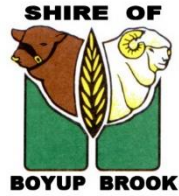


MINUTES



Rylington Park Committee Meeting
held in the Shire Chambers
Commenced at 5.00pm on the 13th October 2022

Attendance

Cr Richard Walker – Shire President
Cr Charles Caldwell arrived at 5.25pm
Cr Kevin Moir
Cr Darren King
Mr James Johnston
Mr Andy McElroy

Matt Chambers

Mr Dale Putland
Mrs Carolyn Mallett
Mrs Maria Lane
Mr Marc Deas
Mrs Erlanda Deas

Apologies

Mr Joshua Stretch
Mr James Johnston
Cr Helen O’Connell

Order of business:

Presentation by Matt Chambers

Matt Chambers provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding “*Responsible Wool Standards 2022*”.

Report from Marc and Erlanda Deas

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Sheep

- Move mobs together to empty paddocks for weaning.
- Weaned XB lambs. They were counted by Matt Chambers. They were drenched, vaccinated and sprayed.
- These ewes were split into cull-for-age and the ones to keep.
- Went through all rams to record ages, crutched them in the Te Pari, drenched, etc. Bought 4 White Suffolk rams at the Dinninup ram sale from Wayne White on Friday. We have been buying Wayne's rams for many years and are happy with their performance. They have always accommodated us with selecting rams on farm after the sale, which we don't have to do this year as we bought all needed at the sale.
- We will go to the Lukin Springs ram sale on Monday, 17 October, to buy merino rams. We have been buying their rams ever since we started at Rylington 12 years ago. They have the wool quality we are after for the shearing schools and their rams made our decision to go non-mulesing less stressful. Their new sires come from a non-mulesed stud and they have seized mulesing as well.
- Crutching ewe hoggets on Wednesday.
- Selling 348 cull-for-age ewes on Thursday to Walsh's for \$4.00/kg.

Cropping

- Got quotes for hay baling and harvest – Dave Muir will do the baling and Marcus Gifford will do harvest.
- Sprayed paddock 10 – red mite & cape weed.
- Ordered canola for next year.
- We have areas in canola which will need to be sprayed with Roundup to kill ryegrass in paddock 6 & 33 and radish in paddock 22 before harvest.
- Discussed fertilizer needs for next year with David Lane and Dan Glover (CSBP)
- Plan to discuss and put crop plan together on 27 Oct or 8 Nov
- CSBP will give us a rebate of \$1000 towards a 25000 litre Flexi N tank which retails for \$6011 (excluding) at the moment.
- Busy spraying thistles, around buildings and around some crops.

Schools / Events

- Adama Australia had a 2-wheel trial tour on 13 September. Adama takes anyone involved with farming on this 3-day tour. This was their fifth year visiting a different area each year.
- Possibility of having brick layers stay at Rylington while building at Chapman's.
- ECU put up a "node" on the hill on the eastern side of the farm
- Had annual field day on Friday 23 September.
- Had novice shearing school 3-7 October. 436 cull-for-age ewes were shorn. We had 13 students attending. As it was still school holidays, 3 of them were from Ag Schools. The one has been here before and shears on his parents' property alongside the contractors. Another works in shearing teams during the school holidays and the third's dad wants him to go shearing for a

few years before coming to the farm. 5 of the students are already in teams as pressers and roustabouts and jump up when they can to shear a little. One student's dad works for a contractor in Lake Grace and was sent here to be able to get a job on the same team. A lady who works as a roustabout brought her underage daughter to learn about the wool who will come to the woolhandling school in December. We also had a young boy whose dad is a shearer and will be one of our trainers for the next school. The last student is a farmer's son who is back on the farm and wants to learn the wool and how to shear.

- After speaking with SafeFarms WA, all students and trainers filled in an induction form on the first day of the school. We have used their generic induction for shearers but will modify it a little to accommodate our needs. We will organise an hour zoom meeting with SafeFarms to discuss this and get tips on how to best implement our customised system. They also recommend a WorkSafe audit/assessment which is free of charge and will help to point out areas of concern.
- Students also have to register online now for the schools via Eventbrite set up by AWI to be able to have them all on a database.
- Michael Wright organised 3 talks on the Wednesday of the school. The first was on setting a goal, working together in a team and make a point of understanding others. The second was a money talk on doing a basic budget and planning to save. The third person was a vet talking about animal welfare.
- The students filled in a feedback form and all loved the talks – maybe change the time of day and spread them over the week. The main complaint from them was to be able to use Wifi.
- Erlanda attended the WA wool TAG meeting on 29 September in Perth. The committee chairman, Chris Patmore, visited the shearing school on Friday. The next meeting will be in January.
- We need to discuss the advanced schools as they will need a lot more sheep to shear and we'll have to pay them. We are aiming to have 6 shearers for the 3 days. When paying a team to do you're shearing it will cost you around \$9 per sheep or more. We spoke about paying them \$4 to \$4.50 and pay super on top of that. We want them to stay on the farm and as they get paid, they will have to pay for food and accommodation. The wool handlers will still be in training and will not get paid and will not pay for accommodation. AWI will pay the 2 trainers as per normal and as per the contract.

General

- Finished fence sections and hanging gates for field day
- Te Pari was temporarily installed and connected before field day. A lead-up-race with more anti backers built in was purchased and will replace the portable yard panels. Cam Atherton will concrete the yard section to be able to secure the handler when he concretes the chemical shed.
- Plumber replaced all tapware in shearing shed. Hot water system in shed is working well.
- Had busy Bee – cleaned up around buildings, at front gate, burned wood, etc.
- Shire graded the entrance road and took away the sea container.
- Shire is looking at extending the gravel pit in paddock 15 – also spoke about closing the pit in paddock 35.
- New blinds were put into the lecture room and all 8 rooms.
- Asked Co-Op, Ag Supplies, Nutrien, AWI and Westcoast whether they want to put up “core-flute” signs in the shearing shed. Received signs from Westcoast Wool and AWI so far.

- Waiting on Cam Atherton to do concreting in chemical shed to be able to finish the project. Sand was pushed in and gravel around the edges.

What lies ahead

- Get quotes and order beds.
- Will attend Merinotech day on Thursday, 13 October.
- Marc will be doing a Chemcert course in the new year as the course coincides with the ram sale.
- Marc is doing a chainsaw workshop on 20 October for WHS compliance.
- Wean merino lambs (Matt Chambers to count)
- Shearing schools
- Busy organising speakers for the lady's day and then work on sponsorships
- Yard work around sheep handler
- Checking sheep for fly strike
- Market lambs
- Class ewe hoggets
- Fencing

Calendar:

- 24-28 October -novice shearing school
- 14-18 November novice shearing school
- 6-8 December advanced shearing school and wool handling course
- 16-20 January novice shearing school
- 24-26 February fox shoot
- 27 February – 3 March novice shearing school
- 24 March Storm in a Teacup
- 18-20 April advanced shearing school and wool handling course
- 1-5 May novice shearing school

1. Previous Minutes

Committee Recommendation

MOVED: Mr Andy McElroy

SECONDED: Cr Charles Caldwell

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee held on 1 September 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED 6/0

Res 22/10/137

2. General Business

➤ Rylington Park Field Day Debrief

It was suggested that the date be made mid-week.

Organize other speakers for next year.

Not many people were aware of this event, advertise it in the Manjimup Bridgetown Times.

➤ Rylington Park Scholarships

Cr Darren King, Cr Charles Caldwell will be interviewing the scholarship winners and Andy McElroy will be a proxy.

FOR ACTION

Maria emailed the Rylington Park Committee on 21st October 2022 in relation to the Rylington Park Scholarship.

The interviewing will take place at the High School on the 21st November 2022. Time to be confirmed.

3. Next meeting will be held on **9th November 2022 at 5.00pm at Rylington Park.**

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Walker thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.