



## NSA Marches Region Annual Regional Members Meeting minutes Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7pm, Chipping Campden Cricket Club, Gloucestershire

### Attendees

Richard Vines (Chairman)	Katie James (Manager)	Andrew Powers (Vice Chair)
Phil Stocker (NSA Chief Executive)	Mike Credland (Treasurer)	Nicola Noble (NSA Project Manager)
Shirley Aubrey	Anne Beaumont	John Beaumont
Simon Bing	Brian Brazington	Richard Burrow
Mike Carter	Richard Carter	Rollo Deutsch
Bren Doherty	Henry Dunn	Kevin Elgar
Ed Greves	Stuart Hayes	David Harrison
Nicola Heming	Tom Hyatt	Alex King
Jon King	Paul King	Rosie Manton
Mark Reynolds	Steve Reynolds	Ailish Ross
Andrew Smith	Tom Vines	James Waller
Anthony Warmington	David Wright	Janice Wright

### Minutes

Agenda Item	Minutes
001	<b>Apologies.</b> Kate Phillips, Tom James
002	<b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.</b> Minutes from last meeting - approved Matters arising – none raised
003	<b>Election of office holders.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman – Richard Vines. Proposed by Henry Dunn, seconded by Andrew Powers</li> <li>Vice Chairman – Andrew Powers. Proposed by Richard Vines, seconded by Rollo Deutsch</li> <li>Treasurer – Mike Credland. Proposed by Andrew Powers, seconded by Rollo Deutsch</li> <li>Nomination of region's Trustee Director – Mike Credland. Proposed by Henry Dunn, seconded by Richard Vines</li> <li>Election and re-approval of NSA English Committee representatives:</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ant Spencer (NSA Marches region member is set to become NSA English Committee Chairman. At this time – Andrew Spencer will be invited to join the committee also.)</li> <li>• Mike Credland</li> <li>• Richard Vines</li> <li>• All proposed by Henry Dunn, and seconded by George Ellis</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of new committee members and endorsement of current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Harrison and Anthony Warmington</li> <li>• No further changes made.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Richard Vines explained the role of the committee and invited any further members to join or consider for future years. Mike Credland added to this saying that younger members were especially welcomed.</p>
004	<p><b>Chairman's report – Richard Vines</b></p> <p>The region had a good start to the year attracting a good crowd to Upton upon Severn rugby club for an update from Defra on the latest developments with SFI and the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway.</p> <p>In the summer the region held another successful NSA Next Generation Shepherds competition, this time hosted by Holme Lacy College. The college made for an ideal venue and also meant several students were attracted to compete. Congratulations to Tom Garlick and Ben Evans who qualified for the national finals that will take place at this summer's NSA Sheep Event.</p> <p>NSA Marches and NSA South East Region held a joint farm walk in September. It was a shame not to see more members from NSA Marches Region there but it was an interesting visit at former NSA Next Generation Ambassador Richard Taylor's farm near Tetbury, Gloucestershire.</p>
005	<p><b>Treasurers report – Mike Credland</b></p> <p>All bookkeeping continues to be completed by Karen and Alexandra at NSA Head Office.</p> <p>Most of the region's income comes from the NSA Head Office contribution with the annual contribution being between three and six thousand depending on activity. Annual expenses include the regional manager's honorarium, £1000 sponsorship of the Next Generation Ambassador programme, trustee expenses and national awards.</p> <p>Mike just reinforced the message that it is very important that as we are not able to hold our own main event that the region does support NSA Sheep Event that will take place this summer – Stewards and other helpers will be needed both in the set up before the event and on the day.</p>
006	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Thanks were give to Taylor Farm Supplies for their sponsorship of refreshments at the meeting. Thanks were also give to committee member Rollo Deutsch for bringing together such a fantastic number of attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting welcomed Ailish Ross who has recently been named as one of the 2024 Next Generation Ambassadors.</p>

	Formal proceedings were followed by presentations from NSA Chief Executive Phil Stocker and NSA Project manager Nicola Noble on recent NSA activity, the progress on SFI and Pathway schemes. And NSA's involvement in several projects and work on the NSA Sustainability Report that will be launched in the summer of 2024.
	As there was no further business, the formal meeting was closed at 8.20pm.