

# **SOLWAY AND TYNE TEXEL BREEDERS CLUB**

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The Annual General Meeting of the Solway and Tyne Texel Breeders Club took place in The Auctioneer, Shepherds Inn, Rosehill, Carlisle on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.00pm

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Roy Campbell, Thomas Illingworth, David Jarman, David Fearon, Angus McColm, Irene Woodmass.

## **2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Confirmed as a correct copy Prop: Harry Woodmass Sec: Linda Bell

## **3. To discuss any business arising**

There were no additions to the committee from Northumberland

## **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, George Wilkinson reported on what had been another good year for the club. There had been a very good trip to the Chester area in May, which was a very enjoyable experience for those attending and the group saw some outstanding flocks. He was pleased that it had gone smoothly and thanked Fiona for her work in organising the event. He encouraged people to go along to these events, as it was a good weekend socially as well as being informative.

The sales went well with a good show of sheep and good prices for the better ones. A top of 100,000gns at the Premier Sale, was a good advert for the club. The Second sale was also a good sale was excellent as well, with a top of 1800gns.

The Flock Competition had again been a successful event with Robin Orr judging, ably assisted as usual by Harry Woodmass, George thanked Harry for all of the work he had put into the event over the years. We had 14 flocks in total and a good turnout of sheep. Adam Mawson, Midcombe was Champion small flock and overall champion and Reserve was Ian Murray of Glenway, who won the large flock.

Results night was a good night, although it is always a struggle to get people to come. George thanked the committee members for their support and commented that the committee works well together.

He wished everyone the best with this year's lambing.

## **5. Treasurers Report**

Linda Bell, treasurer, reported that the club had once again made a profit of £4001.98 Sales commission was up at £4255 and the commission from the female sale was still to be received. Sponsorship was up to £2580, which included some which was left over from the previous year, which had come in late. The vets are not getting any more expensive but still cost around £900 a year. Sale expenses were similar to the previous

year at £2395 and with the exception of the expenditure for the annual trip, which is subsidised, expenses remained similar to the previous year.

We weren't asked for any donations to Youth Development, as there wasn't an event in 2018. There will be an event this year in Ayrshire and we would send a team. Nick Woodmass said that we need to encourage more young members to take part in the competition, as it fell to the usual group to represent the club. He said it was particularly good for young members, who meet people from all walks of farming life.

George asked if anyone had any ideas on how to encourage more people to attend, to let us know. Harry Wilkinson suggested we could include the French. Fiona would include the invitation in the spring Newsletter, which would be going out shortly. The treasurer's report was accepted by the meeting. Prop: Harry Woodmass, Sec: Matthew MacTaggart.

## 6. **To elect Office Bearers**

**Chairman** – George Wilkinson Prop: Linda Bell Sec: Matthew Stockdale

**Vice Chairman** Thomas Illingworth Prop: Matthew MacTaggart Sec: George Wilkinson

**Secretary** – Fiona Sloan Prop: Nick Woodmass Sec: George Wilkinson

**Treasurer** – Linda Bell Prop: Giles Pyman Sec: Harry Wilkinson

**Cumbria** –Matthew Watson , Giles Pyman Matt Stockdale, Craig Stoddart, Adam Mawson Prop: Giles Pyman Sec: Craig Stoddart

**Dumfries & Galloway** –Angus McColm, Matthew MacTaggart, Frazer Galloway. David Fearon Prop: Craig Stoddart Sec: Linda Bell

**Northumberland** No one standing for the county at the moment.

David Jarman had served on the committee for a number of years and was, this year standing down. The club thanked him for all of his time and work in the past.

## 7. **Any Other Business**

### **Wool inspection**

The secretary explained, that the committee had taken some time to discuss how to enforce Rule 4 on the "dressing" of sheep. There had been an incident at the Premier sale and the committee were committed to enforcing the rule. All sale entry forms MUST be signed otherwise the sheep would not be accepted for the sale. H & H would bring the entry forms to the ballot for checking. Anyone being disrespectful to any official would have their membership removed.

Kay Watson said that we should have had something in place before anything happened but Fiona explained that it was only possible to act in retrospect, as we did not know what was going to happen from time to time and that these things were best dealt with on a case by case basis, rather than having a collection of rules which would be irrelevant. The meeting agreed and members would be advised of the procedure in the next Newsletter.

There would be two wool inspectors, as there is just too many sheep on the day for one. Harry Woodmass added, that the timing was always a pressure on the day and agreed that we could only deal with incidents or issues as they arose.

**There being no other business he thanked the members for coming and invited those present to enjoy some beef rolls which were provided. The meeting then had a talk from Fiona Sloan on her life with Texel sheep.**