

The Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd Queensland
The Minutes of the General Meeting
Held at the Condamine Hotel 24/03 06
Meeting commenced at 2.08pm

Attendance: Rian & Amanda Morgan, Gordon & Vicki Mundell, Uen & Margaretta Morgan, Godfrey Morgan, Spencer & Sophie Morgan, Ann-Maree Attwooll, Geoff & Dot Redman, John Campbell

Apologies: Laird and Sonia Morgan, Mary and Megan Morgan, Scott Attwooll, Cliff Muller

Minutes:

Moved by Mandy Morgan that the minutes of the last General Meeting are taken as read, **seconded** John. **Carried.**

Business arising from the Minutes:

- There has been some interest in purchasing the shed. Godfrey is to get back to us with a confirmed value for the sale of the shed.
- Andrew Raff is the confirmed judge for Beef 2006

Correspondance:

Moved by Mandy Morgan and **seconded** by Ann-Maree that the inwards correspondence is received and the outward is endorsed (attached). **Carried.**

Business arising from the Correspondence:

Trophies for the Ekka to remain the same.

Judges for the Ekka moved to General Business

Financial Report:

Treasurer Mandy Morgan presented the report, which showed according to the Federal Branch of the Shorthorn Society a balance at the 31/12/05 of \$23205.55. The Lomax term deposit currently has a balance of \$1400.39 showing a net income for the year of \$ 2757.14

Moved Mandy Morgan, **seconded** Ann-Maree. **Carried.**

Spencer's report:

- Note from Peter Vincent: (see attached)
- Spencer read his final report as President of the Federal Board
- Spencer is now Chairman of Durham
- Rian thanked Spencer for the time and effort he put into furthering the breed on the Federal Board.

General Business:

1) **Ekka**

It was resolved that the branch nomination as judge at the 2006 RNA Show be forwarded to the Cattle Committee.

Shed Inspectors:

1. Ed Attwooll
2. Steve Haywood
3. Rian Morgan

Shed Captain: Ian McDouall

Seconded John. Carried

It was recommended that we provide drinks as per last year after judging in the **old sale arena** as opposed to the lawn to allow more privacy for the function.

Mandy to advise Sonia and Megan to organise.

Mandy apologised for trophies being a bit expensive last year. Trophy Value to remain at approximately \$100.

Peter V. had suggested drinks be sold during judging at the Ekka. After a brief discussion it was decided not to interfere with the already existing arrangements provided by the RNA.

2) **Advertising**

Mandy is to write an urgent memo to all members informing them of a feature coming up in between Beef 2006 and Beef Week and giving them the opportunity to advertise at a reduced rate (as per feature ad. agreement with Rural Press). Interested parties are to reply to Spen.

Feature program:

1. Between Beef 2006 and Beef week
2. Before the Ekka
3. Before the Spring sales

3) **Beef Week**

Ann-Maree moved that Mandy is to write a letter to Rural Press outlining concerns over the lack of time allowed to cover the Studs in this area and suggesting it be spread over two days. Seconded Vicki. Carried.

John thought that Beef Week was definitely worth while.

3) **Virbac**

Spencer recommended that everyone give Virbac an opportunity as they provide good discounts to Shorthorn breeders. Spencer will discuss with Dobbo whether the discount should be going back into the Shorthorn Branch.

Virbac puts a considerable amount into the Shorthorn deal so we should endeavour to support them.

4) Spencer issued 2 presidents medals in 2005 for service to the breed to Rob Dowling and Rosemary Millar

5) **Fundraising**

Ann-Maree moved that Scott is to arrange the Melbourne Cup trip as a prize. Megan and Sonia are to facilitate raffle.

6) **Breed Promotion**

John suggested that commercial breeders would appreciate a commercial herd field day.

Geoff thought we needed to get some cattle into the Wandoan area as Shorthorns do not have a big presence there.

Rian suggested the Shorthorn Beef Express, where a truckload of cattle, stud or commercial of both would be sent out to do a western circuit. There was considerable discussion during which Spencer expressed doubt as to the value of the trip while it is still dry, Margareta offered to go on the trip and the Redmans offered to send some commercial cattle. Ideas for the trip included sponsoring show BBQ's, incorporating guest speakers and acquiring sponsors, it was decided that Ann-Maree, Sophie and Margareta would form a committee with the publicity officers to work out initial costings possibly with the intent of going out to Agro 2006.

- 7) Rian inquired as to whether anyone was interested in putting web sites together, but most were not interested.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm