



## *Sports Shear Australia Association*

### Minutes ; AGM meeting

**Date; 25.10.2024 in person and via zoom**  
**Meeting opened; 11.42am Perth time**

*Present;*  
*SSAA Chair; Dave Lawrence*  
*SSAA Sec; Raelene Laidlaw*  
*SSAA Tres;*  
*SSQLD;*  
*SSNSW; Jeremy Newberry, Carla Boland*  
*SSTAS; Max Flood, Scott Jones,*  
*SSVIC; Tom Kelly, Lisa Wardlaw*  
*SS SA; Richard Hein, Trevor Bacon*  
*WACSA; Jenny Carter, Rob Carter*  
*Head Shearing Judge; Daryl Wallace*  
*Head Wool Handling Judge; Marion Kelly*  
*Immediate Past Chair; Tom Kelly*

*Guests; Craig French AWI, Adrian Tuohey Fox and Lillie Rural, Jenny Tuohey, Alexander Schoff, Karl Scoff, Terry O'Leary, Grace Schoff, Ross Thompson, Evelyn Archer Tas, Claire Lowe Vic, Janise Hebbberman SA, Pauline Smith NSW,*  
*On Zoom Rodney Sluggett*

*Apologies; Wes Baker, Rick Baldock Stockowners*

Item	Details	Follow up
1.	<p>SPORTS SHEAR AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Inc CHAIRMANS REPORT AGM 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 KATANNING</p> <p>Welcome to Katanning for SSAA AGM and National shearing and wool handling championships. Welcome to our sponsors who, without them this event would struggle to proceed. Thank you to Jamestown 2023 for an excellent event last year and thank you to Katanning for extending their welcome to the Great Southern area of WA for 2024.</p> <p>Many thanks to all the SSAA committee members and state ECOM representatives for the time you have given up being part of our association. Without your input and assistance, we would battle. Thank you to all the support I receive to keep our association pushing ahead.</p> <p>A few curve balls came our way this year, but nothing that hasn't be sorted or can't be sorted.</p>	

	<p>The last year has seen Queensland association close their doors, but this will not be the end for that state. Recent discussion has indicated that they will be up and going bigger and stronger, but it may take a year or two. Early indications that three shows are on the horizon for the next year, and I look forward to being available to assist. Australian Blazers have caused a few problems and unfortunately some current team members are without their blazers. The passing of Mr Kurt Anders who arranges the making of the blazer and the unavailability of the current material has led us to having select a new material. I can assure you we will have the blazers ASAP. Congratulations to all Trans-Tasman members on their outstanding efforts both at Masterton and recently the blade event at Waimate where John Dalla and Andrew Murray were unsuccessful with a narrow margin, Thank you.</p> <p>I can't thank Raelene Laidlaw enough for the last three years, for the time and effort she has put in. Nothing was ever a problem and has made my position a lot easier knowing things are getting done all the time.</p> <p>I have enjoyed my time working with new committees, new faces new ideas. For Sports Shear Australia to grow and become stronger it is important that we recruit new committee members to take on positions, not only at state level but at national level.</p> <p>Interest to host a World event is strengthening in some states, the next twelve months will highlight the way forward.</p> <p>Host committees for National events has been keen with expression of interest in writing or verbal have indicated that SSAA are in a strong place at the moment.</p> <p>Looking forward to the next year ahead. This year enjoy your time here in Katanning WA . David Lawrence</p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	-	
2.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from AGM meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per minutes Oct 23, emailed to all ECOM</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<p><b>moved – Raelene Laidlaw Secretary</b> <b>-Sec – Jeremy Newberry NSW</b></p>	
3.	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial report emailed with this agenda</li> </ul> <p>Income - Opening balance as at 01.07.2023 \$108,805.50</p> <p>Bank Balance as at 30.06.2024 \$34,466.84 Term Deposit Closing - \$80,000</p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<p><b>Moved – Raelene Laidlaw Treasurer</b> <b>Sec – Trevor Bacon SS SA</b></p>	
4.	<p>Reports request for every 6mths to send in a written report.</p> <p>SSQLD – Honorary member this year.</p> <p>SSNSW – Last 12 mths good in NSW with a young committee. 22 shows in the current circuit, continuing to grow. Lots of judges workshops across the state.</p>	

Managed to raise \$17,000 in fundraising over 3 fundraisers. Very positive year for SSNSW

SSVIC – New show this year Boort had a good show for their first show. All other shows are able to run this year. Really good number and lots of new people and new novices competing.

SSTAS –. About the same as Vic. 7 shows in average 65 competitors, shearers and woollies at each show. A new committee. Membership grown from 25 to 50. Up to 25 in meetings up from 6 -12. Looking really positive

SSSA. - very well in SA 8 comps. With a new South East Champs will make 9. Since I have come in to the chair, encouraging more wool handling across more shows. Shearing finals at Royal Adelaide may be able to have wool final here.

WACSA –

ECOM MEETING REPORT – WESTERN AUSTRALIA 25 October 2024

On behalf of WACSA, we would like to welcome everyone to Katanning for the 2024 National Championships. It is great that we are able to share this experience with you in our sheep country in Great Southern Western Australia. The town of Katanning, and particularly the Katanning Shears Committee, have been working tirelessly to frame up a very successful and organised show, in every aspect. We hope you are already enjoying the hospitality of Katanning and the event itself.

Our first show for the 2024-2025 Circuit was held in Corrigin on September 7. It was very organised and there was a good number of competitors. After not being able to host us for a couple of years due to shed repairs, it was great to return to the little country town of Koorda the next weekend. One of the organisers informed us that Koorda was the host of the very first National competition. The following week was the Perth Royal Show – really good numbers again, and a real chance to showcase our competition at a metro venue.

Last week was the Kojonup Blue Wool Shears. There was a record number of 88 entries, including NZ and interstate competitors for this weekend, who wanted to get some practice in prior to the main event. It certainly kept us all busy. Another draw card for Kojonup was their speed shears event afterwards.

WACSA is in a good place, with all committee positions filled, and a very good following for our shows.

#### Head Wool Judge –

#### HEAD WOOL HANDLING JUDGE REPORT

#### AUSTRALIAN WOOL HANDLING JUDGR REPORT October 2024

- Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Katanning committee & Volunteers that have been working on the venue which will host their usual shearing & wool handling competitions for October. A lot of work goes into making such an event happen, especially adding to it a National competition. I wish them all the best for their efforts, time & dedication in the running's over the coming weekend.
- Thanks to Raelene our sports shear Australia secretary & the many other hats she wears, for all your hard work that you do. Updating the rules, zoom meetings for the state head wool judges, protocols committee just to name a few. I appreciate your time & support very much so.
- Congratulations & well done to all state & their committees in hosting there many shows for competitors for state finals & selections of their state team to head to the Nationals in Katanning WA. I wish you all the best in competition & look forward to working with you over the National weekend.
- To our Australian team that competed in Masterton NZ earlier this year. Alexander Schoff & Marlene Whittle, the wool handlers along with Lisa Mclean the wool judge & Nathan Meaney, Daniel McIntyre & Josh Bone along with Richard Hien the shearing judge & team manager Steve Mudford. I hope you all had a good experience & here's hoping the team for a good outcome on our Australian turf.
- We had our head state wool judge zoom meeting in September. Discussions on – state wool judge reps & experience, roster (rotations if time permits, no judging of family members), dress code for the weekend, teamwork, rules & guidelines (being updated & no changes to date), having enough supplies (buckets, gubba bags, counters etc) Rob has organised all, thanks Rob.
- Our protocols committee members had a zoom meeting on August 25th. In relation to the national open wool handling events, it was noted that in accordance with the hosting state show committee to decide if they wish to have 1 or 2 rounds in the open wool and ECOM to have final say in the program of events. Wool handling would be 2 rounds of heats and 6 to the final. If the one round is held for the 18 competitors, then a semi-final of 9 competitors must be run then a final of 6. Also discussed that the host state provides a 6-stand shearing board and a 3 stand wool board due to accommodating the development grades. Regarding states sending development judges – Development judges are an addition to the state representative judges. They will be used as top-up judges & maybe given a chance to shadow another judge to

	<p>develop skills. Top 2 state judges are the main representative judges. Daryl will have more on protocols to report.</p> <p>Finally, I look forward to working with you all over the weekend, seeing all state teams competing and the wool judges working as a team. Have a great weekend.</p> <p>Regards Australian Wool Handling Judge Marion Kelly</p> <p><b>Head Shearing Judge -</b> Shearing Judge Report AGM 2024 From a judging point of view I don't have a lot to report or add to my comments from our last ECOM meeting at the start of September. From a shearing point of view there have been a few discussions going on in the background with members of the protocols committee as to where we are moving with regard to a more open and regimented approach to the awarding of "Whole Point" scores in shearing competitions. I look forward to the is weekends event as it provides us with the perfect opportunity to meet on a face to face level with judges representatives from all states ad discuss proposals and ideas so that they con return home and further spread the ese ideas so that when proposals are put forward by the protocols at ECOM meeting the delegates are better versed in the conversation and thus reforms can be instituted quicker. On a less heavy note I personally am looking forward to the ensuing competition and would like to congratulate all who are attending for reaching this event which will showcase the very best that Sports Shear Australia has to offer in both the competitors and officials that are here now. I will also take this opportunity to congratulate all those responsible for putting this weekend together, and wish all involved an enjoyable time. If I could just wrap up my report by acknowledging and thanking Raelene Laidlaw for all the great work and support that she has provided to myself in my role as shearing judge as well as all the countless hours she shas spent on behalf of SSAA. She will be sadly missed as she steps back from such a demanding role in our sport and I wish her all the best for her future endeavours.</p> <p><b>Thanks Daryl Wallace.</b></p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	-	
5.	<p><b>Business arising from AGM meeting Oct2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Icloud/ ZERO account for NFP be set up for ease of Executives transitions and recording</li> <li>• Honorariums</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<p><b>Icloud being set up to be able to follow on for each treasurer to hand over.</b> <b>-Honorariums after AGM 2024 \$2,000</b></p> <p><b>All in favour of these 2024 payments being made.</b> <i>Richard Hein moved a motion – the treasurer honorarium given to Raelene and additional amount be allocated to Mandy Newberry.</i> <b>Seconded Jeremy Newberry</b> <b>All in favour</b> <b>Move; Lisa Wardlaw Vic</b> <b>Sec ; Jeremy Newberry NSW</b></p> <p><b>Tas moved motion to pay Mandy Newberry be paid \$500</b> <b>Richard Hein second</b> <b>All in favor</b></p>	

	<p>Honorariums for 2024- 2025 amount to be set at \$2,000  Moved - Lisa Wardlaw  - seconded – Carla Boland</p> <p>Affiliation fees – 2024/2025 will be \$ 1,500  - Moved; Lisa Wardlaw  - Second ; Jeremy Newberry.  - All in favour of passed</p>	
6.	<p>Election of office Bearers 2023</p> <p>Craig French AWI took the chair.  Chairman ;  Dave Lawrence Nominated; Scott Jones Tas Seconded; Jeremy Newberry  NSW  Accepted and passed.  Vice Chairman;  Daryl Wallace Nominated; SS Vic Seconded; Max Flood Tas  Accepted and passed.</p> <p>Secretary;    Nominated; , Seconded;</p> <p>Treasurer ;  Raelene Laidlaw Nominated; Carla Boland NSW Seconded; Richard Hein  SA  Accepted and passed.</p> <p>Protocols Committee; 3 plus 2 head judges.  Dave Brooker Nominated; SA Seconded; VIC  Stuart Grigg Nominated; VIC Seconded; NSW  Paul Myers Nominated; NSW Seconded; Vic  Elected – Accepted and passed</p> <p>National Head Shearing Judge;  Daryl Wallace Nominated; SS VIC Seconded; SS SA  Accepted and passed</p> <p>National Head Wool Judge;  Marion Kelly Nominated; SSVIC Seconded; WACSA  Accepted and passed</p> <p>Team Manager Masterton 2025.  Stuart Grigg Nominated; SSVIC Seconded; TAS  Accepted and passed</p> <p>Wool Handling Judge Masterton 2024;  Fluff Hodge Nominated; SSVIC Seconded SS SA  Accepted and passed</p> <p>Shearing Judge Masterton 2024 ;  Tom Kelly Nominated; SSVIC Seconded; TAS  Nick Hearn Nominated; SS NSW Seconded; VIC  Wes Baker Nominated; WACSA Seconded ; TAS  Paul Myers Nominated; SS NSW Seconded; SA</p> <p>Tom Kelly voted and accepted</p> <p>Team Manager Worlds;  Wool Handling Judge Worlds;  Shearing Judge Worlds ;</p>	
Minutes	<p>-Zoom meeting Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am  For states to put forward a Secretary for the National  Committee.</p>	

7.	General Business	
Minutes	-	
	Meeting Close - 12.51pm	

**Next Meeting; time to be advised at 2025 Nationals**

Signed

Chairperson; \_\_\_David Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary; \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer ; \_\_Raelene Laidlaw \_\_\_\_\_

# Income Breakdown 23-24 FY

	<b>Nationals 2022</b>	
5-Sep-23	SSNSW 2022 Nationals Dinner	\$ 1,575.00
30-Sep-23	SS-SA 2022 Nationals Dinner	\$ 1,035.00
		<b>\$ 2,610.00</b>
	<b>Nationals 2023</b>	
22-Oct-23	Nationals Dinner Guests M Purcell	\$ 120.00
26-Oct-23	Lisa Wardlaw Nationals Accommodation	\$ 125.00
6-Nov-23	T Kelly- Nationals Accommodation	\$ 100.00
26-Nov-23	Marjorie Carpenter Accommodation	\$ 520.00
		<b>\$ 865.00</b>
	<b>Expense received</b>	
31-Aug-23	St Arnaud Agriculture- Clock Hire	\$ 150.00
23-Oct-23	Rhys Erikson- Sheep Drench Purchase. Nationals Auction 2023	\$ 470.00
19-Dec-23	Dispute payment from Jamestown Nationals Wool	\$ 50.00
		<b>\$ 670.00</b>
	<b>NZ - Masterton</b>	
	<b>Expenses received</b>	
28-May-24	Reimbursement of cost of airfare M Mudford	\$ 1,206.00

	<b><u>Sponsorship towards Nationals and Worlds</u></b>	
31-Oct-23	Stockowners - Sponsorship	\$ 6,500.00
14-Nov-23	Parkdale Merino Stud SRS- Sponsorship	\$ 2,000.00
25-Nov-23	Fox and Lillie - Sponsorship	\$ 1,000.00
15-Apr-24	AWI Sponsorship	\$ 22,500.00
		<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>
	<b><u>State Affiliation Received</u></b>	
22-Jul-23	SS-SA 2023 Affiliation	\$ 1,000.00
5-Sep-23	SSNSW 2023 Affiliation	\$ 1,000.00
9-Feb-24	WACSA 2024 affiliation	\$ 1,000.00
21-Feb-24	Sports Shear Victoria Affiliation fees	\$ 1,000.00
10-Mar-24	Sports Shear South Australia Affiliation fees	\$ 1,000.00
		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
		<b>\$ -</b>
	<b><u>Assets Sold</u></b>	
	<b><u>Tuppal Books</u></b>	
		<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>Total Income 23-24FY</b>	<b>\$ 41,486.00</b>

# Expenses Breakdown 23-24FY

## Insurance 2023

20-Sep-23	DD	Insurance	\$ 1,280.00
20-Sep-23	DD	Insurance	\$ 800.00
			<b>\$ 2,080.00</b>

## Bank Fees

16-Oct-23	DD	Commbiz Bank Fees	\$ 0.55
16-Oct-23	DD	Commbiz Bank Fees	\$ 1.50
15-Nov-23	DD	COMMBIZ Bank Fees	\$ 2.10
15-Dec-23	DD	Commbiz fees	\$ 0.55
15-Jan-24	DD	Commbiz fees	\$ 1.65
15-Feb-24	DD	Commibz transaction fees.	\$ 1.65
15-Mar-24	DD	Commibz transaction fees.	\$ 1.65
16-Apr-24	DD	Commibz transaction fees.	\$ 1.10
17-Jun-24	DD	Commibz transaction fees.	\$ 0.55
			<b>\$ 11.30</b>

## Honorarium

21-Oct-23	DD	David Lawrence-Honorarium 22-23	\$ 2,000.00
21-Oct-23	DD	R Laidlaw Honorarium 22-23	\$ 2,000.00
21-Oct-23	DD	V Nancarrow Honorarium 22-23	\$ 2,000.00
			<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

Expenses Breakdown 23-24FY			
<b>Nationals Jamestown 2023</b>			
22-Sep-23	DD	Computer Sashes and Rosettes- 2023 Nationals Jamestown	\$ 1,438.90
27-Sep-23	DD	R Laidlaw- Reimbursement for welcome dinner tickets NZ team, Sponsors and Australian Team	\$ 1,297.88
27-Sep-23	DD	R. Laidlaw - Prize money 2023 Trans Tasman - Nationals Jamestown	\$ 5,600.00
28-Sep-23	DD	Jamestown Show - Open Event Saturday 21st nominations for Australian Team	\$ 350.00
12-Oct-23	DD	Picture in Stitches- Judges Shirts 2023 Nationals Jamestown	\$ 1,029.60
21-Oct-23	DD	Accommodation NZ - Trans Tasman 2023 Nationals	\$ 2,055.00
26-Oct-23	DD	Jamestown Show- Catering AGM and Judges Nationals	\$ 696.00
26-Oct-23	DD	Accommodation - Commercial hotel Jamestown Australian Team and others	\$ 3,060.00
			<b>\$15,527.38</b>
<b>Waimate Blade Shears 2023</b>			
27-Sep-23	DD	Andrew Murray- Flight cost to NZ Waimate Blade Shearing	\$ 1,480.80
			<b>\$ 1,480.80</b>
<b>Masterton</b>			
18-Dec-23	DD	Steve and Maryellen Mudford flights to Masterton 2024	\$ 1,236.00
19-Dec-23	DD	Lisa McLean Flights to Masterton 2024	\$ 940.00
21-Dec-23	DD	Richard Hein flights to Masterton 2024	\$ 1,114.50
12-Jan-24	DD	Daniel McIntyre flights to Masterton 2024	\$ 1,355.00
12-Jan-24	DD	Marlene Whittle flights to Masterton 2024	\$ 910.00
29-Jan-24	DD	Nathan Meaney flights \$1400, Daniel Mc insurance (\$96.00), Steven Mudford's flight date change (\$1,176.00).	\$ 2,672.00
24.02.24	DD	Steve Mudford NZ insurance	\$ 54.00
24.05.24	DD	Payment to cover expenses in NZ to team Manager S Mudford	\$ 1,500.00
24.02.24	DD	Car hire payment for NZ team	\$ 1,728.84
05.03.24	DD	Reimburse Josh Bone airfare to NZ	\$ 1,253.00
			<b>\$11,510.34</b>
<b>Uniform Australian Team</b>			
07.03.24	dd	Stockowers for Aust Team uniform to NZ	\$ 2,320.33
13.05.24	dd	Lemonade Trophies Wool Handling badges	\$ 330.00
			<b>\$ 2,650.33</b>
<b>Consumer Affairs</b>			
26-Nov-23	DD	Consumer Affairs Victoria payment	\$ 47.70
			<b>\$ 47.70</b>
<b>Golden Shears - World Championships Scotland 2023</b>			
21-Aug-23	DD	David Lawrence- Worlds - Team car hire reimbursement	\$ 1,991.38
			<b>\$ 1,991.38</b>
<b>Total Expenses 23-24 FY</b>			<b>\$41,299.23</b>

