

MINUTES OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRECON & RADNOR SUCKLED CALF  
REARERS LTD HELD AT AGRICULTURAL HOUSE, LLANELWEDD, BUILTH WELLS ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2017 AT 7.30PM

**Present:** Mr David Thomas in the chair from the outset together with 7 members as per attendance book.

CR.01.17      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE

Apologies were received from Glyn Owens, Gethin Havard and Chris Thomas

CR.02.17      MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were circulated to members, read, confirmed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Ivor Lewis and seconded by Michael Morgan.

CR.03.17      MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CR.04.17      CORRESPONDENCE

None received

CR.05.17      CHAIRMANS REPORT

David Thomas gave his report as previously circulated to members. He informed members that the beef market was in a positive position with a steady rise in prices through the year coming into the autumn.

Past sale calf numbers are dropping year on year and we need to retain calf numbers in order to continue our sales for the future. Our role as a society in the long term will be in question if numbers continue to drop. Hopefully we can retain and build on numbers.

He mentioned that Herd health status is becoming more prominent and as a society perhaps we need to look to the future regards buyer awareness.

CR.06.17      ACCOUNTS

Mr Chris Kendrick had prepared the accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and these were presented at the meeting. The accounts were adopted, proposed by Mike Morgan and seconded by Ivor Lewis

The chairman mentioned the following points:

The levy was down this year which was due to there being no levy charged at knighton sale.

CR.07.17      SPONSORSHIP

Hay & Brecon Farmers are happy to continue their sponsorship for the forthcoming year 2017 – 2018 and review it annually. The chairman said this was very pleasing for us as will help the society with our expenses.

CR.08.17

## 2017 SALE ARRANGEMENTS

Entries for the Sennybridge sale close on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September and the sale will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

David summarised previous dialog with Glyn Owens from McCartneys regards the Knighton sale this year. He proposed that BRSCR members be dispersed throughout the sale and just noted as BRSCR members and not have their own section at the end of the sale. Glyn had said if BRSCR still want their section it will have to go at end of the sale.

Tom Harris said the society needs to retain its section or we will lose our identity.

Prizes would be difficult to have if calves were spread out throughout market.

Was discussed the other option was to have our old sale date back (31<sup>st</sup> October 2017) and go back to having our own sale. Members thought this was a preferred option but is it too late for this year and would we manage to get enough calves numbers.

It was decided to ask if we can have our own sale on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and if not remain within the McCartneys sale and disperse the members.

The chairman said he would discuss with Glyn and inform society in due course.

CR.09.17

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman – David Thomas was re-elected on the proposal of Michael Morgan and seconded by Tom Harris

Vice Chairman – Michael Morgan was re-elected on the proposal of Ivor Lewis and seconded by Tom Harris.

Field Officer – Ivor Lewis was re-elected on the proposal of David Thomas and seconded by Michael Morgan

CR.10.17

## MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members on list due to retire were re-elected enbloc.

CR.11.17

## PUBLICITY

The secretary mentioned that the Facebook group was a great way of publicising the society and our sales. She asked for members to send in photographs of the calves they have for sale.

CR.12.17

## ADVERTISING

If sales stay 3 weeks apart will need to be 2 adverts. If a week apart will only be 1 advert. First advert needs to be placed in the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October edition of Farmers Guardian.

CR.13.17

ENTRY FORMS

Sennybridge entry forms gone out and are due back in on Saturday.

With Knighton sale will have to wait and see what sale date is decided.

Cr.14.17

SALE PRIZES & SPONSORSHIP

Secretary confirmed Hay and Brecon Farmers, The Charolais society, The Limousin society and Caleb Roberts had confirmed. But still waiting confirmation from Agri Lloyd, Agri Knighton and Teme Valley Tractors.

It was suggested to have a bull section in the Knighton sale, which they used to have years ago. Was decided to leave for this year and if we get our own sale back can consider next year.

CR.15.17

BUYERS LETTERS

Will go out with Sennybridge catalogues from secretary. With Knighton will forward buyers letters and envelopes to McCartney's and they will post out catalogues due to time scales, and bill us for the postage. Letters to include Facebook and website links.

CR.16.17

SALE DATES 2018

Sennybridge – Either Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Probably 16<sup>th</sup>

Knighton – possibly 30<sup>th</sup> October if moving date otherwise 13<sup>th</sup> November.

CR.17.17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chairman mentioned to members that when you have your full herd TB test you can blood test young calves to see if they have been exposed to BVD and there is a £500 funding from Welsh Government.

There was no other business and the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....