

# TEXEL NEW ZEALAND



## NEWS FROM BREED COMMITTEE AUGUST MEETING

**Royal A & P Show - Hastings – Dates – 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. Texel Banner** – The Canterbury Club to organize sending the banner to Hastings.

**Clubs Requesting Funding** - It was agreed that Clubs should actively seek sponsorship and exhaust all opportunities before approaching the Breed Committee for funding.

**H D Farm Direct Wools – Criticism at AGM regarding lack of representatives picking up wool** – Mr McLeod said that he has spoken to Mr Gavin Crump (H D Farm Direct) who has advised the team of buyers can be found on the website.

### **H Dawson Wool Contacts:**

**Nelson/Marlborough** - Brett Bolton 027 207 4004; Mike Palmer 027 439 5705

**North Island/North Canterbury/Canterbury** – Don Kars 027 450 0769

**South Canterbury/North Otago** – Gavin Crump 027 431 6555

**Southland/West Otago** – Brian Shaw 027 435 2096

**CPT** - Concern expressed that nominated rams are not being used by members and to increase connectiveness, these rams need to be used.

**CPT Costs** – Compensation for members who have rams nominated to represent the Breed is currently being debated and a protocol to be put in place this year.

**'25 Years of Texels in NZ' Conference** – The Conference's Revenue and Expenditure was perused and at this stage showed a profit of \$7,745.82. Still a few items to be paid

The Meeting agreed that the Conference was

very enjoyable and financially successful.

**Letter from Mr K Berry** - The organisers received a complimentary letter from a Life Member, Mr Keith Berry thanking them for arranging this year's Conference, which was well run and had an excellent balance of interesting activities.

**Letters of Appreciation** – To be sent to various persons associated with the Conference.

**Alliance Funding** – Alliance funding has now ceased. Alliance to be thanked for its support.

**Badges** – It was agreed that all Texel flocks receive a complimentary badge and be informed that they can purchase extra badges.

**Feature Shows** – Commemorative rosettes for Hastings, Dannevirke, Canterbury, Gore, Winton and Milton.

**Conference Photograph Album** – Mr Ian McCall and his wife Dianne have donated a photograph album with photographs from this year's Conference to the Breed. The album to be held at the NZSBA office.

**Texel NZ Progeny Test** - Work in progress.

**Microphthalmia – At the AGM it was suggested these tests should be subsidised? –** The Meeting agreed that as the tests are already reduced to \$15.00 per test that this should not be pursued.

### **Remits for AGM**

**1/ (MC)** – Denotes those DNA tested clear studs for Microphthalmia, when all sheep in the stud have been tested clear.

**2/** That a sire used from a (MC) stud does not require to be DNA tested for Microphthalmia.

**3/ TP (Tested Pedigree)** – Denotes those sheep bred from DNA Tested Clear parents from a Clear Stud

**Texel Across Flock** - The TAF Webpage is a moving document. The format is fair for everyone and there is an opportunity to develop a homepage.

## PROMOTION/WEBSITE

**Advertising** – A series of advertisements to be placed in the Farmers Weekly every fortnight from Mid-August to March. Advertisements to display the Texel logo, the advertisement and the website address.

**Canterbury Stud Ram & Ewe Fair – Friday, 27th November 2015** – The sale commences at 10.30 am and Texels are the 7<sup>th</sup> out of eleven breeds in the Order of Sale.

**Next Breed Committee Meeting** – Canterbury Stud Ram & Ewe Sale – Friday 27th November 2015 @ 1.30 pm.

**Breed Committee Elections – February 2016**

**Breed Display** – The Canterbury Club to organize a display at the Canterbury Exhibitors Club during the Canterbury A & P Show.

## NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE

**Venue - Napier**

**Dates Tuesday 31st May, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, AGM Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Tentative Itinerary which may change –

**Accommodation** Blue Water Hotel, Ahuriri, Napier

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** 1 PM Breed Committee Meeting  
3 PM Registrations Commence  
  
Dinner - 'Pay as you go' (great variety of restaurants/bars along the waterfront)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**9 AM - Progressive Meats -Technical Session**

Meat Yield and Tasting Presentation - 2 speakers - tour of plant

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Review of the Red Meat Strategy**

**PM Visits to a cidery or micro-brewery**  
**Wine tasting at Elephant Hill**

**Aratiki Honey**

**Arrive back at Blue Water**

**Happy Hour and Dinner**

**AM Visit Coby Products – where they have 'added value' to meat waste products**

**Visit Hatuma Lime-works**

**Lunch at a Winery**

**PM Visit Premier Texel Stud (there will be a display from other contributing studs)**

**Pub visit:**  
**Option – Either gun club or remain at pub**

**Dinner at Mangarara Ecolodge – Annual Dinner with Guest Speaker**

**"Inter island Competition"**  
**Duck, Pig, Deer Calling – START PRACTICISING!**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**AM AGM**  
**END OF CONFERENCE**