

Australian Brahman Breeders Association Ltd  
Council Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Brahman House commencing at 8:30am  
Minutes

1. Apologies and Attendees:

<u>Attended</u>	<u>Name - Position</u>	<u>Apology</u>
X	Wendy Cole (WC) – President	
X	Reade Radel (RR) – Senior Vice President	
X	Brett Coombe (BC) – Treasurer	
X	Matthew Noakes (MN) – Junior Vice	
X	Matthew McCamley – (MMc) – Director	
X	Lawson Camm (LC) – Director	
X	Peter Chiesa (PC) – Director	
	Paul Herrod – (PH) – Director	X
X	Matthew Kirk (MK) - Director	
X	Andrew Olive (AO) – Director	
X	Glen Pfeffer (GP) – Director – Via Video Technology	
X	Anastasia Fanning (AF) – General Manager / Secretary	

2. Nomination of General Business

- a) DNA Sample MIP to SNP. Who should cover the cost?
  - Imported MIP tested bulls that need to be transferred to SNP
  - Association will cover the cost
- b) Appendix A,B,C females in stud sales.
  - Appendix's as clearly stated in ABBA system
  - Buyer Beware
- c) Calendar
  - Calendar timeframes are in the system

3. Correspondence

3.1. Incoming and outgoing correspondence list attached

- 3.1.1. Letter from Accountants re Audit
  - o Discussion held – All is in order with audit
- 3.1.2. Evans Edwards & Assoc. – Management Letter
  - o Report given and discussed both letters & Appendix A
  - o Board informed of new format introduced this year for annual report

3.2. South Africa Letter of Congratulations 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

4. Business arising from correspondence

5. Cloncurry Genetics Muster

- o 110 people attended
- o As many as 10 speakers discussing subjects from BREEDPLAN to Finance Recovery programs
- o 6 councillors present

6. Clermont Feature Show
  - Judge Brett Kinnon with Associate Luke Kinnon
  - 55 Head competed
  - Raglan Mr Viscount as Grand Champion
  - Raglan Madalyn as Grand and Interbreed Female
7. Gympie Female Sale
  - Catalogued 79 Head
  - Top - \$50,000 Warraka Kerri 3294 (PS)
  - 54 Grey - Average - \$11,028
  - 22 Red - Average - \$5523
  - Sold - 76 from 77 Presented – Average \$9434
8. RBWS 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Meeting
  - 910 head lotted
  - Reds – 386, Greys – 523
  - 196 Vendors
  - Upset price \$3500
  - 8.1. Johnes & Liver Fluke Testing for Western Australia
    - WA Eligible will not be included into the catalogue
    - Add to Vendor list \*Check Test Completed
  - 8.2. Sunday function
    - Sunday function to be held at CQLX in the same form as 2020
    - Burgers with a bar available
9. Gold City 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 Meeting
  - 220 head catalogued
  - 104 reds, 116 greys
  - 46 Vendors
  - Upset price \$4000
  - Function Thursday night:
10. Junior Beef Show Rockhampton 2021
  - 103 Attendees
  - Representatives from SQ, NSW and NQ
  - Need more helpers, some young ones were helpful
  - CQ Carcase Classic vendors donated \$11,579 to Junior Beef for future events
11. BEEF 2021
  - 11.1. Judging
    - 175 head judged. Exhibitors group went on to receive Interbreed Champion Group
  - 11.2. Housing of Cattle
    - Led cattle area worked very well
  - 11.3. Reception area and penned section
    - BEEF 2021 was a great event
    - While there were some questions about whether what was in place was actually suitable. Those that were a part of it felt it was excellent with bulls and semen being sold during the week and many good discussions about genetics were had.
    - 75th Anniversary Dinner, Tuesday 4th of May 2021
12. Introducing females into the system without breedings
  - 12.1. Females: Introducing Commercial females into grading up process.
    - To be eligible females must complete the following:

1. 90% Breed DNA Test
  2. Brahman Bundle completed:
    - Including DNA Sire Verification
    - Including Pompes Testing Result
  3. Female fee at normal rate
  4. If above completed the regular ABBA age related registration fee is payable
  5. Female from Non-Member can have prefix of the owner to register.
- Animals need to be registered with ABBA.  
Should these steps be completed the female would be introduced as an Appendix C. These animals' *female only progeny* would be an Appendix D.

#### 12.2. Pregnancy testing of females at shows

Motion to be amended:

Pregnancy Testing of show females can be completed at property of origin. If there is a positive test certificate, with a confirmed age of pregnancy, completed by a registered Australian Veterinarian, two weeks prior to show. Certificate to be emailed to ABBA office. Applies to Royal and Feature Shows for that year.

#### 12.3. Commercial Female Sale

- Sale cancelled due to a lack of numbers. Those that nominated sold their cattle the next day and they sold very well
- Jim Bauer, Elanora Park, sold 10 PTIC Poll females for 643.2c /kg to return \$2960. He sold a further 11 PTIC heifers for 642.2c /kg to \$2940.
- Wendy Eastaugh and Jeff Mitchell, Bye Bos Indicus, sold 8 PTIC heifers for 558.8c /kg to return \$2875. Also offered on the same day were 9 PTIC heifers for 496c /kg to return \$2600.
- August Auctions Plus
- Wendy Eastaugh and Jeff Mitchell, Bye Bos Indicus, sold 8 red heifers, listed as commercial but could be registered, forward in calf to return \$3100.
- Montrose Grazing Company, Trevor & Lyn Pullen, "Montrose" Marlborough, Sold 96 quality EU Grey Brahman Weaner Steers. Topping at 600c/kg to average 582c/kg, weighing 273kg to return \$1,588 per head through agent Brian Dawson Auctions.

#### 13. Poll Testing

- The Neogen Poll Test continues to be investigated and improved with Karen from Neogen working with David Johnston updating any NoResults previously found before the SnP was updated. Individual sires are being investigated such as Moreno Mr Poll Kyros (PS).
- David and Karen believe there is a mutant gene that is limiting the results during testing for Kyros.
- Of course the sire's genotype is only half the picture - it would be good to genotype the dams to complete the analysis.
- Ben Hayes would like to investigate Poll data – Further to follow up

#### 14. Live Export Cost Recovery Update – QLEA Meeting 25/06/21

- Greg Pankhurst started by thanking the 5 agents and ABBA who have contributed funds towards putting information together to gather the true facts of costs for operators and industry. It would not be possible without this support.
- Live Export numbers are strong and the markets remain strong.

- No of cattle exported:
    - 2019 425,000
    - 2020 220,000
    - 2021 110,000 YTD to the end of May
  - 440,000 Head of export across all sectors (Horse, sheep, chickens, cattle etc)
  - A company is being engaged to analyse the true figures of the Live Export businesses involved over '20 -'21, '21 - '22.
  - The increase in fees will begin on the 1st of July 2021.
15. \$100 Calf recording fee over 18 months
- Amnesty of fees at 01/01/2022 to 28/02/2022
16. BREEDPLAN
- 16.1. Review – BC and GP
- BC spoke to major BREEDPLAN members in the breed regarding review and Multibreed.
  - A discussion was held with Russell Barnett
- 16.2. Review & Multi Breed
- Discussion, we told Russell we are not happy with the combination for multi-breed
  - TBTS finished at end of July. Whole project is being reviewed
- 16.3. Multi Country
- Almost 2 Million Cattle involved in the analysis
  - Zimbabwe also involved along with Australia, South Africa, Namibia, USA
17. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- 17.1. Dinner during BEEF
- 370 people attended
- 17.2. NSW Lunch
- 70 people attended
  - George Jacob prepared and presented NSW history
  - Thomas George spoke of the early days of the breed in the Northern Rivers and NSW
- 17.3. Townsville Conference, dinner, bus tour
- Insufficient numbers of attendees
  - Events cancelled
18. Brahman BIN
- 18.1. Spyglass BIN
- No. 9 Kill Spyglass
- 18.2. Brian Pastures BIN
- Data included in Supplementary No.9', 0's and 1's
- 18.3. MLA Contract
- Project has had an extension to include No 1's.
  - The percentage of MLA input remains the same at 33.3%.
  - A further contract will need to be applied for the No 2's.
19. Review of Annual Report
- Discussion held regarding new format and early adoption
20. Financial Statements
- 20.1. Statement of Income & Expenditure with budget and variances (P&L)
- 20.2. Balance Sheet

## 20.3. Investment Report ABBA & Hudgins-McCamley

### 20.3.1. ABBA

### 20.3.2. Hudgins-McCamley

## 21. Treasurer Report

- The business produced a profit in the '20 – '21 year
- Investments regained losses from early 2020

## 22. ABBA Budget 2021 – 2022 - Accepted

## 23. Branch Budgets - Accepted

## 24. Branch Business

### 24.1. North Queensland

- NQ Field Day Mareeba
  - o 15,000 people attended
  - o Good display for the breed
- Charters Towers Expo
  - o 4 Studs displayed
  - o Well Attended
- Townsville Show
  - o Cancelled due to COVID
- Cairns Show
  - o Cancelled due to COVID
  - o Prime cattle moved to Mareeba with ABBA trophy being presented there as recognition of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Good season is happening in the North

### 24.2. South Queensland

- Meeting at Kingaroy - Discussed
- Farmfest
  - o Some SQ members participated

### 24.3. New South Wales

- Upgrade to Primex Site
- Casino Bull Sale
  - o Quality of bulls was good
  - o Average down on previous years
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch – Kyogle
  - o Details reported previously

## 25. Application to register imported animals

- Accepted

## 26. Next Meeting Date

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

## 27. Close of meeting

- 4.15pm