**VALAIS BLACKNOSE BREED SOCIETY**

**Meeting 3rd April 2018, 7.00pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

David Hodge (Chairman) Chris Slee (Vice Chairman)

Tom Hooper (Treasurer) Julian Walters

Kate Little (Secretary) Sarah Grose

Emma Collison (PR & Marketing) Douggie Little

1. **Minutes of last cttee meeting on 6th March 2018**

Agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

2. **Apologies**

Penny Coulter-Smith, and Stuart Billinghurst

3. **Matters Arising**

* NSA payment – The new invoice is for the financial year 2018/19.

Action: Treasurer to pay invoice.

* NSA photos – These have been sent.
* White coats – Emma to check re emblems on the coats
* Data protection – Getting to grips with the requirements.

4. **Proposed Budget for 2018/19**

The proposed budget was agreed.

 Membership list – so far approx. 20 members have paid for the new financial year.

 Action: Treasurer to nudge non payers and Secretary to provide paid up members list to PR Officer.

5. **Website**

 Sponsorship logos are to be moved to the bottom of the home page to avoid impression that the site itself is sponsored rather than being neutral. FAQ page to be provided in time for the Devon County Show. In the future, guidance for showing Swiss Valais Blacknose sheep will be provided.

 Action: PR Officer to update the website

6. **Devon County Show Arrangements**

Set up the stand on Wednesday ready for Thursday sheep judging day. Emma will arrange posters – all to provide any suitable photos.

7. **Other Shows around the Country**

Agreed to provide sashes and bell for the Breed Society classes at the Nantwich Show.

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8. **Any Other Business**

* Advertising – Will provide an advert for the Farmers’ Guardian at a cost of £108
* Country Smallholders Magazine – Will contact Debbie Kingsley to suggest an article.

Action: PR Officer to organise.

* Key ring for members agreed.
* Initial thoughts on showing Valais’ in full or shorn fleeces are: Devon and Cornwall Shows in full fleece. Shows from July onwards, sheep should be shorn.

 **Date of Next Meeting**

 12th June at Lower Halstock Farm, Okehampton at 7.30pm.

Signed …………………………………………….. Date ……………………………….

 Chairman

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