

ABBA South QLD Branch
Minutes of General Meeting, 24 Februar8 2018

Venue:

Kingston House, Gympie QLD

Present: Shane Bishop, Sue and Bill Blakeny, Kirsty Curtis, Gregg Davey, Jack and Linda Gaiter, Bevan Glasgow, Bruce and Debbie Godden, David Harch and Kerry Kelly, Amy Harch, Julie Hurrell, Michelle and Michael Hunter, Peter and Joy Jenicinson, Payton Jennings, Jake Long, Matt Kirk, Ivan and Sharyn Naggs, Neville and Shannon Sommerfeld, Royce Sommerfeld, Richard and Cynthia Stark, Paul and Donna Taylor, Caleb and Sandra Weis, Jesse Zischke, Stuart Vollmerhausen.

Apologies: Kerry Connors, Faye Connors, Valda Weaver, Helyna Weaver, Debbie and Ian Franken, Jim and Jenny Bower, Mitch Hunter, Anastasia Fanning, Matt McCamley, Mitchell Hunter, Matthew Harch, Drew Curtis, Loretta Hagan, Ken Schultz and Sharon Wright, Russell Curran, Les and Felicity Rockemer, William Kaschula, Terry and Chatelle Purcell.

Meeting opened at: 10:10am

Minutes of the previous meeting

- Minutes of the previous meeting were read and found to be a true and correct record
Moved: Amy Harch Seconded: Cynthia Stark Carried

Business arising from munities:

- Letter was sent from the South East Queensland Branch to the Gympie Sale committee with some questions and concerns regarding the sale.
 - o Royce Sommerfeld (Gympie Female Sale Committee) explained the reasons why the committee requested vendors think about reducing numbers. He explained the drought was a contributing factor that affected the market at this time and the sale wanted to present a realistic number of lots.
 - o Shane Bishop explained the reasoning behind keeping the nominations restricted to 5 for new vendors is important to ensure the nominations do not get too high (e.g. up to 300). He also explained that allocation issues should be assessed by the committee on a case to case basis to allow flexibility. Shane thought the committee was managing lot numbers well when the cattle numbers, clearance and averages are considered. It was advised that the rule model for the Gympie Female Sale was similar to that of Brahman week, in that vendors start with 5 lots and this increases each year.
 - o Discussions were had around the marketing of the sale and the branch thought perhaps marketing and advertising could be increased to reflect that the sale is the premier ABBA female sale.
 - o Shane Bishop advised that the rules model of the Gympie Female Sale are similar to the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale in that vendors start with 5 lots and have the ability to earn more each year they sell.
- All agreed that the concerns raised in letter sent to the committee have been resolved and answered.

Motion proposed by Royce Sommerfeld that the allocation for new vendors remain at 5

Second: Caleb Wies Carried

- Bundaberg Feature Show
 - o Committee has been formed
 - o Bevan Glasgow informed the branch he will distribute the schedule soon, he is finalising the due date for entries.
 - o Discussions were had regarding the mouthing of cattle. It was agreed that the person mouthing cattle should be completely independent from the Brahman Show and that decisions should be final.
 - o Concerns were raised regarding the numbers of the cattle that will be nominated for the Bundaberg Feature show due to the timing.
 - o The committee will monitor nomination numbers and make a decision whether it will go ahead this year.
- Merchandising
 - o Discussions around difficulties of deciding what merchandise the branch should purchase for events and concerns about the cost involved in doing this.

Motion moved by Bruce Godden that the branch talk to Anastasia Fanning and discuss the possibility of the branch being able to return items that are not sold at events to ABBA as per previous arrangement.

Second: Bevan Glasgow Carried

- If members are seeking more information regarding BJD they can contact their local DPI. Ivan Naggs from AgForce advised that this is a government issue that is constantly evolving.
- Concerns were raised that some members may not be receiving emails about meetings however it is important to recognise that there have been many changes at ABBA over the last few months and patience is important.

Motion moved by Lynda Gaiter to request that details regarding minutes and meetings be posted by mail to all members.

Second: Cynthia Stark Carried

Correspondence

Outward

Inward

- 2 Junior Beef Applications from Luke Lynam and Alice Purcell (see attached application forms)

Business arising from correspondence

- Alice Purcell was selected at branch representative. Amy Harch to write letters to both applicants informing them of the decision and thanking them for their application.

Treasurers Report

South Queensland Branch Australian Brahman Breeders Assn Financial Report

Equity in SQ Branch

Opening Balance 18-11-2017 **\$1934.19**

Nil transactions since July 2017

Closing Balance 21-02-2018 **\$1934.19**

SQ Branch WR BAUER MEMORIAL AC

Balance as at 18-11-2017 **\$2982.90**

Nil transactions since July 2017

Balance as at 22-02-2018 **\$2982.90**

Treasurers report was presented and moved to be a true and correct record

Moved: Amy Harch Seconded: Cynthia Stark Carried

Business arising from Treasures report

- Proposal to check if the Bauer Account is currently earning interest.
- Discussions regarding how it would be easier if the branch was able to control the finances external from ABBA. A suggestion is to be made to ABBA that this be looked at on a case by case basis in terms of compliance with reporting that is required for auditing.

Motion moved by Linda Gaiter to propose to ABBA that they look at branches being able to control their own finances on a case by case basis.

Seconded: Bevan Glasgow Carried

General Business

- Cynthia Stark provided an update regarding Farmfest. Richard Stark has made the new gates for the shed. It would be helpful if members were able to help at FarmFest.
- Bruce Godden commended the hard work of the FarmFest committee.
- Bruce Godden Thanked Matthew Kirk for attending the meeting and representing the Council
- Bruce Godden thanked everyone for attending the meeting, it's great to see so many people here.

Meeting Closed: 11:30am

Next Meeting

The Criterion Hotel Dalby

Saturday 7th July 10am