Breed News

Confirmation of Breed Committee - Speed McIlraith, Rick Lee, Gary Illston, Ian McCall, Barry Rae, Cliff Deery, Ken Haywood and Dick Frahm.

A special welcome to Dick Frahm who has replaced Ryan, due to work commitments.

Obituaries - Mrs A Boon & Mr G Cuneen -

'It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of Adrienne Boon and Greg Cunneen, both being great supporters of the Breed in different ways’ - Outgoing President

Appointments -

President – Rick Lee

Vice-President – Ian McCall

CPT Facilitator – Ian McCall

National & Trans-Tasman Across Flock Analysis Facilitator - Ken Haywood

Across Flock Analysis - We currently have approximately 20 flocks on the National analysis and 14 flocks involved on the Tasman Across flock Analysis. The benefits of being involved include seeing where your flock sits nationally, identifying superior rams/sires in your flock or other participating members flocks, and providing you with more information to make better decisions.

A collective effort like this allows us to make greater genetic progress as a breed and maintain Poll Dorsets at the forefront of the industry.

Establishing and maintaining genetic linkages between participating flocks is essential if we are to get valid comparisons. This can be done by sharing rams, buying older proven rams from another breeder or coming to an arrangement to get some of your ewes in lambs to another breeder's ram.

If any member not currently involved wishes to participate they need to get a consent form from either Greg or myself. – Ken Haywood

Connectedness needs to improve and there is the ongoing problems with members not getting their data in.

Reports – June and October.

President’s Report – A note from our new President

We have just enjoyed a successful AGM and tour based in Queenstown from the 8th-10th of May. Thank you to Barry Rae and helpers for an appealing itinerary and tour. I think the tour group benefits from the inclusion of friends
and others from the wider agricultural community.

From the AGM - The main point to come out of the AGM is just where to best channel our Poll Dorset advertising and marketing energy (any ideas to Gary Illston. Promotions Committee - ph 027 322 8076)

The residential and commercial growth and development in Queenstown and surrounding areas is remarkable, and to think that little of it is fueled by agriculture is food for thought.

Recent results - "New Generation Progeny Test" - Beef and Lamb Multi Breed Progeny Trial Maraetotara Hawkes Bay.

Three of the top seven placed sires are Poll Dorsets from Mega Meat breeding group. The top producer of lambs in the multi sire mating environment numbers wise is also a Mega Meat Poll Dorset.

Regards Richard Lee.

Promotions Facilitators – Sally Rae, Gary Illston and Barry Rae.

To target June, July and August.

Interesting Stories – Four a year required. Please contact Gary, Barry, or the office if you know of an interesting Poll Dorset story.

Advertising Budget – It was agreed to spend up to $10,000.00.

Mint lamb competitions to be encouraged.

Facebook – The General Manager to liaise with Sally Rae.

Breed Webpage – Committee members are encouraged to send to the office any Poll Dorset news, so it can be added to the webpage.

Dorset Horn Members – It was agreed that they pay a reduced breed levy.

Conference Location 2019 – Southland.

Royal Show Judge 2017 – Rick Lee

NZ Young Judges Championship – Meat & Wool Lady Isaac Scholarship – Breeds to select a young person to attend the NZ Young Judges Championship on the Friday morning of the Canterbury & P Show. If any member knows of any potential person please contact the office.

Funding Request – Any request for funding will be considered by the Breed Committee.

Barry Rae – The President thanked Barry for organizing this year’s Conference. A large party of members, ex-members, hangers on enjoyed the 2 days.

Photos supplied by Rebecca Haywood

Thank you Rebecca for supplying the following photos -