

Minutes for EMAG Committee Meeting
14th June 2022 at 18:30 by Zoom

	<p>Committee Attendance: Sarah Flint(SF), Fay Pooley(FP), Sarah McRow(SM), Sarah Rowley(SR), Julia Swarbrick(JS), Andy McCormick(AM)</p>
	<p>Agenda 1-1. Financial Update - how do we raise more funds? 1-2. Agree events for coming year and who's organising what 1-3. Group Awareness (getting more members) - suggested ways of doing this 1-4. Newsletter - what should be the contents, who's going to do it? 1-5. Discuss Member Benefits - Anti-Clostridial swap shop? Fleece collective? Selling Alpacas? Discounts on courses? 1-6. Legalities and insurance</p>
1-1	AM indicated that we had £155 in the EMAG bank account which is made-up of membership fees
1-2	<p>SR outlined the following as proposed events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Aid Course to be held @ Scarsdale, what are the dates? FP to get back to the group with dates. JS suggested a social event and it was discussed whether this could be held at the same time as the First Aid Course. SM asked what the cost would be for members, FP to speak with the management to see if any fee for the course could be waived for EMAG Members ○ SR mentioned an Alpaca Assessment course to be held @ Toft in Rugby, currently only 2 people have signed up for this, but BAS have indicated that EMAG could take over this event to get more people along. SR to investigate what if any costs there will be to host at Toft and what the per person costs would be. ○ Mill Visit – General discussion about the viability of a Mill visit, are there any local ones? Could we do a virtual tour? SF and JS to contact various Mills and see if a visit would be possible or if Emma, or anyone else, would be able to do a skirting course either on site or remotely. ○ SR mentioned whether a plasma drive was something we could do this year, FP indicated that the uptake was for a recent plasma drive was not optimal, probably due to there being quite a lot of plasma stored from previous years and the age of males that could donate. The group decided therefore to park the plasma drive until 2023. ○ SM Mentioned a WEC course as there had been a few members indicating this would be of benefit. FP said that she would be available on Wednesdays for a course, SR suggested a weekend. SM indicated that if it was held at the weekend then perhaps we can tag on a social. FP and SM to discuss and report back about dates, content and costs <p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>FP to get back to the group about dates and concessions for First Aid Course</i> ● <i>SR to further investigate the viability of the Alpaca Assessment at Toft</i> ● <i>SF and JS to contact Mills to see if a visit is a possibility or if Emma would be able to do a skirting course and what the cost would be</i> ● <i>FP and SM to discuss and report back about dates, content and costs for WEC course</i>
1-3	<p>JS suggested a mother and baby photo competition at a cost of £1.50 a go. SM said she could put it on the website. How to judge? SM suggested a local photographer, FP to contact and Luna Photography to see if interested. SR suggested we could use the photos for a calendar.</p> <p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>FP to contact Luna Photography to see if interested in judging</i> ● <i>SM to put on website when details are agreed</i>
1-4	<p>Newsletter to be put together and distributed electronically to members. JS suggested that it include husbandry topics for the season it is released. SM suggested a Vets corner to include tips from FP and alpacas for sale. SR Agreed to put together a newsletter and send it to the committee for comment.</p> <p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>SR to put together a newsletter and pass to committee for content</i>
1-5	<p>Member benefits discussed included:</p> <p>Vaccine Sharing – SR indicated that BAS do not recommend the sharing of vaccines. FP could see no reason why vaccines could not be shared as they are not a registered medication and provided</p>

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	<p>clean needles were used and the vaccine was used within the time constraints. FP went on to mention that with the current shortages of Clostridial vaccines it made sense to have a vaccine club. SM thought it may be a good idea to put it out to members to find out what vaccine and what protocols were being used and see if there was any way vaccine sharing could work. SR mentioned she would discuss the wording of a vaccine club with her legal contact</p> <p>Re-homing – There was a general discussion about re-homing. SR mentioned that she needs to check with BAS and get herself on the Alpaca Rescue whatsapp group.</p> <p>Alpacas for sale on the Website – General discussion about the best way to advertise alpacas for sale. Agreement that Alpacas for Sale should be put on the website, facebook and advertised in the newsletter. JS suggested that maybe we could consider charging for advertising for non-members at £5 a year free for members.</p> <p>Fleece Drop/Co-operative – There was a general discussion regarding the pros and cons of a fleece drop. Considerations include dividing based on colour, fineness, skirting and type (Suri, Huacaya) also where will it be stored? And who will do the sorting?</p> <p>Action Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SR to speak to legal contact about wording for Vaccine Sharing</i> • <i>SM to ask members dates and vaccine used via whatsapp group</i> • <i>SR to speak to BAS about the Alpaca Rescue whatsapp group</i> • <i>SM to build page where Alpacas can be advertised on the website</i> • <i>SM to put together a proposal for a fleece co-operative and put it out to members</i> • <i>SF and JS to ask mills if there are any discounts for bulk fleece drops</i>
1-6	<p>SF has investigated public liability and professional indemnity insurance for groups and is waiting for the NFU to come back with details. SM mentioned that for training courses trainers and venues normally had their own public liability and if individuals wanted additional insurance they can purchase this themselves. The committee discussed the repercussions of giving general advice to members and being covered for any inaccuracies etc (professional indemnity) AM indicated that this is normally difficult to attain.</p> <p>Action Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SF to carry on investigating and to circulate insurance quotes once they are received</i>
	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>SR to put together leaflets. FP mentioned that Scarsdale Vets will be at the Derby County Show on the 26th June and would like some for them to distribute.. SM mentioned that maybe the Derby County Show would be a good venue to host a Halter Show in 2023?</p> <p>Other Shows discussed that we may want to be in attendance included Bakewell and Chatsworth. SR mentioned that as her due date is around the time of some of the shows so other volunteers would be needed.</p> <p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SR to provide leaflets to FP ahead of the Derby County Show</i>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Not Decided</p>