

Central Region Annual Regional Members Meeting

Thursday 23rd February 2023 Agricultural Business Centre Bakewell 7.30pm

Apologies

Anne Payne, David Howlett, Roger Townsend, Jane Chapman, John Lomas

Minutes from last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM were signed as a true correct record, with no matters arising

Chairmans report –

English committee report

Alastair Sneddon gave a report from the latest English committee meeting, he mentioned the fact there is a large amount of negativity from farmers in regards to Red Tractor assurance schemes and the process of the audits, he gave the latest update on AHDB levy consultation, there was discussion on castrating and tailing of lambs, there was discussion on the skins being worthless at abattoirs now and they are now rendering skins, production has stopped on sterimatic injection devices but they have also stopped anyone taking over making them, discussion is still ongoing in regards to transport rules when the temperature is above or below a certain point, he also mentioned there is problems with fallen stock on Isle of Wight.

Trustees report

Charles Sercombe gave an update from the trustees meetings, over the past few months the NSA operating manual has been updated including terms of reference etc, the trustees have worked with main management team to look at main staffing. A Strategy document short, medium and long term with KPI's and performance of the sheep industry has been created. NSA building at Royal Welsh Showground discussion on viability of it, passed its best and discussing with Royal Welsh showground about what can be progressed with it.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Matt Bagley

Proposed James Bickerton Seconded – Matt Haydon

Vice Chairman – Matt Haydon

Proposed James Bickerton Seconded – Matt Bagley

Treasurer – Robert Helliwell

Proposed – Kath Birkinshaw – Seconded – James Bickerton

English Committee

Alastair Sneddon, David Howlett, Matt Haydon

Matt Bagley added as a stand in if someone else cannot attend

Any other business

Bridget Hope Chair Bakewell Ag Society, would like to work closely with the NSA with the summer show

Quite a number of trophies available from the Bakewell show if we can make use of them

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th May at Travellers Rest

Nicola Noble – NSA Activities

Update to NSA head office staffing, NSA priorities, NSA communications, NSA policy, NSA sheep farmer, NSA Projects, Moredun, NSA research projects

DEFRA farming reform update Ruth Little