

# Mid North Coast LAN Meeting

## 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Meeting opened 10.30am

Attendance: Alastair Smedley, Maureen O'Grady and Helmut Meier, Kerrie and Lindsay Rapley, Lesley Russell, Dot & Phil Ware, Lindy Brown, Colin and Louise Pearson, Sandra and Charlie Vella, Stuart Johnson, Jo and John Gonslaves.

Guests: Steve Brown, Amanda Rapley

Apologies: Gary Russell, Linda Biddeau and Bob McKenzie, Karen Smedley, Leigh Carnsew.

Alastair opened the meeting and thanked Lindy for hosting this LAN meeting.

### **1. Presidents Report**

The next Presidents' meeting is 20-22<sup>nd</sup> May. Any agenda items for that meeting should be sent to Charlie as soon as possible.

Funding for NAW advertising has still not been fully assessed by AAA. More information should be available after the meeting.

Negotiations are continuing with ABRI about the IAR data base. More details will be made available when the final decisions have been made.

The board are considering stopping the production of the Alpaca Directory. Those at the meeting agreed with the decision made at the CCH OGM that it is a very useful publication and should not be discontinued.

The new panel trailer is under construction and should be completed soon.

### **2. National Alpaca Week 2011**

The Sherwood Vineyard display has been cancelled.

Plans are now underway for a display at the Kempsey Show, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May. The emphasis will be on promoting local breeders and the Mid North Coast Alpaca Show where there will be an information stand manned by volunteers.

### **3. Mid North Coast Alpaca Show**

The judge will be selected in the next week or so. The Kempsey Show Ground has a huge shed which, in conjunction with the marquee, will provide enough covered area for pens and the show ring in the case of bad weather.

The canteen will be manned by members of the Kempsey RDA

### **4. General Business**

Sandra: The Industry Development Committee has asked for photographs of alpacas with alpaca products. For example, someone wearing a garment made from fleece leading an alpaca.

Sandra: Statistics from the Regional Web Site show that it is receiving acceptable levels of traffic.

Dot: Hmmm needs more articles. If you have found something interesting on the internet or in another publication please let Dot know and she will find out if it can be reproduced in our newsletter. Alternatively write a breeder profile of your stud and how you got into alpacas.

Sandra: Red rooted pig weed has been causing deaths in alpacas on the Mid North Coast. Everyone is advised that there is some information on the web about this deadly weed and should become

familiar with its appearance. It can kill an alpaca in as little as 4 hours and produces symptoms similar to pulpy kidney.

Lindy is now the Education Officer for our region. Alicia Anderson has been approached to run a T Team work shop on 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of July. T Team is an alpaca training and handling program developed by Marty McGee Bennett. (Search for it on YouTube for more information). Cost will be \$90 per person – 8 to 10 people required.

Meeting closed 12.20pm

NEXT MEETING

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

at the home of

Leigh Carnsew and Stuart Johnson