

**DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF
VICTORIA
WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017**

SPECIAL A.G.M. ISSUE

**NOTICE OF D.G.S.A. Victorian Branch Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING and GENERAL MEETING**

To be held on the 5th August 2017 commencing at 11am.

Venue: Sandown Park Hotel, Cnr Corrigan Rd & Princes Hwy, Noble Park VIC 3174

The hotel also has a delicious menu to choose from for Luncheon!

This issue is just for A.G.M. information there will be another issue out soon.

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Presidents Message

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm and dry now that Winter is well and truly upon us. Most of you would now be waiting for the results of the mating programs you have put in place. With any luck you will end up with lots of healthy kids.

Our AGM is to be held on Saturday 5 August at the Sandown Hotel. You will find details in the newsletter. It would be great if you were able to come along and have a meal and catch up with other members of the Vic Branch. If you have ever thought about coming on the committee and being part of the day to day running of our branch we would warmly welcome you to get onboard. We have in recent years reviewed and reduced the number of physical meetings to four in total for the year. Presently with the make-up of the committee we hold two meetings in Melbourne and two in Gippsland which hopefully makes it quite accessible and not too burdensome to be on the committee. For several years we have had vacancies and new faces with new ideas are always needed. So please if you are interested in being part of our committee then feel free to come along to our AGM or if you cannot make it then you can still put in a nomination form.

If you have any questions or would like any further information about being a committee member then please feel free to contact either myself or another one of our current committee members.

Hoping you all have a successful kidding season and with any luck I may catch up with some of you at show somewhere throughout the coming year.

Regards

Rick

Dairy Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc.

(A0019830J)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 6/8/16 at 11.20am Venue: Sandown Park Hotel, Cnr Corrigan Rd & Princes Hwy., Noble Park.

WELCOME: The President, Mr Ricky Howard welcomed those present & thanked them for their attendance.

PRESENT: Ricky Howard, Rhonda Patton, Carol & Charlie Burns, Belinda Appleton, Trevor Waterston, Shelly Gatt, Derek Taylor, Lill Roberts, Roger Sawley and Peter & Glenis Keays.

APOLOGIES: Bryony LePoidevin, Vicki Wright, Nina Smith, Kirsti Stephens, Heather & Jack Robinson, Sharyn Carmichael and Ilana Leeds.

Moved T. Waterston, seconded B. Appleton "The apologies be received and noted"
Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting have been published in the Autumn newsletter and were taken as read.

AMENDMENTS: Nil.

Moved R. Patton, seconded T. Waterston "The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, as printed in the Autumn 2016 newsletter be received and adopted"
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

REPORTS:

President's Report: Ricky Howard read his report as attached below. R. Howard moved, seconded Carol burns "The President's Report be received & adopted"
Carried

Treasurer's Report: Ricky Howard presented the financial report for the 2015/2016 financial year. Discussion ensued at length on some items. The possible need for more promotional activity/materials was discussed. Moved R. Howard, seconded S. Gatt "The Treasurer's Report be received & adopted"
Carried

Secretary's Report: Glenis Keays read her report as attached below. Discussion ensued on the continuing decline in involvement by the members. Moved G. Keays, seconded D. Taylor "The Secretary's Report be received & adopted"

Carried

HONORARY AUDITOR: Mr Peter Keays was invited to continue to check the annual financial statements. Moved R. Howard, seconded R. Patton "That Mr Keays be invited to check the statements of income & expenditure for 2016/2017"

Carried

Election of Committee and Office Bearers:

All positions were declared vacant and as no formal nominations have been received, nominations were called for from the floor. R. Howard suggested all retiring members be returned plus Derek Taylor be added. The meeting unanimously agreed that this be done. Nominations were then called for position of:

President - Ricky Howard was nominated by T. Waterston. As there was only one nomination R. Howard was declared President.

Vice-President – Trevor Waterston was nominated by B. Appleton. As there was only one nomination T. Waterston was declared Vice-President.

Treasurer - Ricky Howard was nominated for the position of treasurer by R. Patton. As there was only one nomination for position of Treasurer R. Howard was declared Treasurer.

Secretary (formerly Public Officer) - Glenis Keays was nominated by R. Patton. As there was only one nomination G. Keays was declared Secretary.

Committee for the year 2015/16 is: R. Howard (President/Treasurer), T. Waterston, (Vice-President), R. Patton, B. LePoidevin, B. Appleton, V. Wright, S. Gatt, D. Taylor & G. Keays.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Awards:

Stockgain Dairy Doe of the Year Awards:

Full results for the 2014/2015 year have not been received. It was agreed that R. Howard would use only the material he has at hand to finalise that year's results and they will be publicised in the next appropriate newsletter. Moving on the adoption of forms for members to collect points will make the next award's calculations much easier.

Beckwith Trophy: as there are no Clubs/Royal Shows holding milk tests for "off-farm" testing of goats, it was unanimously agreed that this award will lapse.

Owen Dawson Trophy: the winner for 2014/2015 has not as yet been forwarded by the Milk Awards Officer. Discussion ensued as to what to do with the trophy. It was decided to print a certificate and send it to the winner each year as well as putting a notice in the newsletter, the AGW and on the web site. A list of all previous winners could also appear. Moved Charlie Burns, seconded R. Patton "The physical Beckwith and Owen Dawson Trophies be redundant with an appropriate certificate given and notification in the newsletter, the AGW and on the web site"

Carried

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm

Rick Howard.

Presidents report for AGM 6 August 2016.

I am beginning to sound like a broken record, but yet another year has gone by and unfortunately it has been another very quiet one – possibly the quietest I can recall. While I can appreciate that this could be interpreted as good on the one hand in terms of not having any real issues for the Branch to deal, on the other hand it is disappointing in terms of trying to work out what our members want or need from the committee. I know I ask this every year but if any member has any issues or concerns or possibly some suggestions as to how we can better assist you or your endeavours to promote our dairy goats, then please let us know.

It seems to be that we have a very small committee and a handful of other members who take time out of their busy lives to help at shows and Field Days etc. However there are a great many of our members from whom we never hear anything. Is there something we as a committee can do to encourage input from these members?

In May this year we attended the Annual DGSA Ltd AGM and Federal Council meetings, which was quite an exciting meeting in terms of getting three new breeds recognised by the DGSA. (La Mancha, Nigerian Dwarf and Alpine). Hopefully with the work from a few dedicated breeders and the recognition of these new breeds by the DGSA we may be able to encourage new members and breeders.

On a more local front unfortunately due to such low entry numbers at the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show they cancelled the Dairy Goat Section for 2015 and at the time of writing this I have not heard if they are looking at having dairy goats for this year's show. The Branch recognised the Royal Geelong Show as our 'Royal' for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their efforts to the successful running of the society during the year and also their support and assistance to me as President – it has been very much appreciated and certainly made my task as President an enjoyable one.

I would like to thank Bryony for taking over the role of newsletter editor and would encourage people to contact Bryony if they have any articles or suggestions for the newsletter. I would also like to thank Bev Stent for her efforts as the Country Publicity Officer.

I would like to thank Rhonda for her efforts as the AGW Correspondent in co-ordinating articles etc for the AGW when we are the feature state. I am aware that at times this has been somewhat frustrating and more difficult than it needs to be.

I would also like to thank Glenis for her tireless work and often unrecognised efforts as the Secretary of the Branch. The Secretary position is probably one of the most under rated and hardest positions to fill on any committee, yet such a necessary role if you are to have a proper functioning committee. So thank you Glenis for your continued work in this role.

Lastly, I would like to thank those members of the Victorian Branch for their contribution to the overall success of the DGSA and our Branch. I would again encourage all of you to consider contributing in any way you can to assist with the successful running of our Branch and promotion of dairy goats.

I wish you all the very best for a trouble free and rewarding kidding season and I hope to see some of you at the various agricultural shows.

Kind regards

Rick Howard

President

2015/2016 SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the 2015/2016 year, Committee has dealt with: 34 items of correspondence; 10 applications for new or altered membership/rejoining/prefix changes; 15 applications to hold 24-hour milk tests and 20 milk award applications. Classification continues with members being able to use this very valuable tool in their breeding considerations. Unfortunately membership numbers continue to decline as do the numbers participating in the formal activities within the Branch. This is very disappointing.

Communications via email enables much business to be done without a physical meeting. Members are welcome to attend committee meetings which are held approximately 6-weekly. If you would like to attend a committee meeting, please confirm meeting times & dates with the secretary.

Federal Council was held in Brisbane in May with Councillors Rick Howard, Trevor Waterston, Bryony LePoidevin and Belinda Appleton attended with Glenis Keays being unable to attend - her proxy was held by Rick. A brief overview of the meetings has appeared in the AGW.

I sincerely thank all committee members for their dedication & time spent doing DGSA tasks - we all work tirelessly for the benefit of dairy goats. Bev Stent continues as our country publicity officer, her enthusiasm & time spent is most valuable to the Branch. We appreciate every effort members make to promote our wonderful animals at events such as the Seymour Farm Expo, the Ballarat Rural Expo as well as Farmers Markets etc. Promotional events are a wonderful way to show off our beautiful productive animals and we encourage more members to become involved. Thank you to Bryony who has taken over the newsletter editor role. You (the members) have already experienced a shift in delivery of this publication - an emailed copy to each member with an

email address! With the rapid increase in postage & printing costs, this enables us to produce a better newsletter with you receiving a much larger and colourful production.

Don't forget when selling animals encourage new owners who may not be DGSA members to join our Society. Also it would be wonderful to see some new faces taking on responsibilities in running the Branch & promoting dairy goats. The more workers we have, the load for those current committee members lessens - for all of us our time is valuable, but a little spent in helping out benefits you, the Victorian DGSA members. We need your support and input so please let us know of ways YOU may be able to assist!

Glenis Keays

Hon. Secretary

6/8/16

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GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

The fate of the trophies as discussed at the AGM was discussed again and all agreed that they would be passed on to Shelly Gatt.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm

NOTICES OF MOTION

This will be voted on at the Meeting.

"DGSA Victorian Branch By-Laws

Updating Motion

Current Milk Award By-Law

MILK AWARDS

32. The Committee shall appoint a Milk Awards Officer to:
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 - .Vi) 24 hour Competition points
 - A) Standard height does - Q* points multiplied by 3
 - B) Nigerian Dwarf does - Q* points multiplied by 9
 - Vii) Herd Recording Competition Points
 - A) Standard height does - Kilograms of Milk (minus last digit) plus Kilograms of Butterfat, plus Kilograms of Protein, divided by 3
 - B) Nigerian Dwarf does - Kilograms of Milk (minus last digit) plus Kilograms of Butterfat, plus Kilograms of Protein, divided by 3
 - Viii) all competition points are for the lifetime of the animal

Reason: The Milk Award show calculations reflect that Nigerian Dwarf's are considered to milk 1/3 of a Standard height doe's volume"

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

If you, or someone you know, would like to stand for Committee, please note that nominations must reach the Secretary, Glenis Keays, RMB 8680, Bannockburn, 3331 no later than 20th July 2017. A nomination form appears below or write/email giving details to the Secretary. Please think seriously about giving a small amount of your valuable time to assist in the running of the DGSA Victorian Branch

AGENDA (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

1. Meeting to commence at 11am
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Sandown Park Hotel 5th August 2017
4. Business arising
5. President's Annual Report
6. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement
7. Secretary's Annual Report
8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
9. Committee Elections
10. Close

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY I, of
..... being a Member of the Dairy
Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc. appoint : of
..... being also a member of that
Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the General Meeting of the
Association to be held on ...5th August 2017 and at any adjournment of that Meeting. My proxy is
authorised to vote in favour of / against (*) the following resolution / s : [insert details of the
resolution / s] :

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..... (*)

Delete if not applicable MEMBER'S SIGNATURE DATE

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE - D.G.S.A. VICTORIAN BRANCH INC.

NOMINEE:

NUMBER OF YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF THE DGSA:

No. OF YEARS AS AN OFFICER OF THE BRANCH:

RESUME

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The Nominator must also be a financial member of the DGSA.

Nominated by:

Signature

I agree to my nomination Name.....

Signature.....

MILK AWARD REQUIREMENT FOR SHOWS

There are two classes you can enter at Shows if you have a Milk Award. The first is Type & Production Q*. This class is for does who have obtained a Q* or *Q*. The second is Type & Production Herd Recording this class is for does who have obtained R or F figures .

A RS or FS award does not make your doe eligible for this class. In Victoria the Milk Awards Officer will supply you with a BLUE CARD which has your points on. You MUST take this card to the show. This card should be checked by Stewards for points and the date of the test. NO CARD NO ENTERING CLASS. Also points obtained must be verified by the Milk Awards Officer you can't work out your own points and then enter the class. If your milk test is very close to the show as long as you have butterfat results and can scan or email me a copy of your test I am happy to provide a temporary points card by email for you to take to the show. Once your award has been approved a BLUE CARD will be provided. If everyone follows these rules it makes these classes fair and equitable for all eligible does. Milk Award payment is due when you claim for the award. All awards are \$5 each a Section Mark and Dagger are two separate awards. You need to read your current Herd book which has all the Milk Awards Information in. Any queries contact the Milk Awards Officer.

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