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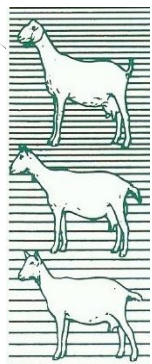


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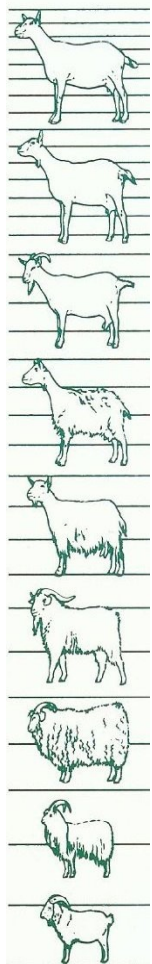
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Very wet and windy here today. Animal winter feed is of good quality due to some lovely weather through the summer months – my goats are tucking into a particularly good crop of swedes and really well secured hay at the moment. Several females are starting to take on a ‘rounded’ appearance with the first ones due to kid during the first half of February.

The last committee meeting of 2013 was held on 16 November (at a very pleasant new venue directly opposite Holborn Tube station, London) when a hefty agenda of items was dealt with – a brief summary of the meeting appears elsewhere in this journal. The first committee meeting of 2014 is scheduled for Saturday 15 February.

Jane has some time off over the festive period, so the office will not be staffed from 18 December until 2 January – an alternative contact number will be given on the office answering machine for anyone who requires urgent assistance.

A reminder to Affiliated Societies who may be thinking about submitting a resolution for consideration – your deadline for submissions to reach the office is 31 January 2014.

The 2014 Year Book booking deadline has come and gone – I understand from Michael Ackroyd that he has had a good response to requests for articles and photographs. The Year Book is an eagerly anticipated publication and providing all goes to plan, it will again be distributed during the first quarter of 2014. Work is also on-going ‘behind the scenes’ checking data sets leading up to the publication of the next Herd Book – it’s somehow very much easier to focus on checking facts and figures on a dark winter’s evening than it is on a fine sunny summer one.

In signing off, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – let’s hope 2014 turns out to be a good one.

Agnes Aitken
Chair

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who are:

Mrs & Mr Rose, Berkshire;
Miss C Bailey, Cambridgeshire;
Mr D Dean, USA;
Mrs S Locke, West Sussex;
Ms H Barnard, USA;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

Thank you to those members who have already sent their 2014 subscriptions to the office. If you are paying by Bankers Orders, please remember to cancel previous orders directly with your bank, as the BGS cannot. Do use the form sent last month or phone the office for a replacement.

Grassroots Online provides PayPal as an easy subscription payment method. Again this year 50% of members have used Grassroots throughout the year. Do remember that Grassroots provides online facilities for service certificates as well as registrations and transfers. Paper applications for registrations, transfers and service certificates continue as always to be accepted.

The final show booklet is enclosed with your Journal and will shortly be available also on the website and are already available through Grassroots. The show cards for CC's, IPCC's and BCC's will be sent out shortly to all recipients.

By the time you receive this Journal Herd Book 139 will be closed and I will be starting it's publication. Do check the November edition of the Journal for the new registration and transfer prices, effective from 1st January 2014.

The 31st January 2014 is the closing date for nominations of a new BGS President (see next page for full details) and also for resolutions from Affiliated Societies for the Conference on 12th April 2014. All Affiliated Societies should have received a letter regarding resolutions. Please contact the office if you have any queries. Page 300 has an update on the 2013 resolutions voted through for further consideration.

Hannah & Rebecca Campbell, young and enthusiastic goatkeepers, have written a Herd Diary for us. Thank you to them both.

Thank you to all contributors to the Monthly Journal in the past year.
I wish you all a Happy & Peaceful Christmas and New Year

Jane



NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF BGS PRESIDENT

The President of the BGS is elected biennially at the AGM. Mr Richard Wood (Silverline) elected in 2012, therefore ends his two years as President to the BGS at the AGM in April 2014. The Committee would like to thank Richard for his commitment to them and the Society as President over the past two years and before that as Chairman, a post held for 10 years, and enthusiastic goatkeeper, exhibitor and judge.

Nominations for the Office of BGS President are therefore sought by 31st January 2014. The nomination form is available from the office by post or email. The nomination can only be proposed and seconded by members of the Society and must be countersigned by the candidate. The proposer must submit the form by 31st January 2014 to the Secretary and may also submit an election address for the candidate of no more than 150 words.

A copy of each address shall be sent to members with the notice convening the 2014 AGM.

Contact for the nomination form: The Secretary, Gibshiel, Tarsset, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 1RR. Tel: 01434 240 866 Email: secretary@allgoats.com

WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT

Earlier this year your committee decided to seek quotes for the redevelopment of the British Goat Society's website. Three quotes were obtained and at its meeting on 16th November your committee decided to accept the quote submitted by Oxford Web Applications. This company is based in Oxford but has the added advantage of having a regional office local to the BGS office.

A sub-committee was formed, comprising of Christine Ball, Terry Hanna, Richard Pemble and myself, to oversee the construction of the new site and review the content of the existing site prior to deciding what to include on the new site and what to archive.

As members will appreciate this will be a time-consuming exercise as we do wish to get it right. Should members have any thoughts/ideas of what items/subjects they would wish to see on the new site, please do contact any of the four sub-committee members with your suggestions. Really, the more input we have will give us a clearer idea of what we can ask Oxford Web Applications to create for us.

Graham Godfrey

Dear Jane

The Abergavenny BGS Conference.

Unfortunately an accident stopped me from getting to the BGS Conference which was a bitter disappointment as I'd so looked forward to the various speakers and to meeting old friends. Then some days later the post brought a lovely Get Well card carrying individual messages from many of those present. It was an emotional moment for me as the signatures brought back so many happy memories of my travels to shows and individual herds around the UK and the many friends I made on those journeys. I now treasure that card not just on a personal note but also for showing the spirit of friendship that exists within the goat world. A very big thank you to all of you.

Jean G Macleod (late of the Langdale goats).

CHEESE MAKING CLASS

The Gloucestershire Goat Society intend to organise a Cheese Making Class on a Saturday in March or April 2014. Starting at 10.00am to 4.00pm at North Nibley Village Hall. Charges to be paid in advance, will be £10.00 for GGS members, £15.00 for adults and Free for young enthusiasts in full time education. Our instructor has made goat's cheese for many years, selling it at several local Farmers' Markets. If interested please contact Ruth Candy, telephone 01452 542230

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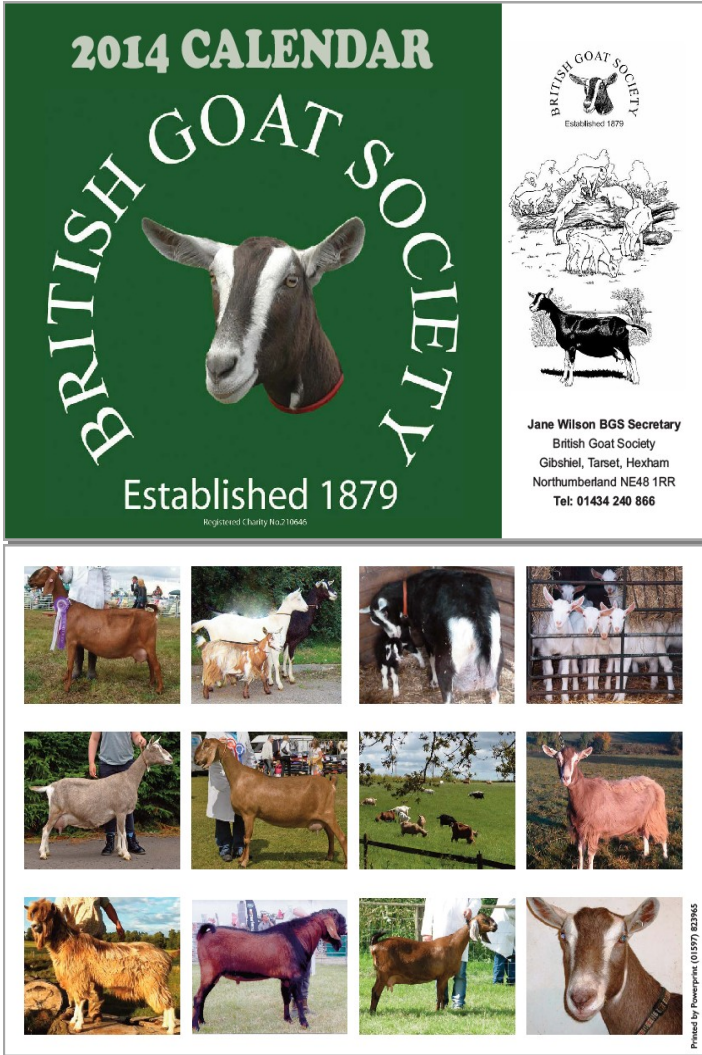
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AUSTRALIAN TOGGENBURG'S

I live in Australia and have been breeding goats for 30 years. I have had Registered pure Toggenburgs since 1991 and my stud is Murrungowar Dairy Goats, I have over the years had some of my goats exported to other countries as well as being in almost every state in Australia. I have at present 31 dairy goats and these are a few of my babies.



I have bred pure Toggenburgs since 1991 and hold the Australian record for a Toggenburg on 365 days production. My doe Murrungowar Jeneva gave 3040kgs of milk - she peaked over 10 litres a day on her 2nd lactation. This is Jeneva on the left (below) and her 1st lactation daughter, Nyssa (*also picture top of next page. Left is Jeneva, & right is Nyssa*).





AUSTRALIAN TOGGENBURG'S



Jeneva came from a line of big producers. Her dam had a recorded peak of 8.75kgs in 24 hours and grandmother at 7.8kgs. Jeneva's sire's dam held the Australian record before her. Jeneva's record has remained since 1999/2000. I have line bred from her grandmother since I had her in 1991.



Above is a photo of Jeneva on her first lactation (on right), her mother Sequoia (middle) and her grand-dam Sascha (on left) - 3 generations. I have a few Toggs with the long hair on their legs and fringes.

Nina Smith

JUDGING IN TASMANIA



Above: Best In Show

Below: Best Goatling





JUDGING IN TASMANIA



Above: The herd of AN's belonging to Sandy & John Green

Below: Miller belonging to Sandy & John Green



JUDGING IN TASMANIA

Following a visit from Shelley Johnston, Editor, Australian Dairy Goat World, I was very honoured to receive an invitation to judge at the Royal Hobart Show in Tasmania, Australia, on 23rd October 2013.

The flight was no mean feat, departing from Glasgow on Friday 18th October 2013 and arriving in Hobart on Sunday the 20th - time fairly flies! The Show organisers arranged accommodation for us at the Riverside Motel which, as the name suggests, offered the most wonderful river views.

The show itself appears to be one of the largest events on the Hobart Calendar and the goat entry was good, although exhibitors had to be in attendance at the Show for six full days, which did slightly restrict the number of exhibits. The judging itself started at 10.00am and went on until 4.30pm. The exhibitors were a bit bemused by my judging methods, which differ greatly from Australian methods. On the whole, however, they were a very friendly and enthusiastic bunch.

The overall quality of the goats was

good, although the British Toggenburgs and British Alpines are smaller than those that we see here in the UK. Compared to ours, I felt the Anglo Nubians were of a better quality and consistency, displaying excellent heads and ears, and I was delighted to award an Anglo Nubian milker top honours. After the Show, we went on to visit Sandy and John Green and their large herd of Anglo Nubians - the best I have ever seen, excelling in type and quality.

The whole experience proved to be most enjoyable and we were very fortunate to visit some breathtaking parts of Tasmania, travelling some 2,800 kilometres during our stay. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved for the fantastic hospitality arrangements and for making our trip such a memorable one. Thanks in particular go to Shelley and Neil Johnston, who looked after us so very well.

Gordon Smith

Pictures on the previous 2 pages



Letter from The Netherlands

Hello,

Maybe you'll find these pics and information of interest:

They are taken from a 50% British Alpine milker in a goat in a commercial herd. She is owned and bred by Mr. & Mrs. Harm & Ankie van der Veen. The pictures are taken as a 1 year old milker. She is sired by the BA Friarlea William (Spuncombe Quakerbill x Willamiss Treasure). This male was imported to Holland several years (about 10) ago and improved a lot on the butterfat (+0,29) and protein (+0,17) and also a small plus on milk (+73) with daughters in several commercial herds (79% reliability of proof figures)

This daughter is named Sina 3 fd Geitebreche (ID: NL100174445896, born 29-03-2010, kidded 31-10-2011) and produced so far in 709 days 4.029 kg milk with 4.01% butterfat and 3.11%protein averaging 5.7 kg milk/day. She is now again pregnant by a 50% British Toggenburg male sired by Theban Calpurnius (Theban Caelan x Theban Calpurnia)

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*Above: Hannah & Becky Campbell enjoying a spectacular lunch at the Dundee Autumn Conference.
Below left: Cheryl Paul a guess speaker at Dundee, Pygmy goat keeper and Business Correspondent for Scottish TV.
Cheryl gave an amusing and enlightening talk about her goats and her work.
Below right: Becky Campbell with the "Scottish Goat of the Year" cup won by Guilden Butterkup (See Herd Diary)*





HERD DIARY

We are Becky and Hannah Campbell aged fifteen and thirteen. We have a small herd of British (AOV) and British Toggenburgs in West Lothian, Scotland. We have two milkers, two goatlings and three kids. Since we have to go to school our mother (Rachel Campbell) does most of the looking after and getting up to milk them. We have owned goats since 2001, but only moved to a house with a field last summer, and our goats have been living with us since October 2012. Despite having a small herd we each have our own prefix, the family's is Lovels Glen and Becky's is Linnavon, Hannah's is Capitol, but doesn't have any goats registered under it.

1st September: Hannah - I helped with milking the goats in the morning. We attended the Ayrshire goat club AGM at Carsphairn, Dumfries and Galloway. There was a lovely pooled lunch before the meeting, there was some great goats milk cheesecake and goats milk quiche, made by our lovely mother.

Becky - The meeting consisted mainly of ways to save money: raffles, bake sales and such like. We also decided to create a display advertising the club at the upcoming Scottish Smallholder and Grower Festival at Lanark Market. We managed to leave at four however the journey is very long and we were late for dinner. I helped with milking the goats in the evening.

2nd September: Becky- After we came back from School and did some homework, Our Auntie Beth (Beth Fairley, Ballingall Anglo Nubians) came to get a

photo of my goat, Guilden Buttercup, because she wanted it for the SGF website because she thinks Buttercup will be Scottish Goat of the year. We agreed she'd come back later in the week to vaccinate for Schmallenberg virus.

3rd September: Hannah - After dinner, Auntie Beth came to deliver some goat food and a brooder for my quail chicks. Hopefully they'll hatch!

4th September: After school, Auntie Beth and Granny (Fiona Fairley, Ladeside Goats) came back to vaccinate our goats which we will put in kid, for schmallenberg.

Later in the evening, we filled out our entry forms for the Scottish Smallholder and Grower Festival. We are entering our youngstock, and our mother is entering some shortbread and tablet (a little like fudge). We will also take our two milkers for a milking demonstration.

6th September: Becky - After a half day of school (which we get every Friday!) Hannah went away to school music camp. She was away the whole weekend (phew) and we went to Granny's to spend the afternoon there. We tried and tested mother's shortbread and it was very nice. When we returned home we found that one of the eggs was hatching! It didn't take very long and the chick was soon stumbling around the incubator. The next egg did not hatch until much later in the evening, but we were very glad that we would have at least a pair.

7th September: Hannah is still at music camp and completely oblivious to the fact that her chicks had hatched. Another quail was born overnight and we transferred them all into the brooder at around nine o'clock. Another egg started hatching, but it wasn't looking promising so we tried helping it out. It seemed quite weak and had some yolk still attached. I went clothes shopping with mother. The fourth quail didn't survive.

8th September: Becky - I spent some time walking my kids as they are quite badly behaved when they're shown, one in particular, and it was extremely tiring. Hannah returned home at around 5pm and finally got to see her quails.

Hannah - I got back from music camp to find the living room had been taken over by a brooder and big heat lamp, and in the brooder were 3 really tiny quail chicks! I didn't realise how small they were going to be, although I had guessed from the size of the eggs!

13th September: Hannah - Jenny came over to see our quails after school. Technically we bought the eggs together so they are hers too, we bought them in the silent auction at the SGF August Show

Becky - Three of my friends came over for a sleepover. It was the first time two of them had seen the goats and they seemed quite taken with them (future goatkeepers perhaps?). Hopefully we weren't too loud and didn't keep the others awake all night...

14th September: Becky - After my friends

had gone home, Mother told me that Butterkup had not eaten much of her food from last night and did not seem interested in her breakfast. We phoned granny and once mother had told her that they had been outside a lot the day before, she decided that she could be impacted.

15th September: After lunch our Auntie Gail and our little cousins Cameron and Ruby came over to see us. Granny and Auntie also did, especially so they could look at Butterkup to check that their assumption was correct: she was impacted. We had coffee and biscuits I had made.

Later we had dinner and after had apple pie with apples from our tree. Our first crop, despite it being very few.

16th September: Becky - As it was a holiday we decided to go to Edinburgh Zoo, we booked tickets and slot to see the pandas before we left, however when we arrived we found out that there were no slots to see the pandas, but we could view their outside enclosure - we did not see any pandas. We went especially to see the pygmy hippos as father had won an adoption.

Hannah - I really enjoy going to the zoo, although the zoo hasn't been the same since the giraffes went away, the polar bear went away and the sea lions went away. I especially like seeing the koalas because they are one of my favourite animals. We learnt about how koalas feed their babies 'pap' which is a mixture of faeces: we were very glad



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that goats don't do the same!

17th September: Becky – I spent the day doing homework very last minute, but I still found time to walk my kids, though it was very unrelaxing.

Hannah – Funnily enough the koala at the zoo had a baby today!

22nd September: Becky - We went to visit our grandparents on the other side of our family in Glasgow. Our cousins and aunt and uncle were there and our great aunt was too. Sadly we were all very full of the cold and being there all day meant that the goats couldn't go out to enjoy the sun which has been quite rare recently.

26th September: Becky – I had a maths test at school today. Hopefully I passed because if I don't I'll fail maths!

27th September: Becky - After school and visiting Granny, we washed our goats in preparation for the Scottish Smallholder and Grower Festival tomorrow.

28th September: Becky - We went to the Scottish Smallholder and Grower Festival, which meant getting up at 6.30. We left the house at 7.30 with Granny and made the 45 minute journey to Lanark Market. After unloading our goats and seeing that they were comfortable we set about putting up displays for our own herds and for the Ayrshire goat club display. The judging commenced at 9.30. We did well, with two of my kids getting first and second in the coloured kid class

which was more than ten strong, and even got best kid.

Hannah – My goatling Donner got first place in the white goatling class, and got reserve best goatling and also reserve champion. Next we had a milking demonstration, for which we used our milkers. Everyone seemed genuinely interested and were enthusiastic to try. We even found some potential buyers for Becky's kid.

Becky - Then we had lunch and had a look around the show. Mother's baking was champion (by the way, there were only three entries, but sh!).

Hannah – I bought a feeder and drinker for my quails as they will be going outside soon. We went to the award ceremony which took FOREVER and we had to rush away so I would be back in time to go to my friend Jenny's birthday party.

29th September: We were all tired after the show and there was a lot of homework to do between us.

30th September: Becky – Mother told me that Granny had been over and she had worked out the results for Scottish goat of the year... It was Buttercup! Yay! And at school I found out I'd passed my maths test!

Becky & Hannah Campbell

UPDATE ON 2013 AFFILIATED SOCIETIES RESOLUTIONS which were voted through for further consideration by the Committee

Proposal from the British Toggenburg Society

"The British Toggenburg Society proposes that the BGS change the regulations which relate to the claiming of cumulative awards to make the award automatic, to replace the current system which requires a claim from the owner or breeder. With the purchase of Grassroots the technology should now be available to enable this to be achieved."

Proposal from the Kent Goat Club

"The Kent Goat Club proposes that male awards i.e. breed champion and champion status are updated automatically in line with female awards that are currently updated on the Grassroots system without the need to apply for them manually."

Update on the British Toggenburg Society and Kent Goat Club resolutions: The proposed Regulation changes, which were published on page 123 of the June 2013 Journal, were voted on by the Committee at their meeting on 16 November. The Committee voted in favour of the Regulation changes and these will come into force on 1 January 2014.

Proposal from the Grampian Goat Club

"The Grampian Goat Club proposes that in order to help preserve, encourage and promote the exceptional blood lines of quality UK male goats, the BGS to help financially towards the collection and storage of semen from these males. Owners of males to apply to BGS for financial support. Semen to be held in a central location and the BGS to explore the feasibility of acquiring a dry shipper for

use by female goat owners so they can have access to these straws, regardless of their geographical location".

Update: The Committee are looking into the costings for this before any decision is taken.

Proposal from the Durham Dairy Goat Society

"The Durham Dairy Goat Society proposes "Given the cost of membership fees and ever increasing costs related to keeping goats, might the BGS consider making the Monthly Journal available on line, thus saving on printing, postage and the office workload.

This could be done by offering members a choice, with those wishing to read the Journal in this way paying a reduced membership fee, for an individual password to access this option, or paying more to choose the hard copy.

Proposal from the Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society

The Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society proposes that the BGS offer reduced subscription rates to members opting to receive electronic versions of letters, certificates, documents, journals, year books, herd books etc in place of posted hard copies. This could benefit both members and the society through:

- 1) reduced membership fees
 - 2) increased net fee income for the BGS if the membership fee reduction is less than the total postage cost,
- Of course existing arrangements should remain an option.



UPDATE ON 2013 AFFILIATED SOCIETIES RESOLUTIONS which were voted through for further consideration by the Committee

Update on Durham and Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society resolutions: The Committee agreed that the BGS Journal be available, on line, for members once the new website is up and running. It will be password protected and there will be no reduction in fees.

Proposal from the Gloucestershire Goat Society

The Gloucestershire Goat Society proposes that "When a milking goat in the AOV classes has gained as many Certificates of Merit as a milker in Breed Classes needs to gain Breed Challenge Certificates she should be allowed to include CM after her name as the others have BrCh. Of course that would include her also achieving a * or Q*. This would increase the value of CM's and be of interest to future students of pedigrees." Update: This resolution is still under discussion.

SHOW UPDATES

DIPLOMA ONLY SHOWS

Nidderdale Show

BGS Diploma awarded to Micean Julie owned and bred by Mr M Boocock

Booklet 5

Castlewellan Day 1 & Day 2

The IPCC on both days was won by Castlerain Diamante. Previously published winners did not attain 18 points in their milking competition.

The Royal Welsh

No goats qualified for the IPCC. The previously published winner did not attain 18 points in the milking competition.

Stithians

The incorrect kidding date was used to calculate Questant Cheriangel's points at this show. It means she was not eligible to win the IPCC or the BCC BT. Both these awards go to Nightshaze Liana.

Classified Adverts

2014 KIDS FOR SALE

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Contact: Adam Lockyear Tel: 07711 811980; Email: adam@hillfarmdairy.co.uk).

The Animal Health & Welfare Framework

The Animal Health and Welfare framework was introduced after the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in 2001, and is usually updated annually. It is intended to be a strategy for everyone involved in animal health and welfare, including Government, local authorities, animal owners and veterinarians. The current update is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-health-and-welfare-framework-201415>

COMMITTEE MEETING, 16 NOVEMBER 2013 - SUMMARY

Present, Richard Wood, Nick Parr, Richard Pemble, Colin Newton, Terry Hanna, Ros Earthy, Christine Ball, Margaret Hardman, Agnes Aitken and Maureen Ross. Jane Wilson in attendance. Apology on behalf of Shane Jones.

It was learned that Jedburgh Press (printers for monthly journal, YB etc) had been taken over by Meigle Printers but there will be no increase in rates charged. Sponsorship was approved for each Breed Society to assist with running costs of the breed shows. A summary of the two Annual Conferences was given. Agreement reached on which quotation to accept for web site upgrade and a sub group formed to take this project forward. A further sub group formed to consider rules and best way forward for Centenary Fund. Secretary's salary/contract reviewed. A judges conference and a milk recording secretaries meeting to be arranged separately on dates to be agreed during March 2014. Accounts discussed, budget for 2013-2014 approved and recommendation of financial adviser accepted regards investing £200,000 of legacy money. Regulation changes and all judges licence renewals approved. Next meeting date -15 February 2014.

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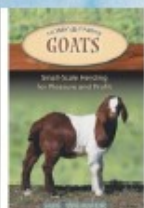


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