

DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP SOCIETY - AGM 2024 - Item 10

Proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Nicola Ashworth of Spotlight Flock 365

Proposal that: ***“That within the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society, no prefix name can be used to advertise any other flocks, sales or shows”.***

Nicola explains that their prefix is Spotlight and when searching for Spotlight Dutch Spotted Sheep on the web, the sale at Carlisle comes up and this encourages users to go to those flocks and not the one belonging to the flock Spotlight. After taking legal advice, a lawyer has explained that using someone else's prefix to advertise a group sale is known as passing off and has advised that a change to the society constitution would protect all members.

Proposed Resolution

Daryl Brown of Polaris Flock 020

Open Meetings Resolution

The Society will hold **at least two** ‘Open Meetings’ each year **in addition** to the AGM by way of Zoom Meeting which are open to all fully paid up members. At the ‘Open Meetings’ the trustees update the members on but not limited to, recent activities, upcoming plans and trustee decisions and receive questions and feedback from the membership.

The meetings should be scheduled to split the year as equally as possible into three taking into account the date of AGM. I believe this will allow for better communication and collaboration with the membership throughout the year.

At the moment members only have this opportunity once a year at the AGM or if they make effort to contact individual trustees or staff directly. As a membership organisation which has seen phenomenal growth, in large part because of the efforts and enthusiasm of the member, I believe ‘Open Meetings’ to be a fair expectation from the members. There is precedent set for this in other organisations and I feel such meetings should help the membership feel like they have a greater say in how their organisation is run.