

Eastern Alpaca Group
AGM on Sunday 27th September 2020
Held via Zoom

Present;

EAG Committee – Simon Ilett, Shirley Isseyegh, Viv Hamilton, Sandra Justice.
Members: 12

1. **Apologies** - Emma Taylor, Harley Laver, Jo Bridge, Nigel Beckwith, Kath Shearer, Sandra Scott, Jo Parker

2. **Welcome by The Chairman** – Simon Ilett welcomed everyone to the talk.

The formal AGM was preceded by a talk by Dr Ami Sawran on “Top Reasons for Vet Calls in Winter Months”

This talk has been recorded so that it can be made available to those who were unable to attend. After the vet talk, non-members left the zoom call.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 20.7.2019

Prior to the meeting the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed by email to all members with the AGM papers. There were no questions or matters arising. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Shirley Isseyegh and seconded by Sandra Justice.

4. Chairman’s Report

Simon Ilett also covered the show report in the absence of Harley Laver. He said the Halter Show in 2019 had attracted 84 entries from 16 farms and thanked exhibitors for cleaning their pens as this had really helped with the show clear up.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Prior to the meeting a summary of the accounts had been distributed by email to all members with the AGM papers. There were no questions from the members on the accounts. The chairman thanked Shirley Isseyegh, the Treasurer, for keeping the accounts in good order. The Treasurer said that when she took over the accounts last year, they had been kept manually on paper since the inauguration of the Eastern Alpaca Group. Since taking over, she had computerised the current year’s information and she was hoping to also computerise the historical data so that comparisons can be made. She

thanked Sally Berry for doing the audit of the accounts for us. The membership had remained balanced at 38 members. The Group was in a good position with the bank balance but the Chairman said that a good sized reserve was needed to put a Halter Show on. The committee had made the decision to minimise costs on the Fleece show and keep the entrance fees very low and not to ask farms for sponsorship in recognition of the very tough year experienced by farms because of Covid-19 – as a result the fleece show had made a very small loss, which would be shown in next year's accounts.

4. Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed to ask Sally Berry to audit the accounts next year.

5. Committee Member

The chairman said that the committee members were willing to continue but had requested volunteers to join the committee to help out as we are all very busy. Kath Shearer had volunteered and was appointed. As a committee we are trying to distribute more information to members via email, newsletter, website and facebook.

5. Any Other Business – None

The meeting closed at 1.15pm