

MINUTES OF THE 59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRECON & RADNOR SUCKLED CALF
REARERS LTD HELD AT AGRICULTURAL HOUSE, LLANELWEDD, BUILTH WELLS ON WENESDAY 9TH
SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present: Mr David Thomas in the chair from the outset together with 11 members as per attendance book.

CR.01.15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE

Apologies were received from Chris Kendrick, James Jones and Wynne Pugh.

CR.02.15 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 Tom Harris and seconded by Chris Thomas.

CR.03.15 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman mentioned dialogue with HCC, who spoke to Randall Parker to see if there was any potential benefit to our brand, but said we do not have enough numbers of cattle to be worth it. HCC were keen to pursue other avenues as they are concerned with declining cattle numbers and the chairman said not to draw a line under it.

There were no other matters arising.

CR.04.15 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

CR.05.15 CHAIRMANS REPORT

David Thomas gave his report as previously circulated to members. Chair summarised last year's sale prices. Beef is one of few commodities profitable at the moment unlike the other sectors. He stressed that declining calf numbers at our sales is as always the biggest challenge facing our society. He said the combining of our Knighton sale with McCartney's own November sale is a better offering for buyers. As a society we need to be conscious of costs. He thanked the committee, field officer and secretary for their continued support and felt that prospects for this year's sales are looking promising as beef prices are bouncing back.

CR.06.15 ACCOUNTS

Mr Chris Kendrick had prepared the accounts to 30th September 2014 and these were presented at the meeting. The accounts were adopted, proposed by Michael Morgan and seconded by Chris Thomas.

a) BUSINESS STATUS

The chairman explained that the society was still having issues with our banking arrangements and changing over the signatories due to set up of the society. The situation is ongoing and the chairman and secretary will look into the matter which might result in constitutional changes in the future.

CR.07.15

SPONSORSHIP

Hay & Brecon Farmers 3 year arrangement has now finished. But are happy to continue their sponsorship for the forthcoming year 2015 – 2016. It was agreed to write letter thanking them for their continued support.

CR.08.15

2015 SALE ARRANGEMENTS

Sennybridge sale date is the 20th October and the closing date for entry forms will be the last Wednesday of September as in previous years. With regards to the Knighton sale, Glyn Owens commented it worked alright last year and it was agreed in meeting to continue on the same basis this year combining the sales with this year's sale being the 10th November. Glyn Said to leave BRSCR at end of catalogue as last year and vendors were happy with this. It was mentioned that there was less TB in the area so hopefully numbers would be up this year at the knighton sale. The levy issue regards Knighton was discussed and it was mentioned it would be hard to have one section in sale with levy and one without so it was agreed to continue not to charge the society levy this year at Knighton

The secretary mentioned that there would be separate mailings for each sale as there is 3 weeks between the sales.

CR.09.15

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman – David Thomas was re-elected on the proposal of Ivor Lewis and seconded by Gethin Havard

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

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

CR.10.15

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Apart from Wynne Pugh who asked to stand down from the committee, all other members due to retire were re-elected enbloc with the addition of Mr Andrew Reynolds. Proposed by Edward Harris and seconded by Gethin Havard.

CR.11.15

PUBLICITY

The secretary was to set up a Facebook group for the society to publicize the society and sales. She asked for members to send in photos of calves for this year's sales.

CR.12.15

ADVERTISING

The secretary said farmers Guardian had quoted CTF £223 +vat, it was agreed to put an advert in for the Fri 10th edition to cover the Sennybridge sale, and to put an advert in later for the Knighton sale. It was agreed the

advert photo should be updated and the secretary asked members to send in any photos they have that could be suitable.

CR.13.15 ENTRY FORMS

Will need to do separate mailing for the sales as are 3 weeks apart. Closing date for Sennybridge will be last Wednesday of September. Glyn said 30th October should be closing date for Knighton sale. Usual letter will go out with forms.

Cr.14.15 SALE PRIZES & SPONSORSHIP

Members were happy with the format and prizes on offer. Secretary stated Prizes confirmed to date are HBF for both sales as per last year, Caleb Roberts for Sennybridge, Charolais society for both sales as per last year. All other sponsors still to confirm.

Chris Thomas suggested having a Pat Tantrum Cup. It was discussed could be given to Buyers. Glyn said would need to be done discreetly as could cause unrest between buyers. It was then mentioned

CR.15.15 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.16.15 SALE DATES 2016

Sennybridge – Tues 18th Oct

Knighton – Tuesday 8th Nov

CR.17.15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The secretary asked members present to review list of knighton members to send entry forms out to and asked if any additions should be added onto list.

There was no other business and the meeting was declared closed at 9.18pm.

Signed Dated