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## CEO NOTES

### **BAS AGM 2022**

The draft AGM minutes are set out in full below. If you have any questions do please ask me. If you were present but not listed then let me know. Its tricky working put who everyone one is from their "Zoom Names"!

### **EMAC**

Managing parasites is an on-going challenge for alpaca owners and it seems that EMAC is causing some problems this autumn. As with all parasites prevention is better than cure. So please do monitor your herd and or have a routine for preventative medicine in place,

### **Winter Webinar**

The first of the seasons winter webinars is planned for next week. it is by Magdalena Sobula. Do attend if you can using the link in the article,

### **Intermediate Alpaca Assessment 2/3/4 December**

A couple of places have become available on this courses due to cancellations. If you would like to join the course please contact Duncan ASAP to reserve a place. First come first served. Timing is 9 until 5 Friday and Saturday, 9 til 3 on Sunday. Nearest Town is Rugby. Details on the website. <https://bas-uk.com/education-welfare/>

You can contact me about the above or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

*Duncan Pullar*

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## AGM Draft Minutes

### BAS AGM 2022 Draft Minutes

#### 1. Chairman's Welcome

Sue Loach welcomed over 60 members to the 2022 BAS AGM

#### 2. Attendance

Sue Loach, Harriet Loach, Kate Brookes, Paul and Barbara Hetherington, Neil Payne, Clara Boulton, Ken Freivokh, Liz Windsor, Emma Taylor, Elaine and Roger Clark, Jo Bridge, Christine Tillott, Krystal Humphrey, Sally and Simon Illet, Nigel Retallack, Peta Ives, Justin Harrison, Jane Kidd, Ron and Linda Macintosh, Jodie Lane, Dave Bearman, Rob and Shirley Bettinson, Drew Thomas Wadland, Tanya Russell and Charles Parkes, Fiona McManus, Rosalind Pugh, Nick Harrington-Smith, Shirely Isseyegh, Lulu Oliver, Shaun Lock, Julia Corrigan-Stuart, Lesley Faulkner, Cathy Drage, Graham Wright, Judith Newman, Gary Steer, Malgorzata Poltorak, Mary-Jo Smith, Rebecca Block, Nina Dowler, Justin Harrison, Beverley Vickery, Ann Stuart, Jamie Maller, Tom and Wendy Scott, Sue Keen.

#### 3. Apologies for Absence

Ian Mitchell, Katrina Lane, Harley Laver, Bob Crosbie, Matt Rogers

#### 4. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd November 2021

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Neil Payne

Seconded by Paul Hetherington

## 5. Chair's Report

Sue Loach started by thanking everyone for taking the time to attend the BAS AGM.

Sue offered a special thanks to all her fellow board members for their hard work in achieving so much this year. The Board bid farewell to Judith Newman who is retiring from the Board and send a special thank you to her for her hard work and of course to Duncan Pullar for keeping the Society on track.

There are also a lot of non-board members who give so much of their time to the society and Sue extended her thanks to them too.

This year over 500 of you have cast your votes to elect Board members, which is the highest amount we have ever had. Our membership numbers have remained stable, and we have the encouraging news that our junior membership is steadily increasing, it's great to know that young people are interested in alpacas.

Our incentive to train more vets in camelid medicine was a huge success, 23 vets enrolled and 17 completed the course meaning we now have 17 more vets with camelid specific knowledge that we can call on. We have decided to offer the subsidy again this year and in the first week of promoting this we already have interest in 50% of the 20 places available.

The Affiliate Scheme has been updated, we are now actively recruiting more affiliates and hope to run another course early next year to induct new affiliates. We have 15 members about to do Stage one of judge training.

The results of a straw poll (on Facebook) on fibre, indicated that 78% of alpaca owners do something with their fibre and 18% do not know what to do with their fibre. In response to this Emma Taylor has come up with a list of ideas to help members, so keep an eye out for these events.

Over 40 herds have contributed data to the EBV programme this year and data is constantly being updated, giving a valuable tool for owners and breeders alike.

We have rehomed over 50 alpacas through our network of regional welfare representatives and dealt with numerous welfare issues from shearing, poor husbandry and 2 cases of indiscriminate breeding whereby a male

had been left to breed with his daughters , granddaughters and great-granddaughters - that took a bit of delicate handling.

At the time of writing the show rules rewrite is almost complete and should be ready for publication for the 2023 show season and the new fleece assessment document is in place for the fleece shows in 2023.

We have 2 new regional groups that are well underway, they are the South Wales Alpaca Group and the East Midlands Alpaca Group. There are a further two new groups also pending in the South East of England and in North Wales.

These regional groups are an invaluable resource for both welfare and support offering social events, shows and local networking opportunities and we will continue to support them through our designated regional groups representative.

Following on from the success of last year's National Show and auction, where we raised a lot of money for the Ukraine, preparations are well underway for next year's event, with the addition of the "World of Alpacas" alongside the show , WoA is designed to showcase all aspects of alpaca ownership and opportunities as well as giving welfare and husbandry advice to those who need it. We are still looking for volunteers to help at this event, if anyone wants to help please contact Duncan or Sue.

Our series of winter webinars starts again shortly, if anyone has ideas for subject matter for future webinars, please let us know.

In response to members concerns over difficulties with our website it is currently undergoing a complete overhaul. The initial works should be completed by the end of the year.

Due to the current economic uncertainty we have taken the decision to freeze membership and registration costs for the next 2 years which we hope will help everyone.

Finally, may I take this opportunity again to thank each and every one of you who gives your time to the Society - it is much appreciated.

## **6. To approve the Society Accounts to 31st March 2022**

The 2021 to 2022 Accounts were presented, and questions invited. There were no questions. The accounts were accepted.

Proposed by Jane Kidd

Seconded by Ken Freivokh

## 7. To elect Members to the Board of Directors

SL requested that any votes to be cast in the meeting be entered into the chat function.

The final position which is:

- there were 2 candidates for 2 places on the Board.
- that 502 members took part in the poll to elect members to the board.

Votes were cast as follows:

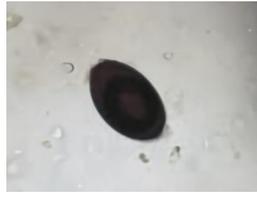
	For	Against	Abstain
Anthony Monkcom	313	47	65
Emma Taylor	400	49	38

According to Rule 3.2 (viii), Anthony Monkcom and Emma Taylor were elected to the Board.

## 8. AOB

Questions were asked about:

- a. The pattern of cria registration?- this was altered by price changes and covid but is settling down now,
- b. The membership numbers? – Membership is steadily growing year on year but there is a turnover of around 300 per year
- c. Plans for an event for members to meet the Board?- Could do something at the 2023 national Show.
- d. When will the new fleece show rules be published?- in the next few weeks -Webinar in January.
- e. When will the next advanced training be? Autumn 2023
- f. How can BAS police poor sales? Education is the only approach we and we will continue to try and educate BAS members on responsible approaches to selling and customer care.



## ***EMAC Coccidia - prevention is better than cure***

### ***Eimeria macusaniensis***

*I have received several emails concerning cases of Emac in alpacas in recent weeks. Stressful changes in the routine can be a trigger. Some of the cases reported to me have resulted in fatalities.*

*Take time to plan your parasite monitoring and control programme.*

## **Research on the benefits of contact with alpacas - your help needed**

We are all very aware of how much joy alpacas can bring. Many of you will see the amazing effect they have on your visitors and trekkers; and some of you engage in therapy with alpacas. Yet while there is lots of evidence about the benefit of animals to humans, there is very little specific evidence about the benefit of alpacas.

Jean and Stuart of Velvet Hall are keen to find out more and to contribute to a research base. To that end, they are about to carry out and evaluate a 6 month project, working with a specialist education provision for young people with severe and complex needs; and evaluate various other visits to day care centres and hospital wards.

They would be really keen to hear what other people are doing, and in particular if anyone has evaluated what they have done. Their plan is to pull all the information together and write it up for the BAS magazine, in the hope it will be of interest to other alpaca owners.

It would be really helpful if you could follow this link to a very short survey, where you'll be asked if you carry out any therapeutic activities with alpacas in the categories below, whether you've evaluated the impact of what you do and if so, whether you would be happy to be contacted and share your findings. These are the categories:

1. AAT: Animal Assisted Therapy – using an alpaca as part of a therapeutic programme, with a therapist
2. AAA: Animal Assisted Activity – working towards specific goals with people and alpacas
3. Contact with alpacas (visits – to care homes, schools, or people coming to you)
4. Any other work with alpacas you consider to be therapeutic

Here is the link to the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxbIGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSnzvpEhlw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7O0ppxbIGGQeiWZYiAWCn197FSxaDjXpi5iilSnzvpEhlw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you are willing to be contacted, it will be Penny Rackett who gets in touch – she is a psychologist and (extremely) regular visitor. Also, if you have any questions about this project, please do get in touch with Penny at [penrackett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:penrackett@yahoo.co.uk)

Jean, Stuart and Penny are all very excited at what we might find out, and hope with your help we can make a useful contribution to understanding how alpacas make a difference to other people's lives, not just our own. Many thanks!

## World of Alpacas - Innovation Competition

Please send your entries to Duncan for the competition for the best Commercial enterprise or product in the UK by a BAS member to celebrate working with alpacas and their products.

First stage to be submitted by 1 Jan 2023 to [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

Entrants will describe in no more than 1000 words their enterprise or product based on:

- Product or enterprise
- Commercial and /or social value
- Environmental and sustainability credentials
- Second stage during January and February 2023.

Shortlist of top three are interviewed by a panel to determine the winner

### Third Stage

Substantial prize presented to the winner at the Show



## BAS Autumn/ Winter Webinars

Please find below the first confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

Other titles will follow as they are confirmed. As we did last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest. Where the presenters give their permission a recording will be made and posted on Youtube which can be accessed via the BAS Website members area. Click [here](#) to access previous Webinars.

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### Thursday 17th November

Magdalena Sobula (Research Student supported in part by BAS)

#### British alpaca fibre for comfort textiles and its alignment with Slow Fashion

BA Hons Design for Textiles, MA Design for Fashion & Textiles, (Research student supported in part by BAS), (Alpaca Auntie too!)

<https://www.artsthread.com/profile/magdalenasobula>

Topic: BAS Webinar - Magdalena Sobula

Time: Nov 17, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81921523829>

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Wednesday 30th November

Ami Sawran - Camelid Specialist from Westpoint Vets

Injection techniques and good medicine storage for alpacas

Topic: BAS Webinar - Ami Sawran

Time: Nov 30th, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464539933>

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Wednesday 7th December

Sam Lane - Technical Manager at Cotswold Grass Seeds

**An introduction to Seed Mixes and Pasture Management for Alpacas**

Topic: BAS Webinar - Sam Lane

Time: Dec 7, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85066853719>

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January 2023

Mary Jo Smith- Breeder and BAS judge

**Introducing the new fleece judging system for 2023**

Date TBC

## 2022 Event Diary

If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com) or go to the BAS website.

### Affiliate courses

Sunday	20th Nov	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	10 Dec	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
Sunday	11 Dec	Affiliate Course - Cornwall
<b>2023</b>		
Saturday	Jan 28th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	Jan 29th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Jan 29th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Thursday	March 16th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 2nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	July 27th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Sept 3rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9th	Affiliate Course- Glous

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

## 2023 Show Diary



Champions and judges from National Show 2022

### Make a note in your diary!

#### (New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show.

Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

### 2023

#### **BAS National Show 2023**

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March 2023

Venue: Telford.

Judges: Mrs Barbara Hetherington, Mr Roger Clarke, Ms Amanda VandenBosch and Mrs Natasha Clark

#### **NWAG Alpaca Championships**

Saturday 1st April 2023

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

#### **HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta:**

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke

### **Scottish Alpaca Championship**

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023

Entries Close: 6th March 2023

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

### **South of England Spring Live**

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Ardingly

Judge: Tim Hey

Organiser Hilary and Tony Monkcom

### **EAG Fleece Show**

19/20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

### **East of England Halter Show**

7/8<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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