

# Dutch Spotted Sheep Society

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Dutch Spotted Sheep Society held on Friday 25 August 2023 at The Auctioneer, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 2RS at 7pm.

### Present:

Chairperson A Jackson (008 – Tiptop), Vice-Chair E Adamson (047 – Kilroot), Secretary J Cannon, Treasurer P Eminson (003 – Highclose), Harrison & Hetherington Representatives & Scrutineers – J Bowman & A McGregor, A & P Parker (001 – Lochlad), A Beattie (104 – Carlaustan), A Grindal (771 – Lark), A McKerrow (179 – Champany), A Middleton, ARP & DR Wilson (254 – Cnwch), B Charter (087 - Goblin’s Nook) B Davies (061 – Ty-Gwyn), B Scott (012 – Speyside), C Hodgson (764 – Scotch Isle), C Patterson (113 – True View), C Plummer (306 – Westwood), D Amson (119 – Sandstone), D Brown (020 – Polaris), D & I Thompson (430 – Waterside), G Robb (177 – Stairstar), I Crump & A Thomas (073 – Foxglove), J & A Budge (051 – Knockglass), J & J Corbett (135 – Wedderburn), J & J Stead (353 – Middlemoor), J & M Bushby (344 – Leighbridge), J Marshall (049 – Struie), J Reilly (438 – Glentaisie), K & J Sim (673 – Chapel House), K Leivers (006 – Glenfield), L Nash (060 – Merryboro), L Needham (475 – Laurelle), L Ritch (415 – Blutshun), L Spencer (683 – Gables Farm), M & L Robertson (137 – Lakeside), M Hunt, M Jones (285 – Ffridd), M Rowlandson (002 – Damson), N & C Lockyer (201 – Crayola), N & N Foster (173 – Outberry), P & S Mitchell (487 – Lowerhouse), R Baker (015 – Cofton), R & G Jones (055 – Pentre), R Heigh (069 – Brookdene), R Oxley (025 – Barholm), S Fowlie & C Rai (442 – Braeside), S Hayward, S Jones (230 – Rhosymadoc), S Lee (250 – Tunnel Hill).

### 1. Welcome from the Chair

Chairperson A Jackson welcomed all those in attendance.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

were received from: E Ford, A & M Wood, S Greig, D Marshall and B Stephen

### 3. To confirm the minutes of:

- a. The AGM held on Sunday 6 November 2022
  - i. Proposed by J Budge
  - ii. Seconded by E Adamson

### 4. Matters Arising from:

- a. The AGM held on Sunday 6 November 2022
  - i. NIL

### 5. Chairmans Report

A Jackson provided a brief report on the progress of the breed over the last 12 months, highlighting the brilliant results in shows and sales across the UK. He credited all members and breeders for continuing to display a tremendous quality of Dutch Spotted Sheep. Figures to note were the Society membership crossing the 800 mark, and record entries at the majority of sales. Mr Jackson offered thanks to Interim Chair, Derek Hall, for his efforts during the coming together of the two Societies, and Registrations Secretary, Rachel Buckle for providing the Society with her knowledge and experience during her employment.

Those in attendance were provided with an update on the hiring process of a new Registrations Secretary. The first rounds of interviews have taken place, with 6 candidates being interviewed by a panel and the hope was to have a successful candidate in place in a matter of weeks.

Thanks were offered to the out-going trustees for all their hard work throughout their time in office, and best wishes to the on-coming trustees. Ali concluded his report by praising vendors on a tremendous display of stock and strong line ups in the pre-sale show held earlier in the day, congratulated Robbie & Dale on their overall championship and wished all vendors the best of luck for the sale.

### 6. Accounts

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- a. Treasurers Report and accounts to the year ending 30 April 2023
  - i. Society Treasurer, Penny Eminson, offered the following report to the floor:

## **Treasurer's Report for AGM 2023**

The society is still growing at a pace with a membership of 714 operating flocks as at 30 April 2023 and an increase of 157 on the previous year.

As of today, we have registered 821 flocks.

Increased membership means increased revenue and we have a healthy bank balance. The current account balance was £26225.64 at 30 April and we also had a savings pot of £185901.80. The figures given this year in the AGM pack are in a simplified format recommended by our auditing accountants.

Other interesting numbers are: Registrations in the year 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, - Imported 32 males and 311 females; Grades – G4 – 2173, G3 – 481, G2 – 65 and G1 – 18; Ram registrations 1378 (179 more than in the previous year) and Female registrations 2818 (446 fewer than in previous year); There were 1229 transfers into non-member flocks and 2276 between member flocks.

A few other comments:

I would like to remind you that all our charges are VATABLE, so even if you transfer an "older sheep" where the registration certificates states a £3.00 transfer fee, we will charge £3.60 as VAT has to be added.

Renewals by standing order – I can report that around a quarter of you did this, a further 30% paid in the first week or so of May by BACS, which is good enough as long as it is on time. We do still have 61 flocks who have not renewed. They don't have access to Grassroots now, but I am sure that many will renew when they get around to their registrations, that's what usually happens. However, renewals have definitely been quicker than in previous years.

Make sure that your details are up to date with the society. We cannot communicate with you unless we have correct emails, phone numbers and addresses etc.

When you do send us emails or letters, make sure that you tell us who you are too, we have many members with same surnames and it can be difficult to identify unless you tell us.

And finally, remember that we are approachable and if you have a question, please send an email or give us a ring. We are here to help you.

Thank you

Penny Eminson Accounts and Treasurer DSSS

- ii. Approval of Accounts
  1. The accounts were approved by Edward Adamson
  2. And seconded by Keth Leivers
- b. To elect JT Rennie & Co, Dumfries, as the DSSS accountant for the forthcoming year
  - i. JT Rennie & Co, Dumfries were elected by a unanimous decision.

## **7. Election of Trustees**

The following Trustees retired at the AGM as per rotation:

- a. Ali Jackson (Tiptop)
- b. Drew Guthrie (Myreside)
- c. Elliot Ford (Maverick)
- d. Megan Rowlandson (Damson)
- e. Shirley Clarke (Sass)
- f. Sian Jones (Rhosydamac)

The following members were nominated to stand for the 2023 Trustee Elections:

- a. Cath Difford (Hilltop)
- b. Chloe Patterson (True View)
- c. Eilidh Horton (Murtles)
- d. Gemma Stanford (Spruit)
- e. Imogen Crump (Foxglove)

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- f. Laura Needham (Laurelle)
- g. Robbie Alman-Wilson (Cnwch)
- h. Sam Lee (Tunnel Hill)
- i. Shirley Clarke (Sass)

Harrison & Hetherington representatives, J Bowman & A McGregor, acted as independent scrutineers and counted all votes received. The membership voted as follows:

Cath Difford – 29

Chloe Patterson – 33

Eilidh Hortin – 15

Gemma Stanford – 35

Imogen Crump – 22

Laura Needham – 11

Robbie Alman-Wilson – 41

Sam Lee – 12

Shirley Clarke – 9

As a result of the vote, Chairperson, Ali Jackson welcomed Cath Difford, Chloe Patterson, Gemma Stanford, Imogen Crump and Robbie Alman-Wilson to the committee of Trustees.

## 8. Any Other Business

- a. D Brown queried if the Society intended to introduce an early ram sale into the 2024 Sale Calendar. It was agreed that this would be put forward and discussed by the trustees at their next meeting.
- b. A Parker put forward the suggestion that promotions and marketing should be a paid role within the Society. This was agreed by all and would be looked into by the trustees.
- c. P Mitchell requested clarification regarding what type of animal we would be looking to breed and where the breed, and Society, would be in the next seven years. Chairman, A Jackson, responded to this query with the suggestion that it was up to the breeders and the buyers to make this decision. The Society can only promote what the breeders produce and long term, the commercial and pedigree buyers will dictate what 'type' of Spotty the breeders are producing.

Ali Jackson concluded the Annual General Meeting by thanking all members, trustees and staff with whom he had worked with during his time in office as both a Trustee, and the Chairperson, before thanking all those for attending.

A Parker offered thanks to Ali for all the work and promotion he himself has done for the breed. E Adamson reiterated these thanks and offered thanks to all other outgoing trustees.

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm