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| **MEETING DETAILS** | |
| **Meeting Title** | Society Meeting |
| **Date** | Wednesday, 27th April 2016 |
| **Time** | 20:00 – 21:00 |
| **Venue** | Conference Call |
| **Conference Call** | **Landline:** 0844 4 73 73 73 / **Mobile**: 8 73 73 |
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| **ATTENDEES** | | |
| **Name** | **Present** | **Apologies** |
| Andrew McAllister SNR & Andrew McAllister JNR (AMCA / AMCA JR) |  | X |
| Andrew Polson (AP) |  | X |
| Bruce & Andrea French (BF / AF) |  | X |
| David Hodge & Julian Walters (DH / JulianW) |  | X |
| Deborah Griffin (DG) |  | X |
| Emily Duncan (ED) |  | X |
| Finlay & Sarah Murray (FM / SM) |  | X |
| Heather Adams (HA) |  | X |
| Heather McKay (HMC) |  | X |
| Heaton House (HH) |  | X |
| Iain Barbour (IB) |  | X |
| Jack & Jackie Simonini (JackS / JS) |  | X |
| Jamie Wood (JW) |  | X |
| Jemma & Andrew Knowles-Brown (JKB / AKB) | X |  |
| Jennifer McAllister (JMCA) | X |  |
| Jim Kennedy (JK) |  | X |
| Kenneth & Eleanor Bone (KB / EB) |  | X |
| Matthew Slinger (MS) |  | X |
| Morven MacFarlane & Mark Bowen (MM & MB) |  | X |
| Neil & Dorota Richardson (NR / DR) |  | X |
| Nicola Gornall (NG) |  | X |
| Norman Hannah & Mira Byrne (NH / MB) |  | X |
| Paul Furness - Church Farm (PF) |  | X |
| Raymond Irvine (RI) | X |  |
| Renee Snouckaert (RS) | X |  |
| Sheena & Eric Knight (SK / EK) |  | X |
| Sioned Pritchard (SP) |  | X |
| Steve Jones & Richard Pilkington (SJ / RP) |  | X |
| Susan Mullen & Tim Dunne (SM / TD) |  | X |

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Open Actions
3. AOB

| **OPEN Items** | | | | | |
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| 13.170216 | VBSSUK Annual Show Carlisle  (SJ, JMCA, RI, JW, ED, JKB, RS, AF) | Agenda Item | **270416 – Subcommittee formed who are working through a list of actions which need to be completed. Meeting is held weekly as there is quite a lot to get through in terms of workload to get the show organised. Currently 151 sheep based on feedback that has been provided by members. Updates will be fed through society meetings and published on member area on society website.**  **230316 – JMCA/RI/JW had a meeting with H&H at Carlisle around the format of the show. Ideas that were talked about for the event were:**  **Fri – Arrive after 14:00 (tbc), pen allocation etc. Have a social supper/bbq in the mart that evening. Include a demo of how the sheep will be graded with the Swiss judges. Have a Q&A session.**  **Be a good opportunity for everyone to meet one another.**  **A license will be arranged via the mart so we can have a bar.**  **Sat – Breakfast. Prep sheep. Showing, grading and judging followed by prize giving.**  **JMCA formed tracker list of all the things we need to do. Will be tracked at the subcommittee call.**  **JW had meeting with Barbara Huddard around sponsorship and media. Country File, Farmer’s Weekly – will cost us a nominal fee but the exposure in return will be very valuable. We need to ask all members if they know of any large companies that would be able to sponsor various elements like prizes\bells.**  **She is looking in to a main sponsor also.**  **We need a name for the show asap – all members to have a think.**  **Email flier direct to Barabra and she can recommend any adjustments. She can send through to all big companies etc.**  **Everyone to think of a name for the show and submit to the mailbox/chat.**  **AF – What about security? JW – There is onsite security**  **AF – Is it possible for an AGM? Legally this needs to be done within the next year. JW – Pushed for time and everyone will want to enjoy the show.**  **JMCA – Agree that we need to have the AGM but don’t think the annual show will be the right time to do it – we’ll be pushed for time as it is.**  **AF – AGM and a dinner is the best way to do it. Don’t want to be sitting round a table for hours on end. People will already have travelled a long way.**  **RI – Could we have a dinner and a prize giving and form the AGM as part of this?**  **JW – Engraving would need to be done so wouldn’t pick up the cups until the prize giving.**  **RI – Overall flock of the year, overall champion.**  **All agree that a prize giving dinner with the AGM incorporated is the way forward. Overall prize winners from the show will need to collect their cups following engraving.**  **JMCA – Schedule a call for next Wednesday for subcommittee meeting.**  **090316 -** Email sent out to all members to gauge interest in being involved in the subcommittees and interest has been received. Sub Committee has been formed based on the interested members who will now drive this forward and will feed updates in to the society via society meetings.  **240216** - Mark Bowman– Send out an email to and gauge interest  SJ – happy to be involved  Subcommittee to be formed. JMCA to put list of shows together along with interested members. Subcommittee to manage each show.  **170216** - We have secured Saturday, 20th August with Carlisle market as a venue to hold inaugural VBSSUK Show.  Judges will be brought over from Switzerland in order to judge and grade all sheep.  We will adopt the same points system as in Switzerland. | **270416 – Ongoing updates to be fed through society meetings.**  **230316 – JMCA to schedule VBSSUK Annual Show subcommittee meeting for Wednesday 30th March at 19:00.**  **090316** – Sub Committee formed. Publish details on member’s area on website and email subcommittee members of next steps.  **240216** - Send out an email to and gauge interest  Subcommittee to be formed. JMCA to put list of shows together along with interested members. Subcommittee to manage each show.  **170216** - Communicate all UK born lambs to be graded  Classes list to be formed  Prizes to be confirmed  Subcommittee to be formed  Advertising  Meeting with Carlisle | Upcoming Shows Subcommittee |
| 22.170216 | Management Committee | AKB | **270416 – No update from last meeting. Actions still open.**  **230316 – JMCA – Understanding is that the Directors are able to decide the relevant roles required to form the Management committee.**  **AKB – Could have a steering committee to begin with then form committee later on. A Director’s meeting needs to take place to agree who are the members of the steering committee – this then needs to be documented in the Director’s meeting minutes book.**  **AF – Drop steering committee until AGM when a committee can be formed. Continue as we are until the AGM. Everything is currently minuted and documented. Why do we need to make it more formal?**  **JMCA – Agrees with AF**  **AKB – Needs to be documented in the Director’s minutes that this is the decision.**  **JMCA – Schedule a Director’s meeting where it will be agreed that the society will continue as it is currently where all members are invited to each scheduled conference call and drive the society forward as one collective group. Then at the AGM we will form a management committee. Details of which will be communicated beforehand.**  **AKB – Rules need to be signed off**  **JMCA – Indeed, this is correct - rules are still in progress – create a new action for society rules.**  **090316** – JMCA - From reading the document, understanding is that the Directors can determine the required roles within the management committee which are then elected upon.  JW – As above  **240216** – As a limited company has been formed it is unclear if we are to follow the management committee as it is documented in the limited company documents that have been sent to us or if they relate to the limited company alone.  We are unsure if this is only relevant to limited company, a guideline or a legal document.  If we can operate the society under a society management committee proposal is the following:  **MANAGEMENT** Subject to the overall direction of general meetings of members, the management of the Society's affairs shall be conducted by a Management Committee ("the Committee") will be of up to 9 members, there shall be 4 officers, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, who will be chosen by the committee from amongst themselves.  For the first 5 years the 3 founding directors shall automatically have a place on the committee.  One third of these members to retire annually in rotation but be eligible for re-election at the AGM.  The officers shall retire annually but may be re-elected.  They shall be full voting members of the Committee provided they are unpaid.  A quorum for a committee meeting is half the membership of the committee.  The Committee may appoint sub-committees, co-opt additional members, and appoint officers in the event of a vacancy occurring before an AGM.  We need to agree the Management Committee and the election process. | **270416 - Directors meeting to be scheduled to agree that the society will continue as it does currently – with input from all members. Then management committee to be formed at the AGM.**  **230316 – Directors meeting to be scheduled to agree that the society will continue as it does currently – with input from all members. Then management committee to be formed at the AGM.**  **Create new action for rules to be completed**  **Create new action for AGM and Prize Giving Dinner**  **090316 –** JW to pick up with company that formed the Ltd Company and see what they advise.  JMCA to load on to the society website member’s area and email link to all members**.**  **240216 –** JW to send electronic copy of Ltd documents to JMCA, RI and AKB and check with accountant for advice.  JMCA to raise with SJ as he has been involved in founding societies previously and see if he knows anything around this.  Ongoing and to be continued on the next call.  **170216** - To be discussed on the follow up call | JMCA/RI/JW  JMCA/RI/JW  JMCA  JMCA  JW/JMCA/RI  ~~All Members~~ |
| 2.240216 | Perhaps need to clarify around black markings knees/hocks and what is acceptable. | RS | **270416 – No update – examples to be sourced and put on website. Further understanding will be given following the demonstration at the show in August. It will be a learning experience for all members seeing how the judges grade sheep and the various areas that are considered.**  **230316 – JW will send some photos in. Has example of Miss Visp 2015 which won which shows.**  **090316** – JMCA – Would it be beneficial to have some photographs for an example to help guide people as there is misconception around what is acceptable. All members on the call think this would be helpful.  **240216** – There is a misconception around how much black is enough on black on knees/hocks. This should be documented in the breed standards for guidance. | **270416 – We will source some example photos and publish alongside breed standards.**  **230316 – JW to submit example photos. JMCA to get up on website.**  **090316** – Examples to be submitted to society mailbox and published on the society website.  **240216** – Breed standards to be amended to demonstrate how much black is acceptable on knees/hocks. | JW/JMCA |
| 5. 240216 | Accountant required | JMCA/AKB/JW | **270416 – No update.**  **230316 – Still open – we need to find an accountant. Roll on to next meeting and try to find one in the meantime.**  **090316** – JMCA - Email communicated to all members.  JW has passed to farm accountant for the meantime while find a permanent accountant to look after the society accounts.  **240216** – Due to being a limited company, we require an accountant to prepare the relevant accounts etc.  AKB – Ideally we want this done for free if possible. Is there capability within the society to manage this? | **270416 – Accountant required.**  **230316 – Still to find an accountant.**  **090316** – JMCA/RI/JW to find accountant that can look after the society accounts.  **260216** – Send email to members to see if anyone has the relevant qualifications to manage the society accounts. | JMCA/RI/JW |
| 6.090316 | Any ideas for fundraising for the society to keep on top of ongoing costs? | JMCA | **270316 – No update. Keep open and track as we go if there are any ideas we can use.**  **230316 – No update. Keep open and track as we go if there are any ideas we can use.**  **090316** – ED will approach Lycetts Insurance Brokers to see if sponsorship is a possibility.  RS – Perhaps we can have a trade stand at the show to sell things to raise some funds. | **270316 – Keep open and track any ideas for fundraising.**  **230316 – Keep open and track any ideas for fundraising.**  **090316** – Follow up at next call. | All |
| 1.230316 | Shows: RHS, RTC, NSA | JMCA | **270416 – Upcoming Shows Subcommittee formed. Updates can be fed in at the next society call.**  **230316 – New action opened to track all 3 shows as part of subcommittee. Subcommittee call scheduled for Wednesday, 30th March 2016.** | **270416 – Give update at next society call.**  **230316 – JMCA to schedule call and post relevant documents on member area of society website.** | JMCA |
| 2.230316 | Society Rules | AKB | **270416 – VBSSUK Show and Sale rules have been walked through and relevant amendments have been highlighted. There were problems with the phone line which made it difficult for everyone to be heard and in the end impossible to continue the call further. Agreed to finalise on the show subcommittee call next Wednesday.**  **230316 – The society rules need to be completed and signed off by everyone.** | **270416 – TBC at upcoming show committee call next Wednesday, 4th May.** | All |
| 3.230316 | AGM | AKB | **270416 – As above, phone line made it impossible to continue the call to a close, therefore to be continued at the next call the following Wednesday.**  **230316 – AGM needs to be scheduled and management committee formed.** | **270416 – TBC at upcoming show committee call next Wednesday, 4th May.** | JMCA/RI/JW |
| 4.230316 | Prize Giving Dinner | RI | **270416 – As above, phone line made it impossible to continue the call to a close, therefore to be continued at the next call the following Wednesday.**  **230316 – Organise prize giving dinner which will be coupled with the AGM.** | **270416 – TBC at upcoming show committee call next Wednesday, 4th May.** | JMCA/RI/JW |

| **CLOSED Items** | | | | | |
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| 10.170216 | Are VB going to have a specific identifier for their tags? | AF | JW – In order to have our own UID we have to be registered with DEFRA. We can do this when we are established as a society for more than one year.  AF prefers not to as it means an additional tag – this is the general feel amongst those present. | **170216 – CLOSED.** No action at this time. Can be revisited at a later date if required. |  |
| 11.170216 | Website and Registering/Logging In – Any issues? |  | No issues reported but all made aware to report  anything at all to the society mailbox where it will be picked up and resolved by web support. | **170216 – CLOSED.** | All Members |
| 12.240217 | Registering of mismarked lambs | SJ | AKB – if no black on the knees then yes ok should not be registered. However, how far do you go?  If grading systems in place then should be able to track and identify this via figures which will be recorded.  JW – have to be careful how this is communicated. A lot of sheep may then be left registered. Should be left up to the breeder.  RS – The ratio of perfectness has to be understood. Recent visit to Visp demonstrated this - that specific markings are not always perfect – black on knee can be very small for example.  SJ – We can have the understanding what perfection looks like but can’t discriminate at this point.  All agreed that it is the breeder’s preference if they register the sheep. Grading will be assessed at annual show and recorded in GrassRoots. | **240216 – CLOSED.** | All members |
| 1.170216 | Constitution and Memorandum | Agenda Item | 170216 - AKB – Need to consistently refer to Blacknose as Blacknose throughout the document. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Amend document so that Blacknose is referred to throughout the document consistently. | JMCA |
| 2.170216 |  |  | AKB – Section 8: Nominations. Remove ‘at the meeting’. Agreed by all members present. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Removed ‘at the meeting’ text from document. | JMCA |
| 3.170216 |  |  | RS – Breed Standard.  Wool staple length needs clarification. This needs to be a guideline: (5-6 months growth – sheep should be shorn twice yearly). | **240216 – CLOSED.** Add text to clarify that this is based on 5-6 months growth and sheep are to be clipped twice yearly. | JMCA |
| 6.170216 | What do we do in the event where parents cannot be identified? | JW |  | **240216 – CLOSED.** JW spoke to Libby at GrassRoots she will not register any lambs without the sire.  Any lambs to be registered, sire documents must be provided.  **170216 -** JW to address with Libby from GrassRoots to ensure that two generations are given at the time of registration. | JW |
| 7.170216 | What will happen with sheep that have been imported from other origins i.e. Austria, Germany. | RI | SJ – From being involved with other breeds over the years, due to where we’re at with this breed we cannot discriminate around this and only allow Swiss imports. Could result in other societies being formed and become unable to manage it.  We will quickly establish a British standard based on the Swiss model.  We have to focus on the quality of the breed.  Keep it open and control the quality and encourage  JW – If they have the pedigree paper then that should suffice.  RI – Agreed  JMCA – Agreed. All origin information and pedigree will be recorded within Grassroots. People will have the ability to know where the stock has originated from.  AKB – with Blackface you have different types… looking at the Swiss type, and different standards etc. May need to take in to consideration if there are differences in the standards.  JW – judging according to the breed standard will cover any differences.  HMC – Other sheep should be allowed to register but there should be denotation/differentiation when advertising semen stock and embryos if they are from pure imports, Dutch, German, British bred etc. Just so people make an active decision on what they want to buy.  170216 - Some people feel that we should be an exclusive Swiss imported/bred society.  RS – Believes that it is healthy to have a mix in terms of breeding and gene pool availability.  HMC – How do we differentiate between sheep from different countries  AF – Believes that we should keep the breed as pure as possible and stick to Swiss imports/breeding within the UK and support this within the Society.  JMCA – Think should adopt in a further discussion as it will not be resolved during this call. This topic needs particular focus and discussion in order to bottom out how we proceed. Agreed by all members.  members present. | **240216 – CLOSED.** All members agree origin not to be a restriction for registration.  **170216 -** To be picked up on next call as cannot reach a decision point at this time with so many questions around the subject which will need to be addressed.  Ongoing – requires particular focus to close all parts down on this subject. | All Members |
| 17.170216 | Document Sharing | Agenda Item | 170216 - Society documents will be uploaded on to the website in order to be available to all members. They will only be able to be accessed by member login. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Documents can be accessed by members by logging in to the society website and can be found under The Society\Member’s Documents.  **170216 -** Link to document repository to be sent out to all members. | JMCA |
| 18.170216 | Website Uploads (Upcoming events, For Sale, Wanted, News, Breeder Contact Info) | Agenda Item | 170216 - All members are welcomed to supply their breeder details, logos, upcoming events, stock/embryo/semen for sale, stock wanted to be uploaded on to the society website. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Reminded everyone on the call to send details, photos, breeder info where required to the society mailbox and will be uploaded on to website.  **170216 -** All members to send required details, photos, text etc to the society mailbox where it will be uploaded to the website. | All Members/JMCA |
| 20.170216 | Member Welcome Packs: Tie/Address Confirmation | Agenda Item | 170216 - Just a reminder to everyone to reply to society mailbox with tie colour preference and confirmation of address if haven’t already done so. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Reminder to everyone to send a note to the society mailbox.  **170216 -** Tie colour preference and confirmation of address to be emailed to society mailbox. | All Members |
| 23.170216 | Are blacknose of non-Swiss origin allowed to be registered via the Society?  RS for example has blacknose which have Austrian and German ancestry. | RS | 170216 - JW – Not to be of major concern just at this time but something we need to be very aware of as now that Swiss imports are not available. It is inevitable people will go anywhere where it is possible to import in to the UK.  JMCA – Subject does need particular attention to map out exactly how the society stands on this and the steps put in place to record it.  Again, not going to be closed off on this call and will need to be picked up at the next session. | **240216 – CLOSED**. Refer to action 7.170216.  **170216 -** To be picked up and discussed further at the next call as to how this will be tackled. | All Members |
| 24.170216 | In light of potentially 80 sheep being imported to the UK from Germany, the next call needs to be organised sooner rather than later to bottom out actions raised around sheep being imported out with Switzerland with potentially no pedigree certificates. | HMC | 170216 - Agreed by all present.  Agreed that the call will take place same time in one week at the same time. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Call scheduled and has taken place.  **170216 -** JMCA to circulate invite to all members for Wednesday, 24th February at 19:00. | JMCA |
| 25.170216 | Is the VB Annual Show only open to MV | HA | 170216 - No. The VBSSUK Annual show is open to MV and non MV accredited stock.  Classes will be available for both.  Typo in previously distributed document which has now been rectified. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Typo in document corrected. | JMCA |
| 26.170216 | Sub committees to be formed for shows | AKB | 170216 - We will form a list of shows which the society can attend throughout the year and form subcommittees accordingly. | **240216 – CLOSED.** Refer to open actions 13.170216, 14. 170216 and 15. 170216. | All Members |
| 21.170216 | Communication that going forward the society will use the Letter D for 2016 stock be shown on the website | AKB |  | **240216 – CLOSED.**  Tracked under action 9.170216.  **170216 -** Communication to be published on the society website and emailed to members. | JMCA |
| 4.170216 | Society Rules Document | Agenda Item | 170216 - AKB - Memberships – What shall we do in terms of people joining later in the year after 31st January subscription date?  All agree that no matter which date in the year a subscription is purchased, members must pay the annual subscription which is renewed on 31st January. | **090316 – CLOSED** – Membership page on the society website has been updated to inform prospective members that no matter what month of the year a membership is purchased, they will be required to pay the full subscription amount and then renewal subscription on 31st January.  240216 – JMCA to update website memberships to communicate that if you join half way through the year you will need to pay the renewal subscription at January 31st also.  170216 - We need to give clarification around this via the website that if you join half way through the year you will need to pay the renewal subscription at January 31st also. | JMCA |
| 5.170216 | What about people who have not registered their sheep? | RI | 170216 - What about people who have not registered their sheep?  GrassRoots impose double fees upon registrations older than 5 months. | **090316 – CLOSED.** Communicated via the Society Notices page on the society website and link emailed to all members.  240216 - Communicate via the society website and update society rules document that registrations over 5 months will incur double registration fees via Grassroots.  170216 - Communicate via the society website that registrations over 5 months will incur double registration fees  via Grassroots. | JMCA |
| 8.170216 | How do we deal with the situation where imported sheep do not have pedigree certificates? | RI | 170216 - AKB – We should notify via the society website that if people are buying sheep which are not registered with GrassRoots then they will need to wait for 2 generations before they are able to register their sheep on GrassRoots. | **090316 – CLOSED.** Communicated via the Society Notices page on the society website and link emailed to all members.  240216 – Need to communicate via the society website that if people are buying sheep which are not registered with GrassRoots then they will need to wait for 2 generations before they are able to register their sheep on GrassRoots.  170216 - Need to communicate via the society website that if people are buying sheep which are not registered with GrassRoots then they will need to wait for 2 generations before they are able to register their sheep on GrassRoots. | JMCA |
| 9.170216 | Registering stock with specific letter going forward. | Agenda Item | 170216 – RI – We should use a letter for each year. RI proposes B.  JW – Supports the proposal of a specific letter.  AKB – To avoid confusion should we start with D perhaps  AF – From previous experience it is down to the individual.  All members agree that we start on D. | **090316 – CLOSED.** Email has been sent to all members and has been communicated on Facebook page also. Also communicated via the website under Society Notices.  240216 - To be communicated to all members via website / email that going forward lambs are to be registered with the letter D.  170216 - Going forward, we will start with the letter D.  To be communicated to all members via website / email. | JMCA |
| 27.170216 | Need to communicate to members around key items for show preparation i.e. shearing should be twice yearly | JW | 170216 - As we propose to adopt the same showing times in the year as Switzerland, sheep need to be clipped at the correct times throughout the year. This needs to be communicated to all members. | **090316 –CLOSED. Email communicated to all members that advised shearing times are end of Feb/beginning of March. Published on website under Society Notices also.**  240216 - Publish on website and email to all members.  170216 - Publish on website and email to all members. | JW / JMCA |
| 28.170216 | Change the wording of the memberships to distinguish more clearly between what each membership entitles you to. | RS | 170216 - It is not clear what the differences are between each memberships – due to the wording it would appear that there are no real differences between the membership levels and what they are entitled to. | **090316 – CLOSED. Membership documents, Society Rules and Constitution documents have been amended to clearly show different membership entitlement.**  240216 - Membership entitlement breakdown to be reworded to clearly show what each membership involves.  170216 - Membership entitlement breakdown to be reworded to clearly show what each membership involves. | JMCA |
| 19.170216 | Membership Subscriptions and Renewals | Agenda Item | 170216 - Agreed as part of the CMofA document.  Subscriptions will be renewed 31st January annually going forward. | **090316 – CLOSED. Membership pages updated with subscription renewal date.**  **240216 –** Relevant documents updated. Website to be updated.  **170216** - Relevant documents to be updated with agreed date.  Website to be updated to communicate subscription dates. | JMCA |
| 4. 240216 | Send a mail out to all members with different role requirements to see who wants to be involved. | MB | 090316 – Email communicated to all members. Responses received in relation to shows that the society will attend. Relevant sub committees formed based on submitted interest. Close down this action and reopen as new action where additional support is required.  240216 – Would be a good idea to send an email to all members communicating the different roles needed within the society and see if anyone puts themselves forward and wants to be involved. | **090316 – CLOSED.**  240216 – Send email to all members with roles/help required. | JMCA |
| 6.240216 | Help with website admin | JMCA | 090316 – JMCA - Email communicated to all members.  ED happy to help with website admin.  240216 – Does anyone have experience with website admin where they could help with the updates to the website etc.? | 090316 – CLOSED. JMCA to pick up with ED.  240216 – Send an email to see if anyone is interested in helping with the housekeeping for the society website. | JMCA |
| 8. 240216 | Would it be of interest to set up an online chat group; Facebook, WhatsApp… | JMCA | 240216 – RS – This would be an excellent idea.  AKB – Would this be open to anyone or members alone? JMCA –members only.  All agree Facebook group would be best. | 090316 – CLOSED. FB chat group created. Members please add additional members where they have been missed.  240216 – Facebook chat group to be created and members added. | JMCA |
| 1.240216 | No mention of tail docking in the breed standard – what is the status around this? | RS | 240216 - JMCA - Lambs are docked in Switzerland within the first 10 days. The tail is docked in with the top of the black markings.  JW – As above. JW docks his lambs.  RI – We dock all lambs within the first week.  RS – Her sheep do not have their tails docked.  AKB – Can be docked or not docked – if done by the Swiss then adopt. | **090316 – CLOSED. Breed standards updated on website, rules and constitution document.**  240216 – Add note in to the breed standards to inform where tails are docked they must be docked in line with where the black markings begin. | JMCA |
| 14.170216 | RHS  (JKB, MM, HMC, JW, JMCA, RI, AKB) | Agenda Item | **230316 – Close and form one action for all additional shows. Have one tracker for the 3 shows as everyone will need to use the same stand and link up with one another in order to get relevant society items sent over to the next person for the next show. Pick up as part of the subcommittee call next week and track there. Report in to the society meeting which will be held monthly going forward.**  **090316 –** Email communicated to all members to gauge interest in subcommittee involvement. Sub Committee has been formed based on the interested members who will now drive this forward and will feed updates in to the society via society meetings.  **240216** – Subcommittee to be formed.  Morven would like to help and can provide sheep.  HMC would like to be involved.  JKB would like to be involved.  JW can assist also.  **170216** - We have the opportunity to have a society stand at the RHS in the NSA tent.  Interest expressed by HMC and JKB to be involved.  Subcommittee to be formed | **230316 – CLOSED. Tracked at the subcommittee call and under action 1.230316 at monthly society calls.**  **090316 –** Sub Committee formed. Publish details on member’s area on website and email subcommittee members of next steps.  **240216** – Subcommittee to be formed. | JMCA / RHS Subcommittee | |
| 1.090316 | Royal Three Counties Show  (AF, HA, RS) | JMCA | **230316 – Close and form one action for all additional shows. Have one tracker for the 3 shows as everyone will need to use the same stand and link up with one another in order to get relevant society items sent over to the next person for the next show. Pick up as part of the subcommittee call next week and track there. Report in to the society meeting which will be held monthly going forward.**  **090316** – Subcommittee formed based on the interested volunteers. Subcommittee to be published on the member’s area of the website.  Subcommittee will give feedback in to the society meetings.  Royal Three Counties (AF, HA, RS, JW) | **230316 – CLOSED. Tracked at the subcommittee call and under action 1.230316 at monthly society calls.**  **090316 –** Sub Committee formed. Publish details on member’s area on website and email subcommittee members of next steps. | JMCA / RTC Subcommittee | |
| 2.090316 | NSA Scot Sheep Peebles  (MM, HMC, JMCA) | JMCA | **230316 – Close and form one action for all additional shows. Have one tracker for the 3 shows as everyone will need to use the same stand and link up with one another in order to get relevant society items sent over to the next person for the next show. Pick up as part of the subcommittee call next week and track there. Report in to the society meeting which will be held monthly going forward.**  **090316** – Subcommittee formed based on the interested volunteers. Subcommittee to be published on the member’s area of the website.  Subcommittee will give feedback in to the society meetings.  JKB is on holiday at this time so won’t be able to be at the show.  NSA Scot Sheep 2016 Peebles (MM, HMC, JKB) | **230316 – CLOSED. Tracked at the subcommittee call and under action 1.230316 at monthly society calls.**  **090316 –** Sub Committee formed. Publish details on member’s area on website and email subcommittee members of next steps. | JMCA / NSA SS Subcommittee | |
| 15.170216 | Other show opportunities for the Society | Agenda Item | **230316 – We will focus on the three shows that we have agreed to do as we have to be mindful of costs. Main focus will be around the society show in Carlisle.**  **090316 – Open separate action for each show.**  **JMCA – did we decide to attend Yorkshire show?**  **RI – Expensive to attend all of these shows, perhaps should put to a vote?**  **JW – Email YS and see if there is opportunity to reduce the stand fee based on the fact that we are a new society. Also potential sponsorship from Landrover on the cards which could help, but won’t know this until after the Carlisle meeting.**  **090316 – Email communicated to all members to gauge interest in subcommittee involvement. Sub Committee has been formed based on the interested members who will now drive this forward and will feed updates in to the society via society meetings.**  **240216 – We have lots of different show opportunities available to us but realistically due to funds and availability we can’t do them all.**  **We will concentrate on certain shows and members who would like to be involved can put themselves forward for the subcommittees.**  **SJ – We are all aware of the pressure on agriculture and are aware of all of the shows that we can attend. There is so much interest in this breed that we need to mindful that there are other options open to us other than agricultural shows and we should also look outwit agriculture.**  **Agreed that we will concentrate on Carlisle, RHS, 3 Counties, Scot Sheep Peebles.**  **170216 - 3 Counties – We have been offered a place FOC.**  **Nantwich will have blacknose classes also and are keen to have us there.**  **JW – Additional events in the area but will need to align with members’ location/availability.**  **JW to forward details to society mailbox.**  **All members to forward details of upcoming events to society mailbox where they will be listed on the society website. We will decide which events we are able to attend and subcommittees formed accordingly.**  **RI to speak with NSA about other NSA events available to us.** | **230316 – CLOSED. Track the shows we will be attending at the subcommittee call and under action 1.230316 at monthly society calls.**  **090316 – JMCA to publish subcommittee details on member’s area on the society website and email subcommittee members of next steps.**  **JW to email Yorkshire show and see if there is any opportunity there for a reduced fee that will enable us to attend.**  **240216 – List of shows to be pulled together along with interested members for each and subcommittees to be formed.**  **VBSSUK Carlisle (SJ, JMCA, RI, JW, ED)**  **RHS (JKB, MM, HMC, JW, JMCA, RI)**  **Royal Three Counties (AF, HA, RS, JW)**  **NSA Scot Sheep 2016 Peebles (MM, HMC)** | JMCA / JW | |
| 3. 240216 | Is it an option to have a sale following the annual show? | RS | **230316 – Close this off and track under the subcommittee tracker. H&H happy to hold a sale and assist with the organising.**  **090316** – H&H are very taken with the idea of a sale following the show.  All members on the call think this is a good idea also.  Meeting scheduled with H&H for 190316 where this will be formally addressed.  RI – Only sheep shown/graded at the show will be able to put their sheep forward for sale.  RS – This is a great idea.  All members on the call agree this is a positive idea and support the recommendation for a sale.  **240216** - RS – Thinks that this would be a good idea. Will generate more interest and attract more people.  RI – Thinks that this is a good idea. Only sheep shown should be available for sale.  JW – Thinks that private sale is probably the best way forward at the moment.  SJ – This should be discussed as an option. Would be beneficial to mart/breeder. | **230316 – CLOSED.**  **090316** – Update to be provided on next call by JMCA/JW/RI following meeting with H&H.  **240216** – JW to take away and discuss with H&H around the possibility of a sale following the show. | JW | |
| 5.090316 | Can we find a hotel near H&H for all members for the night before the society show? | RS / RI | **230316 – Close and pick up as part of the subcommittee To Do list.**  **090316** – Be handy if we are all in the same hotel and get a meal together the night before the show.  Pick up as part of the subcommittee. | **230316 – CLOSED. Will be tracked in the Annual Show subcommittee tracker.**  **090316** – CLOSED. Will be picked up as part of the subcommittee. | VBSSUK Subcommittee | |
| 7.090316 | TV coverage for the society show – should we look in to this? | JMCA | **230316 – Close off and track under the society show subcommittee tracker.**  **090316** – JW – Can raise during the meeting at Carlisle on 190316. Barbara in charge of PR will be able to guide/assist. | **230316 – CLOSED**  **090316** – Add to list of ideas for subcommittee. Report back at next call. | JMCA/JW/RI | |
| 8.090316 | List of VBSSUK Annual Show ideas – Anything we want/need to add to the ‘To Do’ list? | JMCA | **230316 – Close off and track under the society show subcommittee tracker.**  **090316** - List of things we think we need to cover are:  Flier/Leaflet/Advert  Official name for the show  List of classes  Prizes  Sponsors  Title for overall champion – Miss Visp equivalent (tups also?)  Stewards  Judges  Programme  MV/Non MV rules  Points breakdown  Carlisle meeting  Subcommittee  Sale following the show  Trade stands  Public – do we charge entry?  Photography – Catherine McGregor  Music – Swiss  Hotel Accommodation  Entry forms  Directions for members  Rules around arriving/leaving show ground  Anything else??? | **230316 – CLOSED**  090316 – Anything else we need to add to the list, suggestions welcome. | All | |
| 3.090316 | What is thought around replacing horns which have been knocked off? | JW | **230316 – Agreed on the last call that this was acceptable and could be closed.**  **090316** – JW has a lamb which the horn has been knocked off. Should we be allowed to repair this for show? JW thinks that this should be acceptable.  AF – If this is done in Switzerland then we should adopt the same process.  JMCA – We are trying to replicate as many of the Swiss ways of doing things as possible so why not this?  RI – A great shame if you have a great show specimen and not able to show it for that reason. Should be allowed to make necessary repair.  All members on the call agree that repair of the horn is accepted. | **090316** – CLOSED. Agreed by all members. No action. |  | |
| 12.170216 | GrassRoots Flockbook Register | Agenda Item | **270416 – JMCA has emailed Libby at Grassroots to confirm if we can record grading info in the Grassroots register – Libby has confirmed this is possible, we just need to submit a spreadsheet with the relevant info and it can then be uploaded in to Grassroots.**  **230316 – JMCA not emailed members. JMCA to email GrassRoot and see how we go about recording show results for example.**  **090316** – JMCA not yet emailed members. To send out an email for any ideas around additional data recording requirements then approach GrassRoots.  All members to read document covering what data recording capability is available via GrassRoots.  All members to feed any suggestions to the society mailbox to be put forward to GrassRoots as to how we implement. | **270416 – CLOSED.**  **230316 – JMCA to contact GrassRoots about how we record additional data.**  **090316** - JMCA to email members for any ideas around additional data recording requirements.  240216 – JMCA to email members for input.  **170216** - Can be picked up on the next call.  Collate list from members what data would be beneficial to record via registry and propose to Grassroots. | JMCA | |
| 16.170216 | Workshops | Agenda Item | **80416 – Agreed that this should be closed off. Busy time of year and people don’t really have the time to organise at the moment. Put a post up in the society notices on the website if anyone is interested in doing this then they are free to organise it with the help of available society members.**  **230316 – Now perhaps getting to not an ideal time to have any workshops as majority have now clipped sheep. Best idea would be to look to have a show prep workshop closer to the annual show.**  **090316** – JMCA messaged HMC. To pick up and see if this is still something to plan for.  **170216** – JMCA to pick up with HMC how best to work this.  AKB – Fibre Evaluation workshop  Some members have expressed interest in the possibility of workshops/knowledge transfer days to cover various topics such has show prep, washing, clipping.  JMCA asked if HMC is happy to coordinate the workshops. | **270416 – CLOSED. Put a post on society notices if anyone is interested in doing this and close off.**  **230316 – JMCA pick up with HMC and see if best to hold off a little later in the year for when we get closer to the annual show date – sheep will have more of a fleece then and more appropriate timing for a workshop perhaps.**  **090316** – JMCA to pick up with HMC.  **170216** – JMCA to pick up with HMC how to work this. | HMC/JMCA | |
| 7. 240216 | Rules around MV and Non MV need to be documented for the Society Rules | JMCA | **270416 – Can be closed off. JKB has written up rules around MV and Non MV. We have an SAC link that we will publish also.**  **230316 – In progress**  **090316** – JKB volunteered to write society rules for MV/Non MV stock. To be added to the existing society rules.  **240216** – Rules need to be documented around MV/Non MV stock for society shows/sales. | **270416 – CLOSED. JKB has written MV and NON MV rules. These have been included in the VBSSUK show and sales rules document. We will publish an SAC link on the website also.**  **230316** – JKB writing rules around this..  **090316** – JKB to write rules around MV/Non MV stock for society shows/sales.  **260216** - Rules to be documented around MV/Non MV stock for society shows/sales. | JKB | |
| 4.090316 | Have we a society leaflet that can be made available to members? | RS | **270416 – Society leaflet is available on the member area. Close off.**  **230316 – Waiting for the logo to be updated on the leaflet – it’ll then get uploaded to the society website.**  **090316** – RS – It would be handy to be able to distribute leaflets on behalf of the society while at shows.  JMCA – We do have a society leaflet. We can print leaflets and deliver to people ahead of shows if they let us know when they are required for. Will put up on the society website under the member’s area so that people can download also. | **270416 – CLOSED.**  **230316 – RI to pick up with Julianne and get the logo updated on the leaflet.**  **090316** – JMCA to load society leaflet on to the member’s area on the website. | RI | |