



National Sheep Association

South West Region

## Minutes of the NSA SOUTH WEST REGION 53rd ANNUAL REGIONAL MEMBERS MEETING

Held at Exeter Livestock Market on 18th February 2025

- 1. Apologies** - Apologies were received from 5 participants with 27 members attending.
- 2. Minutes of last ARMM** - The minutes of the last meeting were taken as a true and fair report
- 3. Matters arising** - None
- 4. Chairman's report – Richard Rossiter**

Things were relatively quiet in 2024 as it has been an off year for the South West Sheep Event. We did however have a great National Sheep Event at Malvern in the Summer. Looking forward we are working with AHDB to put on an on-farm carbon footprinting workshop and efforts are underway for our Sheep South West Event at Weston Farm, East Knowstone on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 5. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts**

In Sue's absence Ian May reported that following on from a very successful Sheep South West event in 2023 we were left in a very healthy position as we moved into 2024. As is always the case in a non event year we made a loss but contributed to the NSA Next Generation project along with a contribution toward the trustees travel expenses. We are very fortunate that we have people who are willing to give freely of their time to attend meetings with no remuneration but and so it is right that they receive a contribution towards their travel costs.

We also supported two young people with a contribution towards their costs for attending the Sheep Breeders Round Table. This is a biennial technical conference and the theme for 2024 was 'breeding sheep for a greener future'.

General running costs for region make up the rest of our expenditure but we were left with a balance of £18,574 at the year end.

Plans are well in hand for the next regional event in June and so hopefully for 2025 we will make a profit.

A full set of accounts were made available.
- 6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2025**
  - Election of new members to the committee**

Reg Arch – proposed by Olly Matthews, seconded by Peter Baber
  - Reapproval of chairman**

Richard Rossiter - proposed by Olly Matthews, seconded by Peter Derryman
  - Reapproval of vice-chairman**

Jonathan Stephens - proposed by Richard Rossiter, seconded by Jake Chisholm
  - Reapproval of treasurer**

Sue Martyn - proposed by Peter Derryman, seconded by Ian May
  - Reapproval of committee members en-masse**

En bloc proposed by Jonathan Stephens, seconded by Olly Matthews
- 7. Reapproval of Representatives for the Board of Trustees**

Peter Derryman - proposed by Bryan Griffiths, seconded by Ian May.



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**8. Reapproval of Representatives for English Committee**

Olly Matthews, Richard Rossiter and Jonathan Stephens. Proposed by Julia Heard, seconded by Richard Rossiter.

9. **AOB** – Liz Nabb raised awareness of the potential threat from bluetongue and the importance of discussing the risk and options with your vet. There is also a significant amount of information available online particularly through the dedicated bluetongue website.

The evening continued with interesting presentations from Will Jackson, AHDB Market Development & Communications, Janet Roden, Innovis Geneticist and Nicola Noble, NSA Project Manager -

Thank you to all those who attended.



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