



National Sheep Association

South West Region

Minutes of the NSA SOUTH WEST REGION 50th ANNUAL REGIONAL MEMBERS MEETING

Held at Exeter Livestock Market on 24rd February 2022

1. **Apologies** - Apologies were received from 7 participants
 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 – Olly Matthews deputising for Howard Tratt**

Olly provided a brief report on the events organised by the South West Region over the past year. Whilst this was curtailed somewhat by covid we made good use of Zoom in the early part of the year to arrange successful meetings with Neil Parish, MP and chair of the EFRA committee and Andrew Hogley, CEO of British Wool, later in the year we arranged a visit in conjunction with FWAG (the Farm Wildlife Advisory Group) to Lovaton Farm, North Tawton, courtesy of Jane Barber and Simon Kemp to discuss how sheep farmers may be able to take up the new SFI grant scheme. Many thanks to all those who hosted and help pull together these events and to those of you who participated.
 5. **Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts**

With most meetings being held by zoom there have been few expenses and the NSA Next Generation project didn't happen in 2021 so again no outlay.

The SSW committee made a decision in 2020 to book the marquees for the 2021 event as hire costs were soaring and never believing that covid would have had such an impact – as one member said 'we've either made a mistake or saved ourselves a lot of money' – unfortunately it was a mistake but the marquee company were extremely fair and refunded us 50% of our deposit.

Thankfully we had a very successful sheep south west in 2019 and so our bank account at the end of 2021 was a healthy £16,279
 6. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2021**

Chairman: election Olly Matthews - proposed by Bryan Griffiths and seconded by Richard Rossiter.
Vice Chair: elected Richard Rossiter - proposed by Peter Derryman and seconded by Russell Steer.
Committee: En bloc proposed by Bryan Griffiths and seconded by Ian May.
New committee members: elected Georgina Radmore – proposed by Bryan Griffiths and seconded by Ian May.
 7. **Election of Representatives for the Board of Trustees**

Reapproved Pete Delbridge – proposed by Olly Matthews and seconded by Phil Goscomb.
 8. **Election of Representatives for English Committee**

Elected Howard Tratt, Olly Matthews and Richard Rossiter.
 9. **AOB** - None
- The evening continued with interesting presentations and discussions with Mike Gooding, Farmers First Director, Rebecca Wright, AHDB Senior Analyst, Russell Steer, Kivells Director and Katie James – NSA Communications Manager.

Thank you to all those who attended.



Chief Executive: Phil Stocker
A company Limited by Guarantee. Registered in England. Registration No 37818.
Registered charity in England and Wales (249255) and in Scotland (SC042853).

