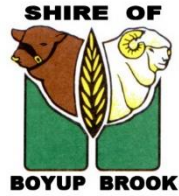


MINUTES



Rylington Park Committee Meeting
was held at Rylington Park at
5.00pm on the 9th November 2022

Attendance

Cr Richard Walker – Shire President
Cr Helen O’Connell
Cr Charles Caldwell
Cr Kevin Moir
Cr Darren King
Mr James Johnston
Mr Joshua Stretch
Mr Andy McElroy

Mr Dale Putland
Mr Marc Deas
Mrs Erlanda Deas

Apologies

Mrs Carolyn Mallett
Mrs Maria Lane

Order of business:

Report from Marc and Erlanda Deas

Rylington Park – October 2022

Please refer to attachment (Budget Comparison – July – October 2022)

Sheep

- All ewe hoggets were crutched.
- Sold 352 cull-for-age ewes for \$106.71 each to V&V Walsh. (Not on financials yet as was not paid by 31/10)
- XB lambs were weighed and split:
 - 322 sold to V&V Walsh @ R144.48 each
 - 512 left on Monday morning to South Australia @ \$2.75 live weight to a maximum of \$115 each
 - 38 XB lambs left

- Bought 8 merino rams at the Lukin Springs ram sale for an average of \$1237.50. The 4 white Suffolk rams were \$1850 average.
- Weaned all merino lambs. All lambs were counted yesterday by Matt Chambers and Brenton Tynan.
- All rams were shorn during the shearing school. Colin Clark from Ram Busters has been shearing our white Suffolk rams for free for many years since we had them do a demonstration at the field day. The merino rams were shorn by one of Aaron Piper's shearers.
- Sent away 20 blood cards to Neogen for flock profile.

Cropping

- Sprayed paddock 39 for reseeding next year.
- Firebreaks.
- Canola in paddocks 6 & 22 were sprayed.
- Hay was cut and tedded.
- As the chemical shed is basically finished, we will source a 25000 litre Flexi N tank. (CSBP will give us a rebate of \$1000 towards a 25000 litre Flexi N tank which retails for \$6011 (excluding) at the moment.)
- Spraying thistles and firebreaks.
- Spoke about crop plan for next year Less sheep and more crop.

Schools / Events

- Had novice shearing school 24-28 October. 563 ewes were shorn and all XB lambs were crutched. We had 12 students attending.
 - Wade Fowler: Wade came to a shearing school a year ago which was his first ever school at the age of 45. After that school he started a cocky run and shears pet sheep and hobby farmer's sheep all around Collie, up to Pinjarra and down to Bridgetown. He works for the mine in Collie and does the shearing during his rostered off weeks. He came back to work on his technique and footwork. He also got tips on keeping his gear in sharp and how to improve his grinding skills.
 - James McAlinden: He also works for a mine and shears in his rostered weeks off. He is based in Bridgetown and also came for the second time after attending a school last year. He also shears all the sheep on the family farm.
 - Coen Gilmartin: He was pressing for Mike Henderson and did a school in Badgingara. He came to the school to be able to shear with confidence as he flew out to Victoria after the school to join his brother who is a very good shearer. He will be working in Victoria for a while before coming back to WA.
 - Ash Robinson: Ash came to both schools and is a presser for MJ Shearing in Katanning. MJ Shearing send their people to 3 schools and then offer them a learner stand. They are hoping Ash can be on a stand by January for the summer run.
 - Jono Butler: Jono also works for MJ Shearing. This was his first school and works as a presser. They would like him to come to 2 more schools and also get him on a stand in January. They train rousies to press in the meantime to be able to move their pressers on to shearing.

- Andrew Strange: Andrew is a rousy for Jo Dempster from Central West Shearing. He now jumps up on the stand whenever he can and says he will keep on working towards a stand.
- Makayla Neil: Makayla has only been in Australia for only a few months. She works locally for Floyd Neil, Shear Pride, as a rousy. Her whole family is in shearing and she would like to take it further than just being a rousy. She went from not shearing at all to be able to shear a full sheep independently.
- Kallan Frewen: Kallan came back to the school as his father, Ben Frewen, was one of the trainers. He works as a rousy and presser for his dad when not at school. This was his dad's first Rylington school as a trainer for which he got lots of very good feedback.
- Anthony Wraight: Ant travels between Australia and New Zealand and works on farms and shears/crutches where needed.
- Tayla O'Dea and Codi Dewhurst are school girls from Perth. They both have Agriculture subjects and would like to have careers in Ag. They are trying to get exposed to as many ag related activities as possible. Neither of them have ever been in a shearing shed before. At the end of the school they could both do the wool handling and crutched a number of lambs. These girls will be great advocates for the industry and would otherwise never have had the opportunity to experience it at all. They were impressed by the fact that you can earn good money even by just doing the wool handling part time.
- Torq Cresswell: Torq attended 2 schools in Esperance and comes from a shearing family. He has a learner stand with George Gray in Darkan. Torq was able to shear 100 lambs before the school but according to him, had to work very hard to achieve that. After the school he mentioned that with the help of the trainers teaching him better techniques and positioning, he is able to get the 100 much easier without working so hard. He was also told that he will attend the advance school in December and will receive a learner's tool kit from AWI. Torq needed the school to build up his confidence as he is still very young.
- Ladies' day 2 speakers confirmed and \$2000 from Co-Op secured as sponsorship.

General

- Put new engine on the transfer pump.
- Cam Atherton did the concreting for the chemical shed and in the yards for the Te Pari. Gravel was put around slab at the front.
- Busy changing gates, etc in yards.
- Truck's diesel pump was repaired.
- Shire is looking at extending the gravel pit in paddock 15 – also spoke about closing the pit in paddock 35.

What lies ahead

- Marc will attend chainsaw course tomorrow in Collie.
- Meeting with Craig French from AWI and Chris Patmore, chairman of Wool Tag, on 16 November.
- Get quotes and order beds.
- CRC and BBG are organising a Chem Cert course for January.
- Shearing schools
- Yard work around sheep handler
- Checking sheep for fly strike
- Ewe hoggets will be classed on Friday by Paul Goerling
- Market extra hoggets and ?

Calendar:

- 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
- 1-5 May novice shearing school

Notes:

We will have an Ag School student doing work experience on the farm from 5 to 15 December.

- Crop plan for 2023 was discussed with agronomist and Cr Caldwell. Two paddocks added to the crop plan and one current paddock taken out. The crop area will increase from 132Ha to 155Ha. That brings the cropping to a third of the arable area. Therefore the number of ewes to be mated will be dropped from 2600 to 2300.

1. Previous Minutes

Committee Recommendation

MOVED: Mr Andy McElroy

SECONDED: Cr Charles Caldwell

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee held on 13 October 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

Res 22/11/154

2. General Business

2.1 Scholarship Interview being conducted at the High School

- Interviews- will be held Monday 21st November 2022 at the High School at 1.30pm (*time is tentative at this stage, Maria will update the Committee if time changes*)

Cr Darren King and Cr Charles Caldwell will be assisting with the interview process and Mr McElroy is a proxy.

Cr Helen O'Connell left the meeting at 8.00pm.

3. Next meeting to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Walker thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.