a Fibre Zone. With classes for yarn and handcrafted products made from UK alpaca fibre there should be something for everyone so we encourage you to use the long dark winter evenings constructively in crafting/producing your unique alpaca fibre entries; whether by knitting, crochet, felting, weaving or other crafty talents we know you have.

Classes will be announced shortly and will hopefully include opportunities for you all to get excited about, including an item of jewellery. Watch out for announcements in the BAS newsletter and on the Scottish Alpaca Championships FB page. We also intend to include one or more junior classes for items made by the under-16s, as we believe it's so important to encourage our younger members.

We are very fortunate to have as our judge Rosemary Eribé, who is a Scottish designer and producer of beautiful award-winning knitwear. Her company has a focus on sustainability and champions natural yarns, quality craftsmanship and eco-conscious living.

Please watch out for further information and support this new addition to our show.



## South of England Spring Live Alpaca Show for 2022

The South of England show is under new management.

After over 20 years of conscientious, dedicated voluntary service **Liz Butler** has decided to hand over responsibility to a new team. Many thanks to Liz for her efforts (and Vicky Agar).

The new organizers are Hilary and Tony Monkcom. Basic details are now in the Show Diary section with more to follow.

## Vet Training

Thank you to everyone who has alerted their veterinary team to the training opportunity subsidised by BAS (see below for details). I have received lots of enquires and so far have 14 firm commitments.

If you have not had a chance yet then do let your Vet practice know about the scheme. Many of the enquires I received mention how delighted the Vets were to be alerted to the opportunity by a client. We have limited the number to 20 for the calendar year 2022 and will sponsor a further 20 in 2023.

BAS is pleased to announce a partnership with Claire Whitehead at Camelid Veterinary Services Ltd to offer subsidised training to up to 20 UK-based vets per year to attend a Camelid Health Course for Vets. This will be run initially as an online course with a practical half-day session at the end of the course to consolidate learning.

The overall course cost is £490 +VAT, including the practical session and must be paid at the time of registration. All of the course elements as well as the practical session must be attended in order to qualify to receive funding from BAS of £290 +VAT. Therefore, course cost to you as a participant will be only £200 +VAT. The funding will be obtained as a reimbursement from BAS one month after commencement of the course. Delegates must have attended either the live sessions or viewed the recordings to confirm attendance prior to seeing reimbursement.

The next available course will be starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Live sessions take place weekly at 4pm on Monday afternoons (EXCEPT 14<sup>th</sup> February).

To secure a place on the course, please submit the brief application form to The British Alpaca Society by email: [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com). After BAS have confirmed that you are successful in gaining a place, complete the course registration and pay in full at [www.ukalpacavet.com/courses](http://www.ukalpacavet.com/courses). You must complete a separate registration for each delegate: practice discounts for multiple vets are not available if using this offer.





## **AGM - Draft Minutes**

Any corrections or clarifications please email [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 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 13th 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](mailto: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, 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

Birth: 19/07/2018  
Origin: U.K.  
Ear mark: INCBASUK737  
Microchip: 8770202198673

Headings: Solid True Black  
Colour: Solid True Black  
DNA tested: DNA parentage verified

Breeder: Alpaca UK Ltd & Mrs. The Hay, Ardsley Farm, Ardsley, Yorkshire  
Distributor: Alpaca UK Ltd

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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](mailto: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	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
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.

### **Yorkshire Alpaca Group Fleece Show**

Date: 27/ 28th November 2021

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Venue: Chop Gate Village Hall

Organisers: [Deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

**South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.**

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022

Judge: Jay Holland

Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH

Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom [hilarymonkcom@gmail.com](mailto:hilarymonkcom@gmail.com)

**EAG Fleece Show**

August 2022 further details tbc

**EAG Halter Show**

October 2022 further details tbc