Castlemilk Moorit Sheep Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Blawloan Farm, Blackness, Fife, EH49 7NP

Present:		**Apologies:**
Rhanna Russell	Mark Ballard	John Sanders
James Stewart	Kathy Domaille	Andy Harwood
Anne Lacy	Bridget Pearson	Leonie Gittens
Robin Lacy	Mike Topp	Rob Coope
Sue Roberts	Judy Craven	Becky Coope
Brian Ashdown	Tim Tilsley	Vicky Phillips
Sue Ashdown	Patrick Leavey	Aaron Kirkpatrick
Terence Pritchard	Katy Leavey	Malcom Halliday
Susan Pritchard	Katie Allen	George Browning
Andrew Hayns	James Allen	Gill Browning
Penny Issacs	Brandon Brockett	
Amanda Matthews	Rebecca Mclellan	
Moyra Simpson	Hamish Mclellan	
Sue Manning	Simon Tyler	
Tober Brown	Mary Sherwood	
Nikki Percival	Ron Edwards	
Keith Legge	Marilyn Edwards	
Felicity Legge		
Paul Spierings		
Alberthe Papma		

	Topic	**Actions**
1.	<u>Introduction and Apologies</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. Apologies were received as above.	
2.	<u>Chairman's Report</u> The Chairman opened by thanking everyone for coming and especially our hosts for their hospitality. She then read out a message of support from John Sanders who unfortunately could not attend. She thanked all the attendees for very useful suggestions in the discussion sessions during the Members Day and promised the committee would take actions forward on both regional support and encouraging registration. She also stated that getting the website rebuilt would be a priority for next year.	
3.	<u>Treasurer's Report on Society's Accounts</u> The balance of the bank account is currently £5,162.73. With accounts showing a smaller surplus for the year of £262 as we were able to spend twice as much as last	

	year on breed promotion with stands at shows, new banners and leaflets and rosettes for young handlers and dedicated CM show classes. Thank you to everyone paying by SO and in response to the invoices from Square. Income is accounted for on a cash receipts basis as we sometimes unexpectedly receive accrued subs for several years and cannot predict which members may not have paid because they wish to leave the society. Subscriptions for the current year from 1 May total £2,327 (this time last year £2,100). This is usual for this time of year and in line with previous years and currently there is only £417.50 outstanding which is a bit more than last year (2022 £317.50) but this is partly made up of underpayments due to old values on standing orders and only around 15 members are yet to pay. The printer has been fully depreciated but remains useful for welcome packs and newsletters and the investment in the website has now been written down to £100. As always if any members have suggestions on how to promote the breed please let us know	
4.	<u>Secretary's report</u> We have 26 new members since the last AGM, a really big increase from the 14 new last year, 19 of which have joined since January 2023 and we have also had 3 further enquiries from people that may join. This takes the current membership to 149, up from 135 last year after having removed 14 members for not paying. We again have 14 to chase this year that have subs outstanding but hopefully some of these will pay soon. During this year we have completed sorting the paper archive and migrated all the electronic files onto a cloud based service part of which gives us emails with the society name however we are keeping the Hotmail account as it is on the leaflets and will gradually move across as we update the marketing material. The next big task will be the much needed website update. We are not get many advert requests for the Marketplace but those advertised are still selling, with shearling ewes and rams popular requests. We have run some kinship reports this year but not as many as previous years it may be people are late looking at rams this year but please request a kinship report t hep you select the best match for your ewes. There were lots of extra show teams this year with at least 11 breeders attending some shows. We discussed registrations during the Members day but just to update the statistics for 2023: • 40 flocks registering lambs so far in 2023 the same no as this time last year but this did go up to 60 for 2022 a lot less than the 75 in 2020 • 428 lambs registered so far in 2023 up from the 400 at this time last year	

	which eventually went to 652 for 2022 • Only 224 ewe lambs added so far less than the 231 this time last year • We still have a real issue understanding the number of ewes that are out there last year there were 2520 living fully registered ewes under 10 years of age on the register (exc lambs) and this year there are 2207 (313 down) BUT the census details for flocks that do a return or that have registered stock in the last 3 years only show 1879 so 641 (34%) ewes are of unknown status.	
5.	<u>AGM 2023– Date and location</u> This will be held at Blawloan Farm near Falkirk on Saturday 23rd September 2023.	
6.	<u>Any Other Business</u> No other business was raised. The meeting closed at 3.20pm.	

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