**Central Region AGM**

**Held at FMG Building on the 5 of May 2024.**

**10 am.**

**Present:** Stephen Kellam, Carey King, Marion Burgess, Ros Scott, Max & Cheryl Wheatley, Pascale Merten, Virgina Darlow, Don Steward, Jude Wright, Cheryl Hunter and Lisa Whitfield.

**Apologies:** Bob & Jenny Phillips, Jan & Paul Dixon, Lynette & Stephen Gopperth, Marieke Whitnell, Ian Hunter and Eric Lister.

Cheryl Hunter moved that the apologies be accepted, sec. Virgina Darlow.

The minutes of the 2023 Central Region AGM had been circulated via email. Stephen moved that they be accepted as read, moved Ros Scott.

**President’s Report:** Stephen Kellam.

Moved: Stephen, sec. Cheryl Wheatley.

**Financial Report:**

Stephen and Cheryl have both requested a financial report from AANZ Treasurer but have yet to receive a report for the last financial year,

**Correspondence:**





**National Council Update-** Eric Lister

Eric was not available to give an update.

**General Business:**

**AANZ National Council AGM**:

In accordance with the Constitution (Rule 48) five offices of the National Council are hereby declared vacant.  Those due for replacement as at AGM 2024 are:

* **President**.  Resignation replacement and conclusion of two-year term.
* **Vice President**: Resignation.
* **Treasurer**: end of two-year term.
* **Northern region rep**:
* **Southern Region Reps x 2**. Lesley had only joined on a Temporary basis and one position is vacant.

Please ensure that all nominations include the nominees written consent. This is now a legal requirement.

**The closing date for National Council nominations is 5th May 2024.**

**Nominations are to be emailed to:  AANZ Secretary:**secretary@alpaca.org.nz

**Cluster Groups:**

Wairarapa’s cluster group is going well, Lisa is thinking of setting up a cluster group in her area when she has settled into her place.

Mother’s Day event at Carey’s last year was successful because of the many volunteers who helped on the day, it was also well advertised in local newsletters and via radio. We need to have more alpaca handling and education days for alpaca non-members and members alike. When showing we are often too busy to talk to the public about our animals. We need to have more positive benefits to being a member of the association than negative.

**Flyers/Newsletters.**

Stephen will put together a flyer that we can put in letter boxes where there are alpacas and give to the shearers to give to non-members.

**Manawatu A&P Show:**

Eric has agreed to be convenor and has been trying to contact the A&P president. The show is being held on the 2nd of November.

The judges are Lisa Ford-Charteris and Dean Ford.

Lisa Whitfield has offered grazing for alpacas for those traveling from further afield.

**Stewards/Convenor Course.**

This is being held on the 25th of May at Ros Scott’s place starting at 9am. Mark Purden will be taking it. So far there are 7-8 people who have expressed interest in attending, this will be a help to the running of future shows.

**New Owners Welfare:**

A question was asked; how do we create a pathwayfor new alpaca owners to access information and how do we locate new owners to allow them access to the information that they need to care properly for their alpacas? One answer was flyers to be handed out. A welcome pack that shearers could give to new alpaca owners.

Invite a shearer along to one of our events. Another idea was to have a mentorship scheme.

**Election of Central Region Committee:**

Single nominations were received for all positions with no overlap so there was no need for voting. The new committee is thus:

**President:** Stephen Kellam

**Vice President:** Marion Burgess

**Secretary:** Cheryl Hunter

**Committee:** Carey King, Virginia Darlow, Cheryl Wheatley, Lynette Gopperth, Stephen Gopperth.

Meeting officially closed 11.25am