



*Romney Sheep  
Breeders'  
Society*

## **Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> AGM Meeting of the Romney Sheep Breeders Society**

**On**

**122nd AGM meeting 26.4.18**

**8pm in the Orchard room at the Conningbrook Hotel, Canterbury Road. Ashford TN24 9QR**

### **Present**

Alan Barr, George Horne, John Coultrip, Martin Holgate, Angela Doughty, Adam Rawlinson, Howard Bates, Stewart wood, Hugh Skinner, Julie Murray Simon Wright Julie Lukehurst Helen Langrish Chris Baughton Martin Tishell Lucy Baughton Claire Langrish Larry Cooke

### **Apologies for Absence**

Paul Boulden, P skinner, Trevor Richards, Colin Balcomb Frank Langrish Elwyn Davies, A Allen

**Approval of the minutes** from the council meeting on 30.4.17 **JL** said that the minutes were from Alex but had been typed up from her details sent. **HS** approved 2<sup>nd</sup> **JC**

**Matters arising** from the minutes- none

### **Chairman report**

**AB** events over the year such as the flock competition were supported with flocks presented being a good standards and quality. All of the flocks had been really well managed and presented a high standard

RHIS scheme the group have helped the breed and promoted its merits to a to a wider audience Rams have been swapped and used to continue the improvements

Royal Welsh show-The stand had had some interest and thank you to those who helped

South West Sheep There was interest in the breed, but the event was not as busy as previous years as everyone was out in the fields,

Romney day sale- Quality females were put forward and made good money. Rams made record prices all being part of the RHIS group. This shows that there is good progress being done.

Dinner- AL was thanked for all of her hard work and presented with the Youngs Trophy over the last 5 years for the society and was wished all the best for the future.

New secretary **JL** was introduced and taken over from **AL** in November. The secretary change over had been completed and JL was thanked for her enthusiastic and exciting work so far. **JM** and **JL** would work on the flock book together and **JM** was thanked for her hard work in producing the flock book every year.

An interesting talk from the president **HB** on sea fairing exploits was thanked by **AB** for all his work as President in the year

Raffle raised £460 cash.

### **Accounts**

**AB** These were being completed by the previous secretary and details were to be changed to the new signatures by the chairman and secretary. Accounts at this stage were still pending. **AB** said both accounts were in good health.

**LC** asked if we made money from the subscriptions and registrations to help increase funds and that they should be put up to increase income. This should be questioned to members at the next AGM. There were less pedigree Romneys now than there ever has been. **JM** agreed with the low numbers and **JL** said that 91 rams were registered in 2016 and just 300 ewes registered **JM** said that there were registrations coming in from Natural England, generated some added income.

**AB** said that **AL** monies would be settled **HL** said a cheque should be sent from RSBS for outstanding work. **AB** said this would be discussed at council

Auditors -Wilkins Kennedy all on council in favour of remaining with them.

### **Nominations**

**HB** said the role of President is 2 years and would continue for 2018-2019 then a new president will need to be elected

**AB** proposed for **HB** to stay as president **SWr** 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chairman **AB** to continue one year in office

**AB** said there had been two nominations received for council -Clair Langrish and Ed lovejoy

C Balcomb, Gordon Wimble will be standing down and this allowed for spaces to become available

**JL** said that 16 spaces were taken up by council members and we only had one place technically to fill.

**JC** said that all that were to stand council should be voted enblock for another term **SWr** proposed and **AB** 2<sup>nd</sup> **AB** space was available for one more onto council. Clarie Langrish was voted on by members at the meeting unanimously.

**AB** thanked C Balcombe and George Wimble for there past support as council members

### **AOB**

**GH** – asked to remain NSA representative- all council and members in favour **AB** said that **GH** was doing a good job of representing the society.

**GH** congratulations to Trevor Richards in being elected to be BWMB chairman and would carry on the tradition of Mr Brundrette Mr Skinner, Jack Merricks and Frank Langrish from Kent area well done!

**AD** Facebook Romney forum group was being followed from all around the world and an enquiry from Southern Brazil was interested in semen. Was anyone storing semen

**HS** said it was possible to collect some from the RHIS group this autumn – potential use for next year the cost of extraction was to be discussed with AHDB- Henry Lewis

**JL** said that it was £300 with AB Europe and then storage per year at around £35

**GH** RBST collect semen and importing NZ Romneys was easier **SW** said we are accepting NZ Romneys and not seem to be promoting our own. **AD** suggested we wait until we are out of the Europe **JM** said we are breeding more rams in relation to ewes registered this was a concern. Bloodlines are getting less and less.

**HS** Report on the RHIS scheme and the inbreeding ADHB is coefficient and are happy with the degree of in breeding in the flock. All members should be aware of the scheme.

**HB** said that there should be a balance of ram numbers to ewe numbers **JL** said that this was the opposite way and rams registrations on the increase and registered ewe numbers decreasing.

**JL** Date of the AGM was a difficult date as not many members attended this as they were lanmbing and would moving the date be taken into consideration. This would allow more members to attend.

AB said to take to a council meeting for consideration for 2019/20

Meeting finish at 9.30 pm

Date for next meeting - To be confirmed

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