

DAMARA SHEEP BREEDERS' SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting conducted via Zoom videoconference on
Tuesday 29 August 2023 commencing at 6.05pm AEST

Minutes

1. Present.

M. Wilkinson (Chair), G. Kleinschmidt, K. Ross, K. Hardy, P. Hampl, J. Gerhardt, J. Labuscagne, L. Cargeeg and C. Collins.

In attendance was K. Butler.

2. Apologies and Declarations of Proxy Received.

Apologies were received for V. Forbes, H. Crompton, D. Clark and C. Stuttard.

The Secretariat advised that V. Forbes and D. Clarke had nominated M. Wilkinson as proxy, and no further proxies had been received.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting held 24 August 2022.

It was proposed that:

"The minutes from the Society's Annual General Meeting held on 24 August 2022 be accepted as an accurate record of the business undertaken at that meeting."

K. Ross / C. Collins

4. President's Annual Report.

The President presented her annual report for the 2022-2023 year to the meeting.
Attached as appendix 1.

It was proposed that:

“The President’s annual report be accepted and entered into the minutes of meeting.”

C. Collins / K. Ross

5. Financial Statement.

The meeting received the Profit and Loss for 2022-2023 and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023 for the Society. The Secretariat provided an overview of the accounts noting that the Society had made a profit of \$389.56 during 2022-2023, with the members’ equity as at 30 June 2023 of \$7,817.11

It was proposed that;

“The financial report for 2022-2023 be accepted.”

C. Collins / K. Ross

6. Election of Officers.

The president vacated the Chair and the Secretariat took the Chair.

a. President

The Secretariat advised that M. Wilkinson had nominated to continue in the roll of President. No other nominations were received.

J. Labuscagne / J. Gerhardt

Consequently, M. Wilkinson was elected President for 2023-2024.

b. Vice President

The Secretariat advised that D. Clark had nominated to continue in the roll of Vice-President. No other nominations were received.

K. Ross / J. Gerhardt

Consequently, D. Clark was elected Vice-President for 2023-2024.

c. Secretary

C. Collins advised the meeting he was prepared to continue in the role of Secretary. No other nominations were received.

K. Ross / K. Hardy

Consequently, C. Collins was elected to the office of Secretariat for 2023-2024.

d. Treasurer

The Secretariat advised that K. Hardy had nominated to continue in the roll of Treasurer. No other nominations were received.

J. Labuscagne / J. Gerhardt

Consequently, K. Hardy was elected to the office of Treasurer.

e. Committee

The meeting decided to have three general committee members to ensure a majority decision in any enquiry. The floor was open for nominations to the general committee. K. Ross nominated herself to continue on the committee, with J. Labuscagne and J. Gerhardt also nominating.

C. Collins / K. Hardy

Consequently, K. Ross, J. Labuscagne and J. Gerhardt were elected to the general committee.

7. Confirmation of Secretariat and Financial Services

The meeting confirmed Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA Inc (Rural Services) would continue providing secretariat services for the association for the 2023-2024 year.

The meeting confirmed National Australia Bank authorities for the Society's banking accounts to be:

- Kathryn Lengs, RA&HS of SA Finance Manager, Finance & Corporate
- Chalien Bayliss, RA&HS of SA Manager, Rural Services

It was proposed that;

"For the 2023-2024 year Rural Services would continue to provide administrative support for the Society. In addition, National Australia Bank authorities for the Society would remain as K. Lengs and C. Bayliss of the RA&HS."

C. Collins / K. Hardy

8. Confirmation of Fees

The meeting confirmed there would be no increase in fees for the 2023-2024 year.

It was proposed that;

"For the 2023-2024 year there would be no increase in membership or registration fees. ."

K. Hardy / C. Collins

The committee discussed the issue of removing or tracking stud animals that had either been sold to non-society members or that had passed away, from their ARC stud records. The meeting resolved to have no transfer fee payable for the transfer of registered animals to non-Society members and the Secretariat would keep records of all transfers external to the Society.

It was proposed that;

"No fee would be charged for the transfer of stock ownership from a Stud member to a non-stud member."

K. Hardy / J. Ger

9. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed at 6:36pm.

Presidents Report 2023

This year has been a challenging year on many fronts.

The large interest rate rises over the last year or so have impacted many of us with mortgages but also the amount of discretionary spending people have available.

Our Damara Sheep have become a breed that is mainly purchased by people from small holdings in Australia. With less discretionary spending available, Damara sheep sales are down from other years.

Damaras have also been a sheep of choice for live export in Western Australia especially, and the uncertainty of the future of live sheep exports has impacted Damara numbers in WA.

This situation can't last forever, and sales should rise again in the future when more discretionary spending is available again and when the export situation is clarified by the Federal Government.

We have had a number of new studs start up this year and the stud membership has grown over the year to x13 Studs and x3 Associate Members.

Good records and Pedigrees are now being kept by all Stud members; yearly flock returns are being sent to the Secretary so we can now monitor how many provable purebred Damara are around. New Society By Laws, introduced recently, will help to maintain the purebred flock. I am hoping our Australian purebred Damara flock numbers will rise appreciably in coming years and the number of studs will continue to increase.

This year we lost Cameron Hills as our Secretary. He did an excellent job for a few years. Our new Secretary, Kaye Butler, was welcomed to her position earlier this year. Kaye has stepped into big shoes as the position maintains many Sheep and Cattle Breed Societies not just our Damara Society.

After three years of way too much rain we are now looking at much drier conditions in the eastern states for the coming summer. As with all livestock, the challenges will change from Barber Pole worms and sore feet in the wet, to finding feed to keep our flocks going in the dry.

Our Society is moving ahead with a new website now in use. This is a great improvement to the old website which had begun to show its age. Many thanks must go to Ken Hardy from Green Patch Stud who did some great work getting the new website up and going. She is also maintaining the website with any changes or additions needed. Thanks again Ken!

A suggestion for setting up a Breed Standard will be discussed at this AGM General Meeting. We already have Breed Characteristics which is on our new website. These will be a good start for getting a Breed Standard written.

Yours Sincerely

Marianne Wilkinson

President/ Chairperson

The Damara Breeders Society of Australia