

Upper Clutha A&P Society
AGM at
Upper Clutha Rugby Clubrooms Wanaka at 7.30pm
Minutes

Grant welcomed all to the meeting special welcome to Life Members, Council & Community Board members, Sponsors and Society members

Present: From Roll Call sheet:

Sue Aspinall, Barry & Sue Bruce, Todd & Walker - Peter Sygrove, Principal, Grant Ruddenklau, Jane & Doug Stalker, Bronwyn McCarthy, Jan & Dave Allen, Toni Hyslop, Martin Paterson, Sarah Allen, Janice Dickey, Kate Norman, Lesly Stewart, Jen Kewish, Vic Haydon, Pete Davis, Tussock Lucas, Sylvia & Sandy Morris, Shane Gibson, Ed Taylor, Steve & Brenda King, Rupert Power, Dave Mackay, Fe & Ross Howie, Liz Buggs, Craig Smith, Emma & Richard Pledger, Ralph Fegan, Hugh Simmers

Apologies

Stephen & Sue Sweet, Loris King, Lynne Fegan, Mike Elliot, Jill Bruce, Kay Curtis, Chrissy & Robbie Gibson, Dave Power, Don Mackay, Mike Saunders, Geoff Dickey, Jim Bolt, Robyn Steel – QLDC Liaison Manager

Moved Fe Howie Seconded Sandy Morris Carried

Obituaries

Ruth Hunt January 2020

Jenni Sanders February 2020

Marty Cornish June 2020

Robert Duncan September 2020

Moved Ralph Fegan Seconded Hugh Simmers Carried

Observed a minute silence

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting – Taken as read (copy available)

Moved Sandy Morris Seconded Fe Howie Carried

No Matters Arising from Minute

Event Management Report for the 2019-2020-year, Upper Clutha A&P Society

The 2020 Show will be the one to remember as the “dodging the bullet” Show. If I received a dollar for every time someone said that to me over the past 6 months, I truly would be rich.

It gives me great pleasure to present the Upper Clutha A&P Society’s Event Management Report for 2020.

Our 83rd Wanaka A&P Show held on 13 & 14 March, was one of the most successful events I can remember. We welcomed approximately 40,000 visitors to the grounds over two days; and these numbers remain consistent with previous years.

The weather was perfect during set up, show days, and pack down – which created a relaxing and controlled ambience. Committees, Volunteers, contractors, and staff were all prepared and worked together as a team. It is the teamwork that makes our Show so successful.

Livestock

In Equestrian, the quality of horses and ponies presented as extremely high; however, numbers in the classing in some sections were disappointing. Horse of the Year had an impact on us, including both judges availability and competitors entries.

Our Sheep Committee, which delivered one of the best shows in decades welcomed judges from Argentina and Australia for the Merino sections. Unfortunately, entries in other breeds were down which might change next year as a Romney Ram became the “Champion – All Breeds Ram”.

New in 2021 the Merinos will be hosting the National Pairs and Merino Junior Judging along with a feature show in the Meat Breeds plus adding a new section for Unregistered Studs.

The Fleece Committee reported the quality and quantity of fleeces as good. Several fleeces come from outside the usual catchment. The Fleece committee continue to provide ‘fleece to garment’ education. World champion blade shearer, Phil Oldfield created a lot of interest in his two days of shearing and commentary.

Boer Goats settled well into their new site with increasing public interest in the judging of the goats. The Cattle Committee are to be congratulated on very successfully hosting delegates from the World Hereford Conference plus 8 international teams for the Clipping Competition. The cattle area was spectacular, and all involved deserve a huge ‘thank you’ on behalf of the Society.

Home Industry entries increased from the previous year. The online entering continues to grow; however most entries happen at the grounds during show week. The kids loved being part of the Grand Parade. This year they were accompanied by Suzy Cato on their colourfully decorated trailer.

General

Our contract with Dash Ticketing has now come to an end and having learnt a few lessons over the past 3 years we have reviewed our ticket system. The online platform will now be hosted by Humanitix, but our gate sales will be controlled directly by the A&P management team. Electronic ticketing will still be scanned; however, tickets sold at the gate will not require scanning. Thus, increasing efficiency on entry to the grounds. In our endeavour to further support local \$1 of every adult ticket sold at the gate will be donated to a local charity upon application.

Our first year is completed, operating under the new Health and Safety Management Plan guided by Scottie Little. There were four areas identified from the 2019 Show that needed improvement; document structure, emergency procedures, incident, accident, and hazard reporting; plus, the risk register. All areas show marked improvement in 2020 – for example, previous years saw a 30-40% ‘sign-in’ rate of Trade Exhibitors, but this year we achieved 80%. Incident reports target was set at 8 and we received 11 reports. We rolled out a new Emergency Procedure Plan, but thankfully we did not need to test our procedures. There is certainly work to be done in all areas, but our trajectory is heading in the right direction. With some small adjustments, we will have a safety management plan and structure that is more practical and relevant to our operation.

The Trade side of our event remains strong and consistent. The total number of exhibitors were 485 with an ongoing large waiting list. The winner of the Large Trade site was 'Willowridge' and the Small Trade site winner was 'The Metal Effect'.

Traffic Management is an area we review year by year. It is important to create minimal disruption to the town as well as ensuring show traffic have clear directions to reach their destination in the easiest possible way. We focus on safeguarding the public and keeping waiting times to a minimum. In 2021 we plan an extension of the Brownston Street road closure to Dungarvon Street. This will ease traffic issues around Gate 3 and generate more disabled parking. Park n Ride will remain the same. It is very well utilized and greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, Farmlands are unable to continue their Strategic Partnership sponsor level but will remain a sponsor at the Corporate Level. We certainly appreciate their continuing support. We welcomed several new Corporate Sponsors last year including Todd Walker Law, K9 Natural and Mighty Mix. and we continue to enjoy good solid relations with our long-standing sponsors Hirepool/Continental, ODT, Mitre 10, VetEnt, UCT and ANZ.

COVID 19 has understandably resulted in the withdrawal of many of our sponsors, which instigated an application to QLDC Events to assist us with the shortfall. QLDC has generously granted us a funding package of \$35,000.

Our gratitude continues to all our loyal sponsors who ensure the Show can provide awesome prizes for our competitors.

As always, our Show entertainment is first class, and we were lucky to secure a troop of tremendously talented impressive musicians. The NZ Army Band performed alongside the Mitchell Sisters and Cemetery Road. Children and adults joined Suzy Cato, Animal Antics and Sporty Suzy at the kids' stage. Life and Style as always was fun and interesting with celebrity chef, Fleur O'Sullivan. This supported our agricultural displays of shearing and woodchopping.

Our Show Theme "Acres of Ingenuity" was a challenging concept to convey to the public. We worked with 4 local businesses which was complicated and time-consuming regarding scheduling of meetings, film shoots, social media, competitions and prizes. Recommendation for 2021 is keep it simple, with a short tag and focus on good advertising material.

The Management team continue to work within our strategic plan guidelines, focusing on education – by introducing other events outside the A&P Show. We can now announce two new initiatives – Produce a Patch, a veggie growing competition sponsored by Mitre 10; and "The Runaway" Art u Wear sponsored by Hook Wanaka. Details can be found on the website.

In addition to these two new events, we are hosting an "On Farm Visit" – an open day for locals to come and visit a working farm. Look out for more details to be released on this new initiative.

As you can see, we are working towards a successful 2021 Show. However, we are aware that with COVID 19 still very prevalent we may not be able to hold the event. The Board and Management are working together to ensure policies and procedures are in place – in case we are confronted with another alert level change.

Finally, to our crew in the office, the Board, all the committees and the teams who make this event happen – thank you for your enthusiasm during the year, and hard work over Show Week. Thanks also for the invaluable, local support of our Upper Clutha region.

Jane Stalker

Questions/comments following the reading of Jane's report– Grant reported Dash Ticketing had gone into receivership recently and with work from our legal team, we were paid out so were extremely fortunate. Thank you to Todd Walker Law for their assistance.

Bronwyn McCarthy moved the adoption of Jane's Report
Seconded Lesly Stewart **Carried**

Performance Report

Printed and beside these minutes

Question from Ian Tippett why accounting fees seem high compared to other shows?

Accounting fees are made up of Trade Administration & day to day financial aspects of the Upper Clutha A & P Society. We have implemented a new coding system by moving some expenses out into their own expense codes vs lumping them together

Grant congratulated the members on a successful year. We are in a secure position due to careful management over many years

Bronwyn McCarthy moved Ashton Whelan remain our Auditors
Ruddenklau Carried.

Seconded Grant

Financial Report was moved for adoption by Grant Ruddenklau
Carried

Seconded Jan Allen

Chairperson Report, Upper Clutha A&P Society 2020.

It is my great privilege to table this, my second annual report as the Inaugural Chair of the first Upper Clutha A&P Society Board of Trustees. Firstly, I must thank Jane and her dedicated team who once again produced an amazing event, cool under the impending threat of the virus, accommodating the World Hereford Congress, Merino Excellence Tour delegates and another outstanding display of trade, competitors, entertainers and visitors, well done! To our committees, volunteers and members, on behalf of the Board we would like to thank you for your continuing support, without your commitment the show, and hence the Society would not be in the financial position we are in, many years of careful management, growth of our "Brand", the event and an implicit drive to keep the Wanaka Show as a "must do" has led to a very healthy balance sheet.

The Board has focussed on our Strategic Plan over the past year, we have pencilled in, dependant on Covid, two other activities which we are sure will grow into something special for our Society, watch this space, we are reviewing management activities, almost finished developing our "Governance Manual" and have carefully managed our financial resources, renewed key staff contracts and generally grown into our role. Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our trustees, Jan Allen and Doug Stalker have both shown incredible commitment and dedication, not only during their term on the Board, but also in their respective roles managing different sections of our event over many years, these two typify the passion that is the Society, well done and a big thank you from all concerned.

2020 has been an incredibly difficult year, with the uncertainty of the virus and the effects created by shut downs, which may be with us for some time yet, a big focus is on getting our systems upgraded to be prepared for any outcome, this is challenging and not something twelve months ago we thought we would need to do. Planning is well under way for the 2021 event, although we narrowly dodged a bullet this year, many shows have not been so lucky and many are looking at financial hardship, again we as a Board are mindful of protecting our balance sheet for any such event.

At our special meeting after last year's AGM we had a mandate from our members to get the wording of our QLDC lease amended to include the ability to accommodate community groups in our building, this actually has been happening for many years with the rowing club, coastguard and now the toy library. To this extent we engaged Graeme Todd to work with QLDC, unfortunately to date he has met nothing but negative resistance, the Council are adamant we would need to publicly notify this process, something which would be costly and through our legal advice totally unnecessary. This process to upgrade our current "temporary" building has proven to be very frustrating, starting some six years ago we are no closer to a decision by our Council than we were then, thank you to our building subcommittee for diligently representing the members in these negotiations and we look forward to some more tangible progress over the next twelve months. As a follow up to last year's report I was very pleased with our joint Board, committee meetings held during the year, unfortunately we missed having our post show one but plan to hold a "thank you"

gathering closer to the end of the year, I think it is imperative to keep the connection going, you are the cogs in the show engine. I also managed to post a couple of Board newsletters during the year, I hope they were worth the read. You will see we have put a motion forward to change the membership rules re voting, this arose from the anomaly of having the majority of members subscriptions not paid when the Board elections take place, just trying to keep all things above board. At the time of writing I do not know who has been successful in our Board elections, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our nominee's for putting their names forward, we would be delighted to have any combination joining our Board and so sincerely thank you all for standing.

This will be my last Chairperson report, I have enjoyed my time immensely and have been very proud to be a part of these significant changes in the Societies structure, I think we are in a very strong position to move forward and continue to hold an important event in Wanaka's calendar, as well, I think we can grow as a Society and challenge our direction and look at other opportunities to showcase our rich rural diversity.

Grant Ruddenklau

Grant reported to the meeting the revised Life Membership Policy

Grant Ruddenklau moved the adoption of his report Seconded Jan Allen Carried

Constitutional change due to the anomaly of subscriptions dates

Section: General Meeting Clause 33 –

Currently reads - "No Member shall be allowed to vote at any General Meeting unless all subscriptions due by him or her have been paid"

Amendment

Board moves

"Members shall be allowed to vote at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting as long as subscriptions were paid in the current or preceding year"

Seconded Ian Tippett carried

Grant gave background to this constitutional change

Question: Was there a possibility that someone could vote more than once? Bronwyn says definitely no.

Grant thanked Jan Allen and Doug Stalker for their contributions to the Board and presented them with a gift.

Board Voting Results

Tony Glynn and Brenda King were elected to the Board.

Grant thanked Shane Gibson for putting his name forward and that there will be elections again next year if he is still interested.

Election of Committees

Horse Committee:

Fe Howie (Chief Steward), John Lucas, Alan McKay, Dave Mackay, Dee Gordon, Ross Howie, Christine Gibson, Emma Rowe-Pledger, Emma Davidson, Ian Tippett, Brenda King, Judy Thomas, Penny Ford, Cate Howie. **Tussock Lucas nominated Lydia Beales and Jane Rimmer Seconded Brenda King**

Cattle Committee:

Rupert Power (Chief Steward) Charlie Ewing, Pip Ewing, John Osborne, Geof Brown, Dave Power, G Morris, Helena Power, Mike Elliot.

Rupert Power nominated Dougal Stalker Seconded Grant Ruddenklau

Sheep Committee:

Boyd Ottrey, (Chief Steward), Ben Purvis, Bill Gibson, Robbie Gibson, Murray Sheppard, Murray Pryde, Tony Brent, Sam Purvis, John Templeton, Grahame Senior. **Fe Howie nominated Edward Ottrey and Dan Pinckney Seconded Jane Stalker**

Fleece Wool Committee:

Martin Paterson (Chief Steward), Tom Rowley, Sandy Morris, Jack Davis, Taff Cochrane, Ian Bagley, Jim Morris.

Martin Paterson nominated Mike Saunders Seconded Dave Allen

Dog Trial Committee:

Jack Mansfield (Chief Steward), Don Mackay Rick McNeilly, Don McRae, Duncan McRae, Hamish Mackay.

Home Industry Committee:

Janice Dickey (Chief Steward) Jan Allen, Jill Bruce, Lesly Stewart, Kate Norman, Liz Buggs.

Janice Dickey nominated Sarah Allen, Toni Hyslop and Vic Haydon

Seconded Kay Hislop

Boer Goat Committee:

Owen Booth, Dougal Laidlaw

Sheaf Tossing Committee:

Jerry Burdon, Hugh Simmers

Trade:

Paul Tamati, Hugh Simmers,

Parade Marshall: Richard Pledger

Emergency Services & Traffic Management: Ralph Fegan

Tussock Lucas moved the adoption of all Committees carried Seconded Jan Allen

Fe Howie congratulated all committee members and thanked everyone for working well together

AGM New building and deed of lease changes.

After last year's special meeting held after the AGM we were asked (via a motion) to change the "permitted use" clause in our deed of lease to include the words "community use" to.

A: Fairly reflect the current use of the building, i.e. Coast guard, Rowing club. Toy library etc

B: Correct wording will clarify our use so we can apply and receive grant funding to complete the extensions planned for the building.

C: QLDC currently won't approve our development plans as they believe the current development indicates a much boarder intention by the society. (weddings and other large functions)

We engaged Graeme Todd to investigate due process to change the "permitted use" clause.

At our first meeting shortly after the AGM Graeme indicated that the process should be quite straight forward and reasonably quick. For numerous reasons the process staled in Graeme's office until the last couple of months.

After a trail of email communications, we are back to square one with the council adamant that we need to notify any changes to the deed of lease. (legal position)

The board will meet with Graeme shortly to plan a pathway forward.

The board will push for a resolution and revert to the society members ASAP.

Mike Scurr

Martin Paterson again promoted a discussion about the state of ground outside wool room and sheep yards, a year later and nothing has happened, and he'd like something done now. Recently he saw kids was standing in the water. Repairs need to be addressed now. Richard Pledger had been to the Council as well and felt his request had fallen on 'deaf ears'. Pete Davis asked if the area in question was to be tar sealed?

Martin would like the Council to be approached now and get some work done now. Barry Bruce, Community Board Chairman undertook to follow this request and get some action now. Barry Bruce is also happy to facilitate this request.

Grant suggested we liaise a meeting between all parties.

Grant closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Grant thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to join the Board for refreshments.

Signed as a true and correct record on this 12th day of October 2020

Board Chairman.....


