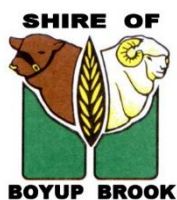


MINUTES



Rylington Park Committee Meeting
held at the Shire of Boyup Brook at
5.00pm on 2 February 2023

Attendance

Cr Richard F Walker – Shire President
Cr Helen C O’Connell
Cr Charles A D Caldwell – arrived 5.04pm
Cr Kevin J Moir
Cr Darren E King
Mr James Johnston
Mr Andy McElroy

Mr Dale Putland
Mrs Carolyn Mallett
Mr Marc Deas
Mrs Erlanda Deas
Mrs Maggie Le Grange

Apologies

Mr Joshua Stretch

Order of business:

1. **Previous Minutes**

Committee Recommendation

MOVED: Cr Helen C O'Connell

SECONDED: Mr Andy McElroy

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee held on 9 November 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED 7/0

Res 23/02/002

2. **Report from Marc and Erlanda Deas**

Rylington Park

Rylington Park – November 2022 – January 2023

Sheep

- Paul Goerling classed all ewe hoggets
- Sold 24 ewes at Katanning - \$53.25 average
- Treated lambs for pinkeye, took grass seeds out of eyes and shear open cheeks
- Sold 334 ewe hoggets @ \$150 each to local longstanding buyer
- Sold 760 weather lambs @\$81.38 average on farm – went east
- Rams are in
- Sold 65 wool bales – report attached
- Flock profile attached
- Sold 57 XB lambs at Katanning - \$105.86 average
- Drenched all ewe lambs and Extinosat

Cropping

- Hay was rolled – 376 bales
- Draft crop plan for this year is attached
- Harvest:

	Tons	Price	Total	
Canola (\$1020 + oil)	50.00	\$ 1,115.75	\$ 55,787.60	52 Ha = 3t/Ha
Canola (\$795 + oil)	105.78	\$ 860.26	\$ 90,998.47	
GM (\$875 + \$84.03 oil)	25.00	\$ 959.03	\$ 23,975.77	30.5 Ha = 3.2t/Ha
GM (\$760 + oil)	72.92	\$ 831.64	\$ 60,643.50	
Barley	86.52	\$ 310.00	\$ 26,821.20	43 Ha = 5.1t/Ha
Barley kept	132			
			\$ 258,226.54	

- Hannaford cleaned and treated barley seed
- Sprayed for loosestrife
- Had hay tested – see attached report
- Carted in all hay bales

Schools / Events

- Had novice shearing school 14-18 November. 361 ewe hoggets and 59 XB lambs were shorn. We had 13 students – 11 male and 2 female. 3 are working for contractors, 1 is part of a cocky team around Kojonup, 2 are part of crutching teams, 5 were learners wanting to get into the industry of which 4 have family in the sheds. We had a farmer's wife who wants to be able to help with the wool as her husband and brother-in-law do the shearing and we had a young girl who came with her father (one of the trainers) who hopes to go rousting.
- Had advanced shearing / wool handling school 6-8 December. 815 ewes and 876 weather lambs were shorn. We had 6 learner shearers who were paid \$3.80 per sheep and 5 students learning to do the wool. We also paid 2 professional wool handlers to help. Someone else did the cooking as the grad ball was at the same time. This was our first advanced school as well as the first school where we had to pay the shearers. In future we will get the contractors to invoice us for their students instead of paying them as an employee.
- Had novice shearing school 16-20 January. 524 ewe hoggets shorn. We had 16 students plus 3 extras for 3 days. For this school students had to register online at AWI and myself, Craig French (AWI) and Valerie Pretzel (who works for AWI one day a week in WA) had 3 virtual meetings to decide who will attend and who not. We had 16 learner students (13 male and 3 female) which made it very hard for the trainers and to get through the sheep. The trainers and us prefer to have a few levels of competency as it makes training easier and they get through the sheep. This was mentioned at the Wool TAG meeting. One of the shearer trainers helped to get the mob shorn. The wool handling trainer brought in 3 ladies who wanted to learn the wool. We had 10 roustabouts / pressers who work for contractors, 2 ag school students, 1 bricky from Perth who now has a job with a shearing contractor, 2 brothers whose whole family work in the industry and 1 who works on a crutching cradle.
- Ladies' day was advertised in the last 2 Gazettes, tickets are being sold and potential stall holders were invited. Still busy working on more sponsorships. Painting was donated by local artist, Neil Nicholson. We still need to decide on a charity/organisation who will receive the auction money.

General

- Marc attended a chainsaw course
- Sheep handler was installed and yards changed to accommodate the handler – works well
- Feeding all sheep
- Cut kale stalks
- Had work experience boy from Harvey Ag for 9 days
- Did some fencing and put new gates in on eastern side at the end of the laneway
- Replaced one winch on auger
- Helped fight 2 fires
- Replaced water pump on truck
- Spraying thistles and melons
- Steve O'Connell replaced all skylights in the workshop and shearing shed
- Gave away all old beds in dorms and put in 16 new king single beds
- Marc attended Chemcert course
- Answer all auditor queries
- All roof negotiations now go through Projects and we're awaiting a timeframe

- Erlanda attended a Wool Tag meeting with Carolyn

What lies ahead

- Shearing schools
- Feeding sheep grain & hay
- Checking sheep for fly strike
- Finish chem shed's bunding & shelving.
- Take rams out
- Fencing
- Flexi-N tank
- Spraying summer weeds
- Fixing seeder and clearing paddocks for seeding
- Fixing and replacing water troughs

Calendar

- 27 February – 3 March novice shearing school
- 24 March Storm in a Teacup
- 1-5 May novice shearing school

- Attachments:**
1. Wool Sale
 2. Rylington Park Flock Profile Test Results
 3. Rylington Park Agronomy Program 2023 DRAFT 2
 4. Rylington Park 1 x Pasture Hay Sample Std
 5. Financials - July 2022 to January 2023

3. General Business

3.1 Potential Research Projects for discussion

- Potential research projects proposed by the Boyup Brook Agricultural Supplies (information emailed to committee members last week)
- Potential research projects proposed by Andy McElroy (were sent to ECU in 2022, however, there hasn't been any interest from researchers at present)
- Potential research project proposed by Greening Australia (rehabilitating creek line and establishing a native plant seed bank).

4. Discussion points:

Cropping

Marc and Erlanda were congratulated on their successful cropping programme and sheep and wool results.

Schools / Events

Shearing

Erlanda Deas presented verbal reporting on treatment of injured sheep after shearing. Cr Helen C O'Connell requested financial reports on cost of shearing schools to be presented at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.

Ladies Day

Rylington Park Committee to make recommendation for Shire Council to consider at its next meeting on the charity which is to receive the proceeds from the painting auction and other items that may be auctioned.

Scholarship

Mr Andy McElroy encouraged scholarships to be communicated on the Shire Newsletter, the Gazette (under Rylington Park Banner), the Shire Website and Facebook page to publish the past recipients and to promote Scholarship applications to the community (applicants do not need to be attending a local school)

Flock Profile

Following review of the Flock Profile report it was very evident that Rylington Park genetics for Yearling worm egg count were approx. 17% above industry flock average (this is an animals' resistance to worms) and this trait needs to be addressed given the flock is non-muelsing. The current ram supplier does not test for this trait. It was agreed that Anderson Rams be considered to be purchased in 2023 to breed in this genetic trait to improve worm resistance.

Agronomy Program

The cropping plan 2023 (3 items) to be discussed with the Agronomists for possible revision.

Financials

Cr Charles A D Caldwell requested that expenses be apportioned between business units to better represent each area. This was agreed.

What lies ahead

Cr Charles A D Caldwell recommended the Flexi-N tank to be ordered as soon as possible.

Erlanda Deas advised the Rylington Park Committee that the tank liner is to be replaced. It was suggested by Cr Caldwell that the tank be strapped to assist with potential risk of cracking.

Potential Research Project for discussion

The committee agreed that the human medical health and agriculture research programme with ECU and Rylington Park be supported and progressed.

The Rylington Park Committee agreed that the Greening Australia a) Seed Bank and b) support for a model that gains co-funding for trees in the 'Shade Shelter' projects be supported and progressed.

All other potential research projects to be reviewed at Rylington Park Committee meeting.

ECU (Leisa Armstrong) and Boyup Brook Agricultural Supplies to be invited to the meeting to be held on 9 March 2023 (via MS Teams) to discuss potential suitability of proposed research projects by Rylington Park and ECU.

5. Closure

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, 9 March 2023 at the Shire Council Chambers (time to be confirmed).

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Walker thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.09pm.