



**MINUTES OF NSA CYMRU WALES REGION ANNUAL REGIONAL MEMBERS MEETING  
HELD AT HAFOD Y HENDRE, ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND ON TUESDAY  
18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.**

**Chairman Paul Wozencraft**

**Present**

Glyn Thomas	Joseph Angell	David Parker
Liz Thomas	Wyn Williams	Mary Gittins
Margaret Dalton	Dennis Matheson	David Pittendreigh
Tim Ward	Andrew Jones	John Lloyd
Margaret Griffiths	Llew Thomas	L Howells
Tim Tyne	Brain Eagles	C R Davies
Tony Davies	Jane Smith	Gareth Wyn Jones
Gaina Morgan	Bryan James	Will Hughes
Sian Mitchell	John Morris	Gethin Jones
Kate Jones	John Pierce Jones	C Nakielny
Georgie Radmore	Kate Hovers	George Gough
James Ruggeri	Liz Price	Arthur George

**In Attendance:** Helen Davies, Mr Phil Stocker

**1. Apologies** Alun Davies, Gareth Jones (BWMB), Linda Western, Marc Jones, Tony Morris, Gwynne Davies, Gareth Vaughan, Glyn Davies, Lyndon Edwards.

A warm welcome was given to our guest speakers Joseph Angell, Gareth Wyn Jones, Georgie Radmore and George Gough.

**2. To Confirm the Minutes of last AGM held 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.** - The minutes were confirmed by all those present.

**3. To consider matters arising from the above.** It was noted it should have read Dai Morris not Dai Davies. Tim Tyne queried wording of Secretaries expenses it should read £5,000 plus expenses and travel at 45ppm.

**4. Chairman's Report** As I put pen to paper we have just witnessed some extreme weather conditions in the north of England which followed our own floods in Builth Wells at the Winter Fair one thing we can't control is the weather and as farmers we have to continually adapt to these harsh conditions. The sheep really look washed out I think I would be the same if I had to stand in these conditions for the last few weeks day after day. They really are resilient creatures.

The year 2015 has been a difficult year with lamb prices slumping in the market place and significant imports to deal with from abroad. Add to this the exchange rate and a reduction in consumption from the UK market and these are real significant factors that have to be faced up to. I urge HCC (Hybu Cig Cymru) and the Welsh Government to open up any new markets especially the USA which I feel is paramount to our export trade. Just think what a couple of percent of their population eating our meat would do to the value of our product.

I must mention the highlight of the year from the NSA Wales region perspective and that is the NSA Welsh sheep event that was held in Mid Wales. What an event with it being the most successful to date with record attendance and the bench mark has been set for future events. I would like to thank everybody who helped (the list is far too long) for their efforts without you there could be no such events. Entry was free to NSA members. David Pittendreigh had the highest price for the new attraction of a Pair of Hogs. Let's hope for a better 2016 and the winter weather be kind to us all.

My two years as Chairman have flown by and I must thank all the staff in Malvern, Phil

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and Helen for all support and help during this time.

#### 5. To review the accounts for 2015.

The secretary/treasurer presented the accounts and reported that the accounts showed a healthy balance of £137,508. Sponsorship of the Royal Welsh and Winter Fair continued. It had been decided to allow NSA Members into the event free this year and this had no adverse effect on the account. All were happy with the accounts and that some money needed to be invested to gain more a better return, COIF would be looked at as an option. Noted some money would be spent on a new building at Royal Welsh in the future if the NSA Board agree to take this forward.

#### 6. To appoint Officers for the coming year.

- a) Chairman – Llew Thomas was proposed by David Pittendreigh and seconded by Andrew Jones. Agreed by those present.
- b) Vice Chairman – Tim Ward was proposed by John Lloyd seconded by Margaret Dalton. Agreed by those present
- c) Treasurer - Helen Davies was proposed by those present with Tim Ward proposed as Vice Treasurer.
- d) Secretary/Regional manager - Helen Davies was proposed by those present.
- e) Committee Names of the committee were read out. It was agreed to keep the current members on committee and to remind Breed Societies to nominate representatives and inform the secretary of any changes. Georgie Radmore, Will Hughes, Lyndon Edwards invited onto committee
- f) To confirm nominations to NSA Board for 2016.  
Nominations for Board were Margaret Dalton, Llew Thomas and Paul Wozencraft.  
Policy & Technical committee John Lloyd proposed by Brain Eagles.  
F& GP committee Tim Ward. Tim Ward had stepped off the Board in order that he will be able to go back on the Board when he becomes Chairman.  
These nominations were accepted by those present.

7. Secretary's Remuneration. The current rate is £5,000 per annum plus expenses and travel at 45ppm. This would remain for 2016. Jane Smith suggested that this item should be discussed and agreed at a Regional Meeting and then to be a formal recommendation made at the ARMM. This was agreed and will be done in future.

8. To consider any other business. Tim Tyne questioned the use of a photo showing dog worrying within the Farmer Guardian. A discussion on this topic took place on what the law is for dogs on leads etc., as this can be a grey area at times.

Paul Wozencraft questioned how much lamb farmers actually eat and the reasons why it is not eaten. Lamb is not on the menu in livestock markets, should it be? Plenty of food for thought with this one.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm and thanked those for attending

A talk from Joseph Angell, Gareth Wyn Jones, Georgie Radmore and George Gough followed the AGM.

Phil Stocker thanks the speakers for their informative talks and the young ambassadors for their support of this NSA initiative.