

AGM Minutes for National Angora Club 2018

Held at 13.10 hours on Sunday 27th May 2018 at Coventry stock show.

Present. Lesley Hordon (chair), Chris Hamilton (secretary), Richard Grindey (vice chair), Sally May (treasurer and membership secretary), Yvonne Hobbs-Fothergill, Rob Banks, Janet Rhodes, Dawn Caines, Michelle Campbell, Chantel and Savannah Tanchel.

Apologies from: Lesley Taylor, Joan Ward, Alan Cargo, Sandra Sutton, Veronica Symonds, Candy Everitt and Linda David.

AGM minutes 2017 read and approved R Grindey and Sally May

Matters Arising.

We now have a trophy book and there are no trophies in the loft.

Not had time to investigate a techy stand. (it was pointed out that we have no access to electricity at London Show or J13, Fibre East, Woolfest and British Wool Show)

Rob Banks and Alan Cargo have been added to breeder judge panel.

Ros Waring and Janice Gore have been added to all round judge panel.

Geoff Boot will step in to judge London Stock Show and Christine Robinson London Products Show.

Fur and Feather have published an article about showing clipped Angoras and BRC have been reminded re standardised clipped Angora as stud buck or brood doe to be encouraged at Open Shows.

Peggy Grant Dalton book: we were still waiting for reply from Jason at F&F re cost of printing.

There was no reply from BRC regarding holding a 1 star show alongside the 3 star stock show but after discussion of rules it was agreed we could just do this, by applying for show support from BRC.

Chair Report (Lesley Hordon).

We were sorry to hear of the untimely death of member Colin Stokes and thank you to the members for rehoming his rabbits.

We as a club attended 4 craft festivals, Wool at Junction 13, Fibre East, British Wool Show and Woolfest. Yvonne proposed the club say "Thank you" to Lesley Hordon, Sally, Chris, Sandra, Joan, Judith, Rebecca and Veronica for helping man the stands.

Our fibre price has been increased to 45p per 5grams.

Chair also proposed to have a table for the Club at Guild meetings where excess wool can be sold once we have finished the year's craft festivals. Lesley is also selling our wool on line.

Secretary's Report (Chris Hamilton).

Another successful year at show for the Angora in general although the stock shows again had poor numbers but good quality exhibits. Chris is finally showing again and has finally bred her favourite colours again so feels encouraged.

The cost of vaccinated our stock is prohibitive and I think it is time for the BRC to champion multidoses vials and cheaper costs for exhibitors and breeders as we tend to keep higher stock numbers. I would like to ask the Club's permission to write to the BRC regarding this.

This is a problem for all breeds of rabbit and is losing fanciers due to illnesses and preventing people from breeding and exhibiting because they cannot afford it. This has become a very expensive hobby with feed prices going up too.

Should we look at the prices we charge for stock to cover a vet vaccinated rabbit for vhd1 and 2 and myxo. This costs about £72 per rabbit just for vet's fees. Farmers vaccinate a cow for less than

£1 and that animal is worth hundreds if not thousands of pounds when sold on. Are owners who will not pay to cover these costs on buying stock safe and suitable Angora owners?
There is now a vhd 3 just released in Australia but a vet has advised it is a mutation of vhd 2 and so the current vaccine should have an effect.

Treasurers Report. Attached.

The club is selling Candy Haenzel's book for £10 which costs the club £7.50 allowing for P&P

Championships. None so far this year.

Stock Shows 2019.

Dawn Caines has volunteered to pay for the Club's rosettes for next year. Thank you, Dawn.

Swindon have asked us if we will hold a stock show in 2020 with them to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. This will be held in May 2020. voted unanimously.

Judges for 2018 and 2019

We have Geoff Boot judging London Stock Show.

2019 Coventry for early stock show and AGM , judge Alan Cargo or if not available Richard Grindey. And one star judge Rob Banks.

London Judge Gillian Webb Bailey

Bill Brake has been accidentally missed off our Judges Panel so we will ask BRC to reinstate him and inform him of this error. This has been done.

Products Shows.

October 2018 London judge Christine Robinson.

2019 Bradford Christine Hamilton

2019 London Lesley Hordon.

Proposed by L Hordon that we ask Anne Gibson to go on products judge panel.

Mrs Pratley Trophy awarded to Sally May for all her hard work and the time she donates for the club. Thank you, Sally.

Any Other Business.

Lesley Hordon proposed pets should be sold without pedigrees and without rings. Agreed unanimously.

Sally May proposed that whilst the Facebook page has lots of new members, to stay on the page people need to be members and keep up their renewals each year. Voted unanimously.

Sally May has made up labels for members to purchase to apply to their bags of wool ensuring the correct information is included.

Sally May will organise new metal club badges. This has been done.

Dawn Caines proposed that the club provide a lesson for wool presentation for the London and Club members did that today. Also to repeat it at Bradford.

It was unanimously voted to ask the BRC for a rule to be added which states no couriers can be used to transport long haired rabbits unless the prospective new owner has experience of grooming.

Appeal to members to send articles for the Year Book to Lesley Taylor. There are always more craft than show articles. Show articles are needed too!

Meeting closed at 14.41 hours.