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Summary of Board Meeting held by teleconference on 2 August 2016

Animal Maintenance Change Fees

If the information you submit is incorrect and we need to amend details you are charged the \$3.30 fee. Once a batch is processed members will receive a tax invoice with each transaction listed. Animal registrations which have gone through will have a charge listed and those with issues have a zero charge (as they have not been registered). The issues are explained on the accompanying error report and it is your responsibility to contact the Registrar with the correct details so the registrations can be processed. It is once the details have been amended that the \$3.30 charge is applied. Please note CSV files have no checks.

Eastern Region letter – re strategic planning session at AGM

The Eastern Region proposed Scott Antcliff give a business planning session at the Federal AGM. It was explained that the idea is to break into groups to brainstorm and develop goals for the Society to achieve. The Board decided that it was a valuable suggestion however the AGM was not the ideal time to hold such an event as people have competing priorities trying to view/sell sheep.

Financial Summary

The Treasurer presented a summary of the financial reports for the 2015/2016 financial year. He noted the membership levels are relatively stable, administration costs are down \$38,000 due to negotiations with ABRI and processing is down \$32,000 – this is partly from registrations but the late registration fees affect this figure. The 2015 National Sale income was down \$10,000 as the sale entries were cheaper however expenses were down \$40,000 as venue fees at Dubbo are reduced, only hiring for half the time and that advertising costs are reduced significantly as now use the Liftout as main advertising source. Overall revenue was increased by \$46,000 to give a total of \$205,000 equity which is a great result. The successful negotiations with ABRI will continue to contribute to significant cost savings to the society. It was agreed that as the society is now in a profitable position the emphasis can change from trying to increase revenue and should focus on giving back to members.

Nucleus Flock

The Breed Development Portfolio are undergoing discussions with suitable sites to host 200 sheep for the trials. Suggestions for trials included maternal, weaning/survivability and eating quality. Costs are estimated at \$10,000 per site with MLA to co-fund.

2016 National Sale

AuctionsPlus will be doing the livestreaming and live bidding and this will include live streaming of the classing. The inspectors group nominated Adrian Veitch, Justin Kirkby, Nick Paggett and Mel Paggett for the National Show (3 judges and call judge) and a motion was carried that the Board agree with recommended inspectors for the National Sale as proposed by the inspectors group.

It has recently been brought the Board's attention that some members were overcharged for commission for the 2015 Sale. To ensure this does not happen again, the agreed terms have been re-confirmed with Elders and Landmark, 5.5% to the Agent and 2% to DSSA.

Inspectors Motions

Motions carried to endorse the motions from the inspectors group as outlined below.

- Motion 1) To qualify as an inspector a candidate must complete 1 judges exam then 3 on farm classing days, with 3 different inspectors with a minimum of 50 sheep at each farm.*
- Motion 2) That breeders purchase their own inspection tags from the office. The DSSA office keep a record of what tags are sent and used on each farm.*
- Motion 3) If a breeder has passed all requirements to be an inspector BUT has not been a DSSA approved inspector for:*
- i) for less than 3 years then to be considered to be an approved DSSA inspector he must complete 1 on farm inspection with an approved inspector;*
 - ii) for greater than 3 years then the same requirements*

The inspectors group also provided some further recommendations to the Board.

- Motion carried to adopt the inspectors group recommendation that sheep are shorn 4-6 weeks prior to show/sale.
- The inspectors group will prepare a letter to be included in new member packs with details of inspectors and training dates.
- More training courses need to be conducted. Course guides are currently being updated to enable more people to run courses and we have contacted the South African Dorper Society to obtain a list of SA inspectors who would be available for training courses.
- If members are interested in running or attending training days – please contact the office to register your interest and advise location.

Typing recorded on database

Typing details will be recorded on the website for everyone to view. This will be implemented in the near future, starting with records from 1 January 2016.

2017 National Show

Motion carried for the 2017 National Show to be again held at Bendigo VIC. The venue for 2018 National Show will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Butcher Wars Sponsorship

With very positive feedback from the 2016, and thanks to our generous support from our members, DSSA will again sponsor the Butcher Wars events at the 2017 MeatStock Festivals in Sydney and Melbourne. It is a great opportunity to promote the Prime Dorper Lamb brand. We anticipate that suppliers of Prime Dorper Lamb will be secured in both regions prior to these events and hopefully can get some producers on board to attend the event as the general public really enjoy meeting the farmers and it solidifies the paddock to plate connection.

Prime Dorper Lamb

Motion carried for Donna Emmerton to implement her Prime Dorper Lamb facilitation proposal. If you are interested in getting involved with the Prime Dorper Lamb, as a producer, processor or co-brander, please contact Donna on 0419 787 114 or email davemhill@bigpond.com

ILROnline

Motion carried to implement ILROnline which is a new online platform to replace the current online registrations and transfer portal. ILROnline will allow members to:

- Update their own contact details
- Register animals
- Fix pending registrations prior to submitting
- Transfer multiple animals in one transaction
- Fate animals
- Make payments to the Society by Credit Card
- Obtain electronic certificates

Currently a data file is submitted to the Dorper Registrar for processing and updating into the database. Members entering data into ILROnline will update the information directly into the database without the need for the Dorper Registrar to be involved. CSV spreadsheet option will still be available to those who wish. Setup fees are minimal and the ongoing transactions fees will create a saving for the Society. In the 2015/2016 financial year DSSA processed 93.7% of registrations online.

Note from the office

Would you please ensure that when depositing funds into our account that you use your Member ID/Flock No (e.g. WD123) to enable correct account allocation. If you wish you can also include the tax invoice reference number. Also please note that if you pay a membership fee for more than one stud, you need to pay accounts for each stud separately and not as a joint amount. Thank you for your assistance.