Minutes of 2025 World Galloway Council

Held on Monday 31st March 2025

Conference Room 1, Copthorne Hotel Lakefront, Queenstown, New Zealand

Welcome & Opening of Meeting

Angela Mc Naughton welcomed everyone to New Zealand and opened the meeting at 8.45am. There followed a Parade of Flags from each country attending.

Present

See Attendance Sheet

Apologies

Georg & Marie-Luise Menke
Jon Bednarski
Jack Bagley
Roger Brownlee
Jurgen Greiner
Anton Coaker
Harriet Bunning

Delegates

See Sheet

Secretary's welcome

Jane Bradley welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Angela McNaughton and her committee for all their hard work in putting together such an enjoyable program for the 2025 Conference. She outlined a couple of examples of how members are using the World Galloway Conference program outside the conference to gain information about Galloways or make contact with people from other countries.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2023 were read.
Alison Bunning moved that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded by Berchtold Von Fischer.
CARRIED

Business arising from Minutes

General Business

1. Reports from the following Galloway Associations were received

   Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland
   Australian Galloway Association
   Australian Belted Galloway Association
   Canadian Galloway Association

Swiss Galloway Society
Galloway Association of Austria
Galloways Australia
Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand
German Galloway Association
Belted Galloway Cattle Society of UK and Eire
UK Riggit Cattle Society
US Belted Galloway Society
American Galloway Breeders Association
France
Russia
Chile
Bulgaria

We were very fortunate in having the reports published by the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand in their Journal which was available to all participants. A reminder to Galloway Associations not to provide their reports in a PowerPoint format as this too difficult to publish.

Dates & Venues for future World Galloway Conferences

2027 - Invitation from the Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland to host the next World Galloway Conference. David Heath presented an invitation from the Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland to attend the conference from 2nd August 2027 to 11th August 2027. They propose to visit Ireland, Southwest Scotland and North England with all 3 Galloway Societies being involved in the organising of the event. Full details will be published as soon as they can confirm venues. 2027 is the 150th Anniversary of the Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chairman – Angela McNaughton nominated David Heath, Seconded by John McIlwraith CARRIED

Secretary – John McIlwraith nominated Jane Bradley, Seconded by Angela McNaughton CARRIED

Expression of Interest in Hosting 2029 World Galloway Conference

John McIlwraith advised the meeting that Canada may hold the 2029 Conference in Western Canada and would discuss with the Canadian Galloway Association and let us know.

Open Discussion

World Galloway Website – John McIlwraith advised the meeting that his brother Alistair managed the website. www.gallowayworld.net
Thank you to John & Alistair.

Facebook Page – Galloway Cattle: Whites, Solids, Riggits and Belties (International Page) – managed by Shane Smeathers. Shane presented Beth McVerry a gift as acknowledgement of the many photographs that she has put up on the page.

The meeting broke for lunch

The meeting resumed

Open Discussion

HYPOTRICHOSIS

Questions were asked as to what the Associations around the world were doing to manage Hypotrichosis. Different Associations are looking at this and reacting in different ways. Several members gave their view or their association's view on how to address this situation. Dr Eggleston, USA had been involved with the USA Belted Galloway Society's approach to managing Hypotrichosis and suggested that testing be recommended and then allow breeders to make their own decision on whether they would use the bloodlines of carriers. This method would see the numbers be reduced. It was also recommended that when semen or embryos are collected, that the donors be tested. Those attending would go back to their associations to outline the general opinion on how to manage this condition.

Any other discussion

With Foot & Mouth still affecting some areas of the world, it was recommended to safeguard as much genetics as possible. A Worldwide register of Genetics may be beneficial.

Close of Meeting

Angela McNaughton thanked everyone for attending the 2025 World Galloway Conference in New Zealand. A gift was presented to Angela & her committee for all the work that they had done to make the 2025 World Galloway Conference such a success.

Angela closed the meeting a 2.20pm