

THE GOLDEN SHEARS WORLD COUNCIL

Post Meeting Minutes of the Golden Shears World Council Held on 26th June 2023

PRESENT

George Graham	Chairman
Colin MacGregor	Vice-Chairman
Alan Derryman	Secretary & Treasurer
Johnny Fraser	Liaison Officer
Allan Oldfield	Shearing Representative (Southern Hemisphere)
Keryn Herbert	Wool Handling Representative (Southern Hemisphere)
Jayne Harkness-Bones	Wool Handling Representative (Northern Hemisphere)
Hamish Mitchell (later)	Shearing Representative (Northern Hemisphere)
David Lawrence	Australia
Tom Kelly	Australia
Andrew Barratt	England
Richard Schofield	England
Stefanie Kauschus	Germany
Nico Wohlfarth	Germany
Ronnie King	New Zealand
David Fagan	New Zealand
John Murphy	Northern Ireland
Sven Reierson	Norway
Eleri Roberts	Isle Of Man
James Radcliff	Isle Of Man
Tom Dunne	Republic Of Ireland
Billy Donnellan	Republic Of Ireland
Andrew Rankin	Scotland
Bruce Lang	Scotland
Joseba Attard	Spain
Loren Opstedahl	United States Of America
Kathleen Markiewicz	United States Of America
Nicky Beynon	Wales
Ray Davies	Wales

Apologies:

France
South Africa
Laurie Keats
Bryan Williams

Report from Liaison Officer – Johnny reported that information had been difficult to obtain.

Feedback to the meeting included:

The accommodation was considered not suitable for the World Championships.

The training day had been run well.

Managers meeting was held on the first day.

Judges packs and lack of food vouchers, food provided at the back.

It had been hard to get scores and information was not forthcoming for competitors, friend and managers.

The Village had been disappointing and not as expected.

There was no program with the the names of the team and competitors, although supplied, and this had been disappointing after the work put into collating this.

Proposal: Electric machines were considered unsafe, as proposed by David Fagan, and seconded by Loren Opstedahl; a decision was made that there would be just solid and flexi for the World Championships.

Minimal translation given out. Also give out information to spectators to explain what's happening on screen and instruction.

Internet connection.

Pens for four days pen men.

Teams meetings invite countries moving forwards.

Protesters were moved on, consideration to be given to how we deal with this moving forward.

Competitors were abusive over points to judges and event staff. Complaints should go through the manager. Negative feedback for the sponsors through bad behaviour. Competitors should not enter points room.

Points were not correct.

Judges on board only 1 per team on team event, not 2.

Woolhandling – fleeces judging after competition to allow 2 on stage if short of judges.

Woolhandling - 6 places in the final .

Look at eligibility of countries to compete, to be reviewed by executive

World council to offer more information to a host country, i.e. complete breakdown. Host country to pass information to next host.

Sheep organisers considered to have done the best of their ability.

The cost of travel to meetings is not usually needed.

Television screen positive. More screens and seating.

Poor sheep quality and not enough to change .

Machine and blade team events must have clarification on when the change over is ma

Board points on screen which competitors can see first and mistakes can be seen quickly.

Could the accommodation be more condensed if possible, although it was acknowledged that accommodation is most difficult to organise and is a significant cost.

Proposal: To increase the payment to the host country (made in the general meeting);
decision: it was proposed that no money be paid to the host nation ,and this should be spent on WC Admin, i.e zoom meetings Proposed by David Fagan, seconded by Eleri Roberts.

The meeting closed with the chairman expressing thanks to Scotland for hosting the World Championships.