

Upper Clutha A&P Society
Annual General Meeting
Edgewater Resort Hotel Wanaka 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm
Minutes

Welcome from Chairman to Life Members, Mayor Jim Bolt, Community Board members, Society members and Sponsors

Apologies: Bronwyn McCarthy, FMG; Bridget Johnson, Jill Bruce, Dan Pinckney, Lynne Fegan, Linda & Kevin Wall, Phill Hunt, Ross McRobie, Karen Ruddenklau, Richard Burdon, Bill Gibson, Tussock Lucas, Sylvia Morris, Warren Hewson, Pete & Dee Gordon and Boyd Ottrey.

Moved and accepted Ralph Fegan seconded Fe Howie carried

Obituaries: Sharon Robertson, Violet Robertson, Bridget Rennie,

Moment of silence was held

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting – Taken as read (copies available)

Moved Robbie Gibson Seconded Lesly Stewart carried

Matters Arising from Minutes - Nothing

Event Manager's report for the 2018-2019 year, Upper Clutha A & P Society

It gives me great pleasure to the present the Upper Clutha A & P Society's Event Management Report for 2019.

The 82nd Wanaka A & P Show held on the 8 & 9 March - was once again a very successful event. We welcomed approximately 35,000 visitors to the grounds over two days.

The Show had a tentative start with torrential rain, forcing an evacuation of the grounds for safety reasons. Our planned procedures worked well and efficiently, giving us the confidence that total evacuation could be effected within 30 minutes – despite there being no perceived danger by those on the grounds and without sirens! Thanks to all our contractors, trade exhibitors, and members of the public who coped admirably with our weather issues. The rain was all but over by Friday morning and it wasn't long before we had blue skies overhead. There were some compounding effects of the rain,

but for the general public, life went back to normal and the Show carried on.

Our numbers were slightly down on previous years but there is no need for concern. Many factors may have contributed to this – i.e.: the number of events held in our area at this time of year - the Cavalcade being held the previous weekend, the Motatapu changed to a 2-day event, predicted unfavourable weather, & slightly lower equestrian and sheep entries. Despite this, responses from our visitors were very positive, with comments reflecting the relaxed atmosphere, and the pleasant and carefully planned layout.

The Trade side of the event remains strong and consistent. Exhibitors were in good spirits, despite some flooded sites. All ‘mucked in’ and reported good sales over the 2 days. The total number of exhibitors was 485, with an extensive list unable to be catered for. Farmlands, our official partners, have indicated they wish to move their site to Gate 2. (Lakeside Wanaka end). This will increase foot traffic in this area and spread the rural commercial businesses. The winner of the Large Trade was Safari Tents NZ Ltd; and the Small Trade site winner, Southern Grain Spirits Ltd.

Ticketing offered a welcome improvement from the previous year; and we’re still working closely with Dash to ensure future progress.

In general, Livestock entries were down in most sections. However, this is also of no concern, as it is reflective of the well-recognised ‘wave trend’. All stock was of excellent quality, providing outstanding competition.

The Young Farmers took on the unenviable task of running and organizing the Gift Lamb section. They achieved outstanding results - contacting, collecting, weighing and in some cases - debating with the judges as to the best lambs. The Young Farmers Club increased the entries by 75% and was deservedly rewarded by reaping the benefits of the profit.

The Fleece Wool sections are looking to involve the Wool Classers in future, which is predicted to increase entries in the fleece wool competition. They are also looking to display blade shearers and a ‘fleece to garment’ expo.

As you will see from the Financial Performance Report, our finances are in splendid health, with an increase in profit margin of 9.5% on the 2018 Performance Report. This is an ongoing and welcome trend. The report reflects increases and decreases in various areas, but the overall result is most commendable.

Features for the 2020 show include our theme of showcasing ‘Farming Diversity’ in the Upper Clutha. We will also offer an interactive experience with a “Farmyard” area, which has been requested by visitors over the yearsand topping the entertainment schedule for 2020 are the NZ Army Band, an all-round favourite with young and old.

We are proud to be hosting delegates from the World Hereford Conference which is scheduled for Queenstown. The Wanaka A & P Show will be the location for the Young Breeders Competitions, which includes 8 four-member teams from NZ, Australia, the UK, Ireland, Sweden and the US. These teams will compete in a Clipping Competition on the Thursday; and Heifer judging on the Friday as part of the Cattle Section – including a special Hereford feature. Both events will be a Hereford showcase, appealing to rural and urban visitors.

The Sheep Section will be welcoming delegates from the Merino Excellence 2020 Conference and Tour, this section of the tour has been designed around our A & P Show. We will host delegates from Argentina, South Africa Australia, USA and Uruguay.

Another focus for the Management team in 2020 is to attract and foster volunteers in the 25-40 age groups. This is being launched with a relaxed “Have a Chat” gathering - a time to listen and discuss ideas relating to their future involvement as prospective volunteers. The Management Team also aim to add more a ‘social component’ to the committee meetings held throughout the year.

Annually we make improvements and amendments to our Health and Safety polices. Of importance next year will be distribution of material, and feedback regarding safety procedures. We aim to work more closely with our operational and emergency teams.

We now have completed 8 months with the establishment of the new Board. I would like to thank the board for their support and guidance through this transition period.

With the ongoing development of the Strategic Plan, we shall have very clear goals and guidelines for the future planning and progress of our A & P Show.

In alignment with this Plan, the immediate emphasis for the management team will be to strive for better and clearer communication with all stakeholders.

The Board have been working with the Corporate Sponsors; while the management team are focusing on supporting these relationships, while further strengthening our long term and valued Competition Sponsors.

I would like to offer appreciative and grateful thanks to our Official Show Partner, Farmlands - for their support. We have a highly valued relationship and we enjoy working with you. Thanks also to our Corporate Sponsors - Plains Irrigators, Hirepool, GJ Gardner, Upper Clutha Transport, ANZ; along with QLDC, VetEnt, FMG and Mitre 10; our media and digital partners - ODT, Radio Wanaka, Mediaworks, Wanaka Sun and Wanaka App. Thanks also to all our long-time sponsorship supporters and supports; as well as our new sponsors. You are all critically important to the ongoing success of our Upper Clutha A & P Show.

Finally, to the Board, all the committees and the teams who make this event happen - thank you for your enthusiasm during the year and hard work over Show Week. Thanks also for the invaluable, local support of our Upper Clutha region.

We can justify, being extremely, proud to be **called local.**

Jane moved the adoption of her report Seconded Fe Howie carried

Financial Report

George Ritchie asked does the Society have a constitution and does it require an auditor. Yes we do

Grant replied

Fe explained further to George’s query that the Members change in structure was in entries fees; it cut out the double layer as competitors were becoming members to get discounted fees. Board will take

George's comments on board re members. Marketing scheme: Grant explained and this was previously coded to wages; Grant asked whether there was a need for further explanation? No thanks.

Grant Ruddenklau moved the report be adopted Seconded Jan Allen carried

Grant thanked to Bronwyn for getting the report presented

Chairperson's report for the 2018-2019 year, Upper Clutha A & P Society.

It is my privilege on behalf of the Board to table our first annual report to the 2019 AGM, this is a significant milestone in the history of a proud Upper Clutha institution.

The first 8 months of operation under our newly elected Board structure has been very busy, our goals are to progress from an executive managed model to a sound governance structure with policies and procedures put in place to effectively guide the Society through the next 80 years.

Firstly, I would like to thank all our staff, members and volunteers for again working cohesively to put on another first-class event. Rain on the Thursday did its best to disrupt the setup, swift decision making and some grounds maintenance on the Friday morning meant the disruption was minimal and the weather played the game to enhance what was again a fantastic event, well done all involved!

We have set ourselves a steady workload in preparation of preparing what we need to effectively govern your Society, this process may have caused some anxiety to staff and members, for this we apologise, we will not get everything right the first time but we intend to do what is needed to set up a sound governance framework for those who will come after us. We are very proud of our first Strategic Plan; many hours went into formulating this document. We think that it emulates most of the original objectives set by our founding members; this will guide the direction the society will follow in the coming years. It is a "living" document, if the need arises to change some goals we will review it as necessary, it is exciting to think what may arise from these directions, watch this space! Thank you to those of you that gave some feedback on the plan, we have taken all that on board and look forward to the members ratifying our document at the AGM.

Another focus for the Board is transparency. With this in mind we have investigated the need to register as an Incorporated Society. After some due diligence it became clear that our information registered with the Charities Commission is very open for everyone to view, just go onto their website and search "Pastoral" and you can scroll down to our information, all financials etc are loaded on there for all to peruse. Another area for discussion is the need to get the Societies accounts fully audited each year. This process is becoming both more costly and harder to find someone to complete the process. We now have very good reporting in place to the Board, the financials are very open to us through our accounting software, perhaps some discussion could be had on the expectations of our membership, every year or perhaps bi-annually?.

When writing this I have no idea what our board election outcome will be, thank you to Ian for putting his name forward for election. To the two current members, Chrissy and Mike, up for re-election through rotation, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your contribution so far, as well as Jan and Doug. We have a good team that works co-operatively together but are not afraid to challenge decisions. To Sue our minute taker, thank you for making time to complete the unenviable task of trying to keep track of our meetings.

The 2020 show is shaping up to be another fantastic event, being chosen to partner up and showcase two significant livestock events, shows to us the profile our show holds is first class, the timing, location and atmosphere cannot be replicated anywhere else in the country, our staff must be congratulated and supported to continue to be able to present such a high class event.

As a Board we have not got everything right, with been so involved in formulating documentation, sub committees working for you on property, sponsorship and personnel, we perhaps have over looked the

involvement by our members. We recognise our sections are the life blood of the show, these sections need strong volunteer support to operate during the event and with organisation leading up to the show, prior to the new Board structure these sections met with the executive team at monthly meetings, this has now ended but I think we need to keep inclusiveness going, it is important that everyone has a forum to be heard, with this in mind and through Jane I envisage us having quarterly meetings where the Board and the Sections come together to keep the some cohesiveness going.

It is with frustration that we have scheduled a special meeting to discuss the ongoing saga of our “New build”, this process has been significantly stone walled by the QLDC, a huge amount of volunteer time has been spent preparing and meeting with various council staff and elected members trying to achieve a satisfactory outcome, as a Board we think it is again time to get a mandate from our members on what direction to progress down, In preparation please take the time to read the information, feel free to contact either Mike, Doug or Jan for clarification and hopefully we can get a clear direction from our meeting on moving forward.

It is exciting to look forward to the next twelve months, working through our strategic plan, starting to implement some of our objectives, reviewing what we have been doing, supporting our management, working closer with our sections, appreciating our volunteers and partnering with our sponsors. Again, I would take this opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed to the functioning of the Society over the last twelve months, you should all be proud of what has been achieved and we look forward to your continuing involvement in 2020.

Grant Ruddenklau
Board Chair.

Jim Bolt thanked the society for the invitation to attend the meeting and that the show is a highlight for him and his wife. They loved it and it is very well run.

Jim explained that he, in his position has to keep out of planning, but he will do his best to support us. He looks forward to outcome of special meeting

Grant thanked Jim for coming and for meeting with us along with council.

Grant Ruddenklau moved his report be adopted Seconded Robbie Gibson

Adoption of the Strategic Plan.

Grant spoke to this and what the Board had achieved through its planning. Jane has been waiting for a Strategic Plan and it will implemented very soon

Grant Ruddenklau moved the adoption of the Strategic Plan and it will be implemented by the Society for the 2020 show Seconded Mike Scurr carried

Newsletter to members and scholarship is to start up again under a new model. Invitation of input was asked from the floor

Voting Results.

Grant thanked Ian Tippett for putting his name forward and thank you to the sitting members. Chrissy Gibson and Mike Scurr were re-elected. They are on the Board now for 3 years and next year two more members will be up for re-election

Election of Committees for 2020 Schedule

Horse Committee:

F Howie (Chief Steward), J C A Lucas, A McKay, Dave Mackay, D Gordon, Ross Howie, Christine Gibson, Emma Rowe-Pledger, Jenny Calder, Emma Davidson, Ian Tippet, Brenda King, Judy Thomas, Penny Ford, Cate Howie

Warren Hewson nominated by Fe Howie Seconded Alan McKay

Cattle Committee: R Power (Chief Steward) C Ewing, P Ewing, J Osborne, Geof Brown, D Power, G Morris, Miss H Power, Mike Elliot

Sheep Committee: B Ottrey (Chief Steward), Sam Purvis, W H Gibson, R Gibson, M Sheppard, Murray Pryde, Simon Maling, Tony Brent, Grahame Senior

Ben Purvis and John Templeton nominated by Robbie Gibson Seconded Ralph Fegan

Fleece Wool Committee: Martin Paterson (Chief Steward), T Rowley, A R Morris, J Davis, T Cochrane, L Brown, Ian Bagley, Jim Morris

Dog Trial Committee: D Mackay (Chief Steward), R McNeilly, D J McRae, D W McRae, H Mackay
Jack Mansfield nominated by Don Mackay Seconded Grant Ruddenklau

Home Industry Committee: J Dickey (Chief Steward), J Bruce, L Stewart, J Allen, K Norman, Liz Buggs

Boer Goat Committee: Owen Booth, Dougal Laidlaw

Sheaf Tossing Committee: J Burdon (Chief Steward), H Simmers

Trade: P Tamati, H Simmers, P Williams

Parade Marshall: R Pledger

Emergency Services & Traffic Management: Ralph Fegan

Announcers: A Kane, T Black, J Calder, C Howie, T Glynn, M Withers (TBC)

Hon Veterinary: VetEnt, Wanaka

Health & Safety: Nicky King (to be confirmed)

All committees were moved and accepted by Dave Power Seconded Sandy Morris carried

Auditor **Nigel Perkins of Ashton Whelan for another year moved by Mike Scurr**

Seconded George Ritchie carried

Fe Howie has compiled a historic book covering 80 years. If anyone has other interesting information or pictures please see Fe. Also any corrections they find please see Fe. Thanks Fe a great effort

Martin Paterson asked with Farmlands requesting to move who will use their space? Jane replied probably sheep, fleece, Merino expo, the sheep exhibitors from ringside. Farmlands will stay for one more year as strategic partner and will be near entry gates on Eastern end of Pembroke Park.

We may have opportunity to use the rugby clubrooms.

Martin Paterson commented on the water ponding on western side. It was explained that area was the original tennis courts and QLDC have been spoken to. It is on hold till our building expectations are sorted.

Grant thanked everyone for coming out and closed the AGM at 8.22pm and announced the Special General Meeting would follow immediately.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Discussion chaired and led by Mike Scurr

Mike addressed the meeting saying we are looking for mandate from members for going forward with our building extensions.

Members had been circulated with the background notes, the present situation and the desired outcomes from the meeting.

Apologies none

Mike read items for discussion

‘The situation

- QLDC refuse to sign off on our application because they believed we are trying to deceive them. It is their opinion` that we are planning a building for commercial activity alongside our society uses. The two conditions in our lease that gave them suspicion are:
 1. *“The permitted use is only for the purpose of holding the lessees annual Agricultural and Pastoral Show and storage of equipment used for this show”*
 2. *That the plans for the proposed extension would substantially reflect the plans annexed in the Deed of Lease”*
- The building subcommittee has spent the last year negotiating our way through the impasse and we now present a Deed of Acknowledgement from QLDC that will provide approval of our plans for a two storey extension.
- In consideration of their approval of our updated plans they have asked for clarification of our intended use by adding the following words to our deed of lease.

1.1.1 The Lessor’s approval of the Updated Plans shall not in any way affect the Permitted Use under the Lease which the lessee acknowledges and agrees that is limited to use only for the purpose of

this show. This permitted use covers the following uses of the building:

- a) Approximately 3 full time employees of the Lessee working all year round to promote the Agricultural and Pastoral Industry of New Zealand and more particularly the Upper Clutha and surrounding districts;*
- b) Monthly Board meetings of the Lessee's board;*
- c) During the eight weeks leading up to the show approximately 20 employees/contractors working to organise the show;*
- d) During the week leading up to the show various meetings between the Lessee's employees and organisations to ensure a smooth set up and running of the show;*
- e) Occupation by employees, contractors, and invitees during the duration of the show; and*
- f) Storage of equipment used for the show.*

Any use of the building outside of the above activities shall require the prior written consent of the Lessor

For Discussion:

- 1) Do we want the ability to offer to third parties for commercial advantage? (New Deed of Lease required) which would require public notification
- 2) Latest plans for two storey building estimated cost at \$2m for completion
- 3) Funding avenues for a building that has no community benefit (use) will be limited
- 4) How much risk should the society take? bank loans, use of our equity
- 5) What's the time frame expectations for completion from the members?

Desired outcome from the meeting

- 1) We accept the Deed of Acknowledgement to complete the resource consent and then look at options for funding and building. Final design may be limited to what we can afford.
- 2) We stick with our current deed of Lease and modify the building design to get sign off from QLDC
- 3) We apply for a new deed of Lease that will allow third party use of the new building. If we couldn't achieve this then we revert to option 1 or 2 above".

Mike opened the floor for discussions

There was a good robust discussion from several members and members of the building subcommittee on all aspects of our requirements, funding, could we survive with not going commercial? The new build would be on the same footprint and the 2nd storey would have community benefits

Grant Ruddenklau spoke that we can't go commercial under our present Deed of Lease.

Robbie Gibson spoke of when he was President and gave his historical perspective.

Mike Scurr gave his explanation of the current Deed of Lease. It all comes down to terminology and personalities. He read the terms of our Lease.

Geoff Dickey commented on other activities that are in community buildings on Council lands; some sports clubs would be keen to be involved; it's a good location.

Dave Allen? Asked if we would get funding? And has there been a level set for expenditure. Mike Scurr replied provision has been set up to \$50,000

Cate Howie asked for a timeframe? Reply was 18months from when we apply for consent

Pete Davis recommended we go for a new lease and depending how successful then decide whether we go for 1 or 2 storey.

Mike reported we will be going ahead with getting toilets into the existing building as soon as possible for the staff's use.

Mayor Jim Bolt suggested we go to Central Lakes Trust and signal to them our intentions. Also to go for a new lease with community use but cautioned it was the neighbours and their objections that was the concern

Doug Stalker reported we already have a letter in with the Otago Community Trust.

George Ritchie queried whether we had a right of renewal on our lease and whether there'd be any compensation? We don't, we have to reapply at the end of each lease term. The next lease renewal is due in 2048 and we get no compensation.

Mike closed the discussion and asked for a motion from the floor.

Pete Davis moved that we start with the above 3 options and starting with Number 3 option then moving to the others if necessary Seconded Tom Rowley carried

Mike Scurr closed the meeting at 8.35pm and thanked the members for their support and the Building subcommittee will report back with their progress.

Grant invited members and visitors to join the Board for refreshments in the Wine Glass Bar at Edgewater to reflect on our first year of operation under our new governance.