



NSA Marches Region Annual Regional Members Meeting minutes
Thursday 23rd January 2025
Worcester Livestock Market, Nunnery Way, Worcester, WR4 0SQ

Attendees

Richard Vines (Chairman)	Katie James (Manager)	Mike Credland (Treasurer)
Anne Beaumont	John Beaumont	Roger Brian
Mike Carter	Penny Chantler	Henry Dunn
Sarah Dunn	Alex Edwards	George Ellis
David Harrison	Jenny Leatherbarrow	Richard Jordan
Adam Lynch	Katie Lynch	Llywellyn Ross
Ant Spencer	Emma Steele	Tom Vines
Anthony Warmington (Incoming Chair)		

Minutes

Agenda Item	Minutes
001	Apologies. Kate Phillips, Tom James, Andrew Powers, John Brigg, Sue Farquahar, Ellie Phipps, Rollo Deutsch
002	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising. Minutes from last meeting approved Matters arising – none raised
003	Election of office holders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Anthony Warmington Proposed by Ant Spencer, seconded by Richard Vines • Vice Chairman – Rollo Deutsch. Proposed by Mike Credland, seconded by Dave Harrison • Nomination of region’s Trustee Director – Mike Credland. Proposed by Henry Dunn, seconded by Richard Vines • Election and re-approval of NSA English Committee representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Warmington • Rollo Deutsch • Andrew Powers • (Ant Spencer current NSA English Committee Chairman) • All proposed by Mike Credland, and seconded by George Ellis



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	<p>It was noted that George Ellis is willing to join the English Committee meetings also should any of the elected representatives be unable to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of new committee members and endorsement of current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Harrison and Anthony Warmington • No further changes made. <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>Outgoing Chairman's report – Richard Vines</p> <p>The region had started its year with a successful ARMM held at Chipping Campden Cricket Club with thanks given to Rollo Deutsch for encouraging so many to attend. It had been a welcome gathering ahead of lambing, especially as some had concerns that Schmallenberg disease could affect lambing in the region. Following lambing the region gathered for a farm walk hosted by Tom Garlick near Hereford. Attendees had enjoyed the talk from Belmont Vets and the BBQ. The highlight of the year for the region and for NSA nationally has been the NSA Sheep Event at the end of July at the Three Counties Showground. The Region had contributed well with many attending to help out under the guidance of Sheep Event Chair Ant Spencer. The event had made very good profits and had also welcomed the Farming Minister Daniel Zeichner to open the event at the opening seminar.</p> <p>Tom Garlick from the Region was successful in winning the final of the national NSA Next Generation Shepherd of the Year competition - Congratulations to him. It is encouraging to have so many good young sheep farmers in our area. Plans for activity in the autumn unfortunately had not been able to go ahead but an important meeting had been held at the Longhorn Grill, Tewkesbury, thanks to William Gilder and sponsored by Hook Norton Vets and Dean Watkins Fencing. The meeting discussed concerns following the announcement of changes to inheritance tax for farm businesses.</p> <p>Thanks go to the committee for their support during Richard's chairmanship.</p>
005	<p>Treasurers report – Mike Credland</p> <p>All bookkeeping continues to be completed by Karen and Alexandra at NSA Head Office but a review of finances was provided by Mike Credland.</p> <p>The meetings held in the past year had brought in a small amount of money to cover costs, but the main income for the region still comes from the contribution from NSA HQ. £3000 had been received from HQ to help the region run its activities - from this £1000 contribution is made to the running of the NSA Next Generation programme with other key expenses being contribution to trustee expenses and the Regional Manager's honorarium.</p> <p>The region ended the year with £1800 in the bank.</p> <p>Discussion needed on how to improve income going forward.</p>
006	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Formal proceedings were followed by a presentation from NSA Chairman Pete Delbridge, explaining recent activity with NSA and findings from his recent trip to Canada representing the UK sheep industry.</p> <p>Katie James provided an update on recent changes to staffing at NSA HQ.</p>

	Richard Vines reminded attendees that regional Next Generation Shepherd competition would be held in 2025.
	As there was no further business, the formal meeting was closed at 8.30pm.