



MINUTES OF NSA CYMRU WALES REGION ANNUAL REGIONAL MEMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024

Chair- Kate Hovers

Present in room and via Zoom.

Emma Bradbury (NSA)	John Yeomans	Helen Thorp
Sarah Carr	Caryl Hughes	Tim Ward
Sue Williams	Dewi Parry	Margaret Dalton
Paul Wozencraft	Sue Gay	Llew Thomas
Emily Jones	Ernie Richards	Laura McKenzie
Elain Gwilym	Jane Smith	Gwynne Davies
Linda Davies	Sue Powell	Andrew Edwards

In Attendance: Helen Roberts, Phil Stocker and Pete Delbridge

1.Apologies Mary Gittins, Erinna Rogers, Kevin Parry

The ARRM had been due to be held on the 28th February but was postponed due to the rally in Cardiff regarding the Sustainable farming scheme.

2. To Confirm the Minutes of last AGM held 16th February 2023. - The minutes were confirmed by all those present.

3. To consider matters arising from the above. - None

4. Chairman's Report I could almost repeat last year's report about it being another busy year as NSA Cymru continue to represent sheep farms and farmers on various committees, groups and to government. This is an important part of our role, and I can assure everyone that we make sure our voice is heard even if our concerns and ideas are not always acted upon by those in charge.

We have been pleased to finally see the start of Gwaredu scab and hope this year builds on last year's progress.

We have contributed to a project from the Welsh sheep scab stakeholders group looking at dip disposal and a literature review about methods and availability in UK and elsewhere. We look forward to the report later this year and hope it can help us find appropriate, affordable options.

I want to thank everyone for their support and confidence in electing me for a second term so I could be chair during a Welsh Sheep event. What an event we had in May 2023 at Red House farm, a highlight of the year for me. Tremendous organisation by Helen saw stands booked in to every available area, seminars, farm tour and an opening ceremony with Glandon Lewis in song that is unlikely to be bettered. The presence of school parties and the positive feedback

from them all was a joy. The crowds turned up and the sun shone. Thank you to everyone and especially Helen for a wonderful uplifting day.

We are all aware of how schmallenburg has affected the early lambers this year and Blue Tongue Virus 8 is something else we will have to watch out for as the year goes on.

It is time for me to hand over chair to the capable hands of Caryl and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

5. To review the accounts for 2023. Without NSA Welsh Sheep hosts the accounts would not look as they do; they were brilliant and enabled us to make a profit of £88,731. The accounts show our continued support to sponsor the Royal Welsh and Winter Fair and the purchase of the gazebos for the sheep rings at the Royal Welsh. In 2024 we will be funding the Enferplex at the Wales Veterinary Science Centre to the value of £60,000 plus VAT.



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6. To appoint Officers for the coming year.

Chair Kate Hovers proposed Caryl Hughes to take over as chair and this was seconded by Llew Thomas

- a) Chair – Caryl Hughes
- b) Vice Chair – John Yeomans proposed by Paul Wozencraft
- c) Treasurer - Helen Roberts was proposed by those present with Tim Ward proposed as Vice Treasurer.
- d) Secretary/Regional manager - Helen Roberts was proposed by those present.
- e) Committee Names of the committee were read out.
- f) To confirm nominations to NSA Board for 2024.
Nominations for Board where Tim Ward has retired and replaced by Paul Wozencraft, Caryl Hughes and Kate Hovers.
Policy & Technical committee John Lloyd
F& GP committee Margaret Dalton together with John Yeomans
These nominations were accepted by those present.

7. Secretary's Remuneration. It had been agreed at a previous committee meeting that the annual amount would increase to £8,000 per year plus expenses and travel at 45ppm.

8. To consider any other business A venue had been found for NSA Welsh Sheep 2025 this will be held at Tregoe, Brecon on the 21st May and hosted by High Country Romneys.

Laura Mackensie from gave a talk on - OPTICK: OPTIMISING ONE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF TICK-BORNE DISEASE THREATS IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT'(2023-2026)



Optick presentation
for National Sheep.pptx

Further discussions took place regarding the Sustainable Farming Scheme consultation as responses to this were imminent, the NSA response will address all the Universal Actions. Everyone is encouraged to respond, and Jane Smith confirmed the Ram Sale would submit a response. NSA will keep up the dialogue with the Welsh Govt. Linda thanked Phil Stocker for attending the Rally/Protest in Cardiff.

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm and thanked those for attending.