

**MINUTES OF THE COOPWORTH GENETICS NEW ZEALAND  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Lincoln University – Room 314 Forbes Building  
Time – 9.30 pm**

**AGENDA**

- (1) Presidents Welcome**
- (2) Present** –T Abraham (President), E Dinger (Vice President), K Broadbent, R Carter, G Smith, S Wynn-Harris, C Logan (Technical Advisor), K Clark (Secretary/Treasurer).
- (3) APOLOGIES** – W Carthew (Patron),  
That the apology be received  
T Abraham/R Carter **Passed**
- (4) Additional Agenda items and Notification of matters for General Business**
- (5) MINUTES OF MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> May 2012**  
That the minutes be taken as read  
K Broadbent/E Dinger **Passed**  
That the Minutes accepted as a true and correct record  
E Dinger/R Carter **Passed**
- (6) MATTERS ARISING**
  - Soc. Alumni – No further progress at this stage. C Logan to talk with R Matheson – assistance from S Wynn-Harris
  - Geographic map – to be completed and placed on the website. C Logan and K Broadbent to progress
- (7) COOPWORTH SOCIETY BUSINESS PLANNING**  
**Business Plan – Breed and Society direction and options**  
**Council Succession:**  
There was discussion about the need to bring new people into the roles on Council. Suggestions were made of possible people to talk to who may have an interest of filling a position on Council.  
Having people willing to fill the roles of President and Vice President in the future was

raised.

Councillors were also aware that reducing the number of Councillors and some having already held senior officer rolls, has the potential to reduce the time available for new Councillors to become familiar with operations of the organisation. It needs to be noted of the potential requirement to fill positions at the 2013 AGM.

There is a need to develop position descriptions and the rolls of Secretary and Treasurer.

**The New Name: Presentation and Branding**

There is still a need to consider how the new name can be presented to the media and the farming community. The President to progress.

**New wool marketing:**

Discussion about supporting the new wool marketing concept and proposal Wools of New Zealand

**(8) REPORTS**

**President's** report was read to the meeting. – attached below.

Discussion about the need to consider suitable people to take on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. A potential candidate for the Secretaries position met with the Council.

Discussed the website update.

**That the Presidents report be received**

**T Abraham/R Carter**

**Passed**

- **Secretary's** report. Tabled at the meeting – attached below

- Correspondence – inwards/outwards

- Membership – New or resigned

- A letter is to go to Beef and Lamb thanking them for their organisation and input to the "Raising the Baa " event in Taumarunui which formed part of the Coopworth Conference last May. – copy to R Carter

- K Clark indicated the intention not to continue in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer past the 2013 AGM.

**That Alyson Hind is approached to consider the role of Secretary for Coopworth Genetics New Zealand.**

**T Abraham/K Broadbent**

**Passed**

An appropriate hourly rate is to be determined if she accepts.

- **Treasurer's** report. Tabled at the meeting – attached below

- Accounts paid since May 2012 council meeting were presented to the meeting.

**That the meeting ratify the sum of \$5,759.67 for accounts paid since the last meeting**

**K Clark/G Smith**

**Passed**

- Cash position – outlined in the report

- The BNZ has been instructed to deduct tax at the Companies' rate from interest earned on investments

- The next member's accounts include a charge for members with

linkages to the Society website at \$150.00 each.

**That the Secretary and Treasurers reports be received**  
**K Clark/T Abraham** **Passed**

- **Technical Committee** report. – C Logan, G Smith, R Carter.
  - Information and discussion from Technical Advisor
  - SIL now has 101 flocks with Coopworth linkages
  - Looking at **across flock connectiveness** – new presentation of the information
  - **CPT trial** – applications of interest are now out, funding has been found. Selected rams notified in February 2013.
  - There have been no positive **blind test** results, consider again at a later date as to the need to continue the testing.
  - The **across flock analysis** has just been – showing some good DP indexes in some Coopworths - high meat
  - The **Trans Tasman Analysis** was run this week.
  - **Frontier Genetics** analysis will be run within the next two weeks.
  - **CT scanning & “Muscle Bus”** Lincoln University now has a new operator for the CT scanner. Does the Society wish to continue with the scanning programme? Price will stay at \$100 per ram scanned. Following discussion the Council is in favour of continuing with the “Muscle Bus”. To co-ordinate: T Abraham – North Island, G Smith – South Island. It was agreed there is a need to publicise the scanning more to members and try and increase to numbers of rams being scanned.

**That the criteria for breeder’s supply of to the “Muscle Bus” project be amended to “up to 12 rams per flock”**

**R Carter/K Broadbent** **Passed**

- **Flock book** – considered by C Logan that the flock book is no longer required. Council members felt it should be available. It was noted that the change to the constitution at the AGM requires it to be provided in electronic format. Look at somebody other than the Technical Advisor set up and manage the Flockbook with a view to having on or linked to the website in PDF format.
- Up date on **Sin Phuas** research into FE tolerance. – K Broadbent – No funding applied for last year
- The President acknowledged C Logan’s decision not to submit an account for his work as Technical Advisor. He was thanked for this decision and it was noted that it was not considered necessary.

- **Publicity Committee** – K Broadbent, T Abraham
  - Publicity report – Heartland Sheep advertisement Good looking coverage over the two pages. Farmers Weekly – Change of format and extra text focused on aspects of the breed are good. May be able to bring in text from the old “Coopworth Corner” that have been run in the past.
  - Newsletter dates – Mid December 2012 and Post conference – K Broadbent and R Carter

- Information – Communication
- Web site – Still a work in progress, essentials are developed and will progress other details as items are needed. – Will shut down the old website.

- Membership Committee –
  - Resignations – Nil
  - New Members – Nil

Councillors

- Regional Reports – Attached below

#### **(9) CONFERENCE DETAILS**

- 2013 - Southland. – G Smith, Southland are setting the date and will be fitted in around other breed group conference, to be finalised. Expecting date to be known by end of November and likely to be held in Invercargill.
- G Smith is still considering an Australian trip, could be mid July and may fit with the Bendigo Show.
- Prof Coop Memorial address- next conference, C Logan to approach Prof Andrew Sykes to consider making the presentation.

#### **(10) CORRESPONDENCE**

In Secretary's Report

Letter: Southland Coopworth Breeders club – T Abraham to follow up and respond to the Southland Club.

#### **(11) GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Clarification of Secretary's role
- Council Job Descriptions
- On going meeting dates – Early in the week of conference and to include the AGM early in the Conference.
- Report on the FE Gold initiative – K Broadbent, talked through the protocols for FE Gold. All been positive but looking at testing dose rates and relevance of information if below 0.4 or up to 0.6 and how the reflective flocks respond. Charging fees and pushing advertising for brand recognition. Covered on the website and in Country-Wide.
- Talk about loss of enthusiasm within Coopworth breeders and how this has affected members and their attendance and conferences and other involvements with the society.

#### **(12) VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Southland –? <sup>th</sup> May 2013 ( to be confirmed with conference dates)

President T Abraham thanked the Council Members for their attendance and input to the meeting.

**Meeting Closed at 4.30 pm.**

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**President's Report to Council.** Lincoln University. November 2012.

Since our May meeting a number of Council initiatives have been progressed.

The success of two of these initiatives is largely due to the efforts of one Councilor and I would like to begin my report by acknowledging Kate Broadbent and the work she has achieved since May. In the short time Kate has been on Council she has achieved a great deal and on behalf of Coopworth Genetics New Zealand I would like to formally express our gratitude and commend her work.

Thanks to Kate our new web site is up and running and has refreshed our public appearance as desired. It is a positive step forward in the promotion and communication of our breed and I hope it will continue to evolve as a tool for our Society – a tangible asset for the members. It is up to us now to keep it current and interesting by supplying new photos and items of interest.

Kate has also been instrumental in the development of the FE Gold “Brand” in conjunction with AgResearch. Since introducing the concept at our last meeting Kate has become a steering committee member of a mixed breed group that has established criteria for identifying leaders in facial eczema genetics, and protecting their investment. Being able to launch the brand logo in time for advertising in October’s Heartland Sheep was a significant achievement and one that a number of our North Island breeders will stand to benefit from - this season.

It was very pleasing to see the number of Coopworth breeders recognized in the Beef + Lamb / SIL awards, and in particular members of our Council. My congratulations go to Edward Dinger for winning three of the dual-purpose Top Flock classes and gaining commendation in a fourth – an outstanding performance. Also to Steve Wynn-Harris and Kate Broadbent for their commendations in the Dual Purpose Top Flock traits and Steve for winning the Super Sire high performance and meat yield categories. It is reassuring to see the dominance of our breed in this assessment of dual-purpose genetic merit.

Jon & Karen Gilkinson of Morton Mains Farm In Wyndham won the Coopworth section of the 2012 NZ Ewe Hogget competition. Kingsley Clark attended the awards dinner and presented the Coopworth tray to the Gilkinsons on our behalf.

I have recently had discussions with Kingsley. He has indicated that he is not seeking to renew his contract as Secretary / Treasurer. In order to promote a smooth succession of the secretarial role it has been proposed that Kingsley work collaboratively with a successor until his term is completed. Alison Hind (known to many of us through her Flock- linc services) has expressed interest in the job and will be discussing the matter further with us. The position of Treasurer will also need to be filled and it is proposed that potential candidates be discussed this meeting so that a suitable person may be approached as soon as possible.

I have received positive feedback about our ads in the Farmers Weekly. I believe further promotion of our name and website is needed still, as a broad search under “Coopworth” without the keyword “Genetics” does not yet select our new site as a priority option for viewing. This should improve with time but I suggest we need to monitor access to the site to indicate how effective it actually is.

I have been approached by the Dominion Post’s Jon Morgan to discuss Coopworths and have an interview scheduled for next week.

I wish those of you selling rams all the best for the weeks ahead.

Tom Abraham

**SECRETARY TREASURERS REPORT TO  
THE COUNCIL MEETING  
14 NOVEMBER 2012**

**BANK BALANCES**

The following accounts are held with the BNZ

- Cheque           \$9,310.57 @ 31 October 2012
- Savings           \$2,431.70

Total	\$11,742.27		
		<u>Maturing</u>	<u>Interest</u>
• Term Deposit #10	\$17,519.81	31/3/13	4.3%
• Term Deposit #11	\$17,496.69	6/3/13	4.3%
• Term Deposit #12	\$14,549.57	16/5/12	4.4%
• Term Deposit #13	<u>\$15,643.63</u>	27/3/13	4.3%
Total	<u>\$66,209.97</u>		

Cheque account deposits since 1 November 2012 – Nil  
 Un-presented cheques - \$2,940.84  
 EFFECTIVE CHEQUE BOOK BALANCE \$6,369.97

Known expenses to come to charge  
 – This Council meeting 5 @ \$350 = \$1750 approx  
 – Meeting room etc \$200 approx  
 – NZX Agri – advertising \$6394

Projected Income:  
 Members subs, flock fees and promotion levy - \$10,350 approx  
 NZX – members advertising recovery - \$4600  
 Members contribution to web development – 10 @ \$150 = \$1500  
 All figures GST Inc.

## INVESTMENTS

As listed above.

The BNZ will now deduct with holding tax from interest earned on the investments. The tax rate being used is the companies' rate of 28%.

One of the investments is falling due on 17 November 2012. If the council wish to break an investment it would opportune to do so at this stage.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts listed below are required to be ratified following payment. This covers the period 15 May to 14 November 2012. Payments of \$5,759.67 have been made since the last Council meeting.

### Coopworth Genetics New Zealand Inc

Box 169  
 Lincoln University  
 Canterbury

### Bank Register

01/05/12 To 13/11/12

ID No.	Src	Date	Memo/Payee	Withdrawal
1-1110	Cheque Account			
1071	CD	13/05/12	Tulloch McNab Transport	\$1,223.89
1072	CD	20/08/12	Soutar and Associates	\$1,594.94
1073	CD	20/10/12	Beef and Lamb	\$1,150.00
1074	CD	20/10/12	NZ Sheep Breeders	\$65.00
1075	CD	20/10/12	NZ Beef Breeders	\$1,658.10
1076	CD	20/10/12	The Linc	\$4.50

## CONFERENCE OUTCOME

Conference Fees: \$1,292

Beef & Lamb account: \$1,150

## CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has occurred and requires approval.

Inward: -

Outwards: -

## MEMBERS

Current membership:

Flocks	42
Members	13
Life member	5

Flock and/or membership

K R Clark  
Secretary/Treasurer

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### *King Country*

- *Coopworth Genetics annual conference held in Taumarunui in May 2012 was very successful and we were very pleased with the response from participants visiting our district.*
- *“Raising the Baa” has become a catch phrase now and is used to promote sheep based commerce on a number of fronts.*
- *Season to date has been great with much appreciated rainfall keeping things ticking along.*
- *Appears to be more lambs on the ground this year compared with last.*
- *FE Gold initiative to be applauded, many thanks to Kate and the team for this.*
- *Rams sales enquiries are on the increase this year, hope it lasts.*
- *We are planning another similar event for next year, need to avoid date clashes with CWG Conference.*
- *We need to re enthuse Coopworth breeders through out NZ*
- *Coopworth advertisements appearing in FW and Heartland Sheep are very good and much appreciated.*

Robert Carter

## **East Coast North Island**

An Exceptional 2011 ram selling with most of us selling out at record prices. Then spring then followed by summer and autumn were the best in memory going back 50 years. Coinciding with exceptional lamb schedules and a strong store market led to the best financial year most will ever have. Large tax bills now as a result! Demonstrating well fed sheep express their top genetics. July and August 2012 were very wet (350mm) so early lambs were affected but it has hardly rained since which resulted in record or nearly record lambing %'s. Now there is a shortage of feed and high levels of anxiety. Ram orders are good with those I've spoken to , close to being sold out.

Steve Wyn-Harris

## **Waikato**

The Waikato had a beautiful summer, autumn and winter. Ewes tugged in the right condition and subsequent lambing was almost too good to be true. Spring was a different matter with too much rain in September, too dry and too much wind in October and still too cold to shut up paddocks for silage or haymaking in November.

Ram selling went quite well with no protest from the clients for historically high prices, while lamb prices were 20% less than last year. A Hamilton Romney ram sale for FE tested rams averaged \$2250 with the top priced ram going for \$9000 – several went for \$8000. Most dry stock farmers seemed to have accepted that the coming year won't be easy but there is a bit of optimism for the future.

Personally I am disappointed at the lack of publicity that was received with very good showing of the Coopworth breed at the first NZ genetics awards. Not a single inquiry for my rams has resulted from it and generally there appeared to have been little awareness of the awards especially compared with environmental awards, sharemilker of the year etc. only Southland Times had good coverage, first mention in Country-Wide in November

Edward Dinger

## **SOUTHLAND REPORT NOVEMBER 2012**

\* The Southland Coopworth Club held an AGM and Dinner at Winton in August. !0 members attended and good discussion was shared over dinner.

\* Farmers in general seem to be tightening their belts to cope with the lower lamb and wool prices.

\* The weather - July and August almost perfect, early September had 3 short nasty showers, otherwise it was okay but October was the wettest October since 1946.

\* There were more ewe deaths than normal but higher lambing percentages.

\* A lot of dairy farmers were making silage in early November.

\* Ram Sales ~ Otago Ram Sale is on the 5th of December 2012  
Southland Ram Sale is on the 16th January, 2013.

George Smith

Regional report . Rangitikei Manawatu

Following a good autumn and lower than usual spore counts, scanning percentages were up. The region experienced reasonable weather for lambing this year, having been very wet in July and early August, things dried out a little by September. With the exception of a couple of storm events the weather behaved although sunshine hours were a bit lacking.



October was unusually cold - causing concern about the approaching months. Coastal Rangitikei is currently mapped on Niwa's dreaded red zone for soil moisture.

It appears that greater areas of land are going under the plough this season and sales of prime ewe hoggets (at Feilding sale yards) are also up - not great signs for the local sheep industry. Fortunately ram orders are holding at about the same as recent years.

Prime hoggets made up to \$135 this week at Feilding and good condition ewes made \$110.

In other news, land valuations are down and rates are up!

Tom Abraham  
14/11/12