

Minutes

New England Alpaca Group Network
Sunday 30th January 2011
11am at Uralla Community Centre

Opening and welcome.

Present: Peggy McClenaghan and Ken Dobson, John & Karen Gilbert, Alan and Dawn Bicknell, Noel and Cathy Reid, Peter and Shirley Berry, David and Bron Mitchell, Sandra and Charlie Vella, Col and Louise Pearson, Kevin and Catherine Mead.

Apologies: Deborah Smith, Ann Harker and Barry Hambrook, Vince and Anne Henderson, Betty and Adrian Whitten, Julie and Colin Rushton, Trish and Jim Thornberry.

NEAS Uralla 2011

- Uralla Showground is booked
- Judges have been requested from AAA
- Charlie Vella has accepted the invitation to be Chief Steward
- Sandra Vella has volunteered to be the Judges Chaperone
- Ann Harker has offered to organise the raffle
- Contact Rob Jervis to see if he would like to coordinate show sponsorship
- Shirley has tried unsuccessfully to contact Peter Fullard regarding the trophies.
- Cathy to get prices from Richardsons and Bunnings for 100m roll shade cloth
- Fleece Show – shut off date for receiving fleeces needs to be 2 weeks before date of show
- Fleece Show - Return postage charge of \$15 for first fleece then \$10 per fleece thereafter to be included in entry for fleeces that need to be posted back

Update Bill ham Fleece Collection

- Fleece baling day to be held at Peg and Ken's place 1pm Saturday 12th Feb 2011. Fleeces need to meet Bill's criteria (length and fineness) and have good to reasonable crimp and style. Each fleece bag should contain a grower consignment slip and histogram of the fleece if possible.
See Bill Ham's House of Alpaca website for more details.
www.thehouseofalpaca.com.au
- Cathy to email Bill Ham after baling day to coordinate pick up.

General Business

- Due to changes with RAS administration of Sydney Royal Show the closing date for entries has been changed to 4 March 2011.
- National Alpaca Week Activities and Wool Expo – need to go back on agenda.
- David has requested that everyone consider what format our participation in Wool expo should take this year and what changes could be made to make it more successful. We need to bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion
- A recent stocktake of marketing material has been done to determine the printing needs for the region in preparation for National Alpaca week. Charlie Vella to coordinate with Nigel Thompson re the regions requirements.
- The region's marquee will be moved from the coast to Vince and Anne's at Dorrigo next weekend. John Gilbert to pick up marquee from there and bring back to New England in readiness for Wool Expo.
- A survey regarding possible changes to the format of the 2011 National Show has been distributed to last year's exhibitors. Survey to be returned by 4th Feb via email or fax. Any points for discussion can be forwarded to Charlie by Sun 6th Feb as he will be attending a 2011 National Show Committee Meeting on the next day.
- Alan reminded everyone attending Toowoomba Show of the need to fill out the correct paper work to transport alpacas to QLD. This includes faxing waybill to QLD DPI and completing a transported stock statement. Alan to send copy of Qld DPI form to Sandra for inclusion on the website.
- Ken reminded everyone that there is currently a large quantity of straw stored in his shed which is available for sale \$4 per bale.

Meeting Closed 12 noon

Next Meeting

Sunday 20th March 2011 Uralla Community Centre Hill Street Uralla
Arrive 10am for a 10.30am start. Cost \$5 per head to cover venue hire and morning tea.