

TEXEL NEW ZEALAND



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JUNE 2016

As I sit and write this, the shortest day of the year is already here. After another dry season in most parts of the country I hope pregnancy scanning results are favourable and reflect the durability and constitution of the Texel Breed.

The North Island convention was well organized and informative for which I must thank Rob Forsyth and his assistants.

We visited Progressive Meats Ltd, a one chain meat processor at Hastings, which pays suppliers on saleable meat yield. This plant had very little yard space, enough to hold 2-4 hours kill at best. Stock trucks arrive at set times, but it was not unusual for stock to walk straight off the truck onto the slaughter board, the theory being less time standing in yards reduced stress on stock and hence improved meat quality.

Progeny from the Beef & Lamb Genetics CPT Terminal Sire site in Hawkes Bay are to be slaughtered here. One kill date, five weeks post weaning.

At Cavalier Wool Spinners and Wool Scour we learnt contamination in wool bales was still a major problem so much so that employees were rewarded with \$10 for every foreign object they found.

Agri-lab Co Byproducts probably make more money out of a ewe's placenta than we do out of her lamb. Most of the products going to the cosmetic industry.

Hatuma Lime Company Ltd outlined the history and development of Hatuma Dicalic Phosphate. The most cost-effect

-ive way to apply phosphate, calcium and sulphur at the same time. It is neutral PH, non water soluble and fully plant available.

The sheep on display from Messrs Burn, Klingender, Forysth and Weber were a credit to their breeding programmes. Despite a dry summer and autumn they displayed the strong constitution that you expect to see in Texel Sheep. Those from the South Island also got to see the effect of Facial Eczema.

As the Microphthalmia Remits were passed at the AGM, I would encourage breeders to seriously consider eliminating Microphthalmia from their flocks. A point of difference for registered Texel Breeders.

Texel Breeders need a point of difference; presently that is a double muscling (MyoMAX) and carcase yield. But composite and pure breeds are not far behind us.

So where to from here for the Texel Breed? Suggestion for discussion at the next Breed Committee Meeting (end of July) are most welcome. Please contact any of the Breed Committee Members.

Garry Latta

NEWS FROM BREED COMMITTEE MAY MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF BREED COMMITTEE 2016

Messrs G B Howie, A N McLeod, G J T Latta, I W McCall, P Gardner and R Forsyth.

MATTERS ARISING

Members not Submitting their Annual Returns – The Breed Committee together with the office is currently pursuing members who have failed to furnish an Annual Return.

Advertising Revamp Required – The Meeting discussed whether more should

be spent on promotion this year and suggesting having a Promotional Levy.

Zoetis – Zoetis has been requested to send a copy of its test results to the office, as Lincoln University currently does. Unfortunately Zoetis state that they will not send a copy to the office, as it is up to the members to forward their own results.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31/03/2016

The Financial Statement as at 31/03/2016 showed a Credit Balance of \$27,658.81 compared to a Credit Balance of \$34,687.00 for the previous period.

Items Discussed - TAF Webpage - \$2,600.00 – This was a one-off cost in setting up the TAF webpage.

CPT Rams for Trial - suggested each Club should have a Co-ordinator to encourage members to use the nominated rams. Clubs should be prepared to fund rams in the trial if they are nominated from your region.

CPT Costs – For 2016 any ram nominated be reimbursed \$500.00 by the society.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - Mr G J T Latta

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN - Mr I W McCall

BREED COMMITTEE ROLES

Microphthalmia & Wool	-	Mr McLeod
CPT	-	Mr Forsyth
Website/Advertising	-	Mr Howie
Shows/Sales	-	Mr Gardner
TAF	-	Mr McCall

PROMOTION

National Breed Advertising: suggested a small advertisement required

- Texels plus head plus webpage address.

Commencing - June – July – August.

Action - to pursue costs

ROYAL SHOW JUDGE 2016

At Hastings – 19 – 21 October 2016. No Judge appointed

NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE - Otago

GENERAL

Councillors – it was discussed having a rotational policy for Breed Committee elections, and the two longest serving members be stood down every three years.

It was agreed to discuss at the AGM.

Remits for AGM – Discussion regarding Remits being passed at AGM where there is limited numbers in attendance.

After a discussion the Meeting agreed to proceed with the Remits, as they had been circulated to the membership and if any members were unable to attend they could have voiced their opposition to the Remits before the Conference.

Outgoing Chairman – The Meeting thanked the outgoing Chairman, Mr Geoff Howie for his effort whilst presiding over the breed.

AGM Notes

Remits passed -

MC – denotes those DNA tested clear studs for Microphthalmia when all sheep in the stud have been tested clear. That a sire from a (MC) stud does not require to be DNA tested for Microphthalmia.

(TP) – (Tested Pedigree) – denotes those sheep bred from DNA Tested Clear Parents from a Clear Stud. (MC)

Also Passed 'That the activities and invented costs of the TAF Webpage become the costs and the responsibilities of Texel NZ'.

Co-opted - Requested that the Breed Committee co-opts a member of the Southland Club on to the Breed Committee so as to improve communications and stimulate the Club

That the Breed Committee encourages members to improve their connectiveness

Rotational Policy for Breed Committee – Suggested that there be a rotational policy for members of the Breed Committee.

The Meeting agreed that the two longest serving members retire by rotation and do not offer themselves for re-election.