



The Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association

Company No. 183637 (England & Wales)

Registered Office:

Riddings Farm, Reeth, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 6UR

The One Hundredth and First Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale Sheepbreeders' Association will be held in The Masonic Hall, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, CA17 4RH on Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 15th December 2021 (enclosed).
3. Matters Arising.
4. To receive the Statement of Accounts.
5. To receive the Chairman's report.
6.
 - i) To elect the Chairman of the Council and Association
It is proposed by A Alderson, and seconded by S Porter that W Cockbain be re-elected as Chairman of the Association and of the Council.
 - ii) To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Association.
It is proposed by A Watson and seconded by D Allinson that G Dalton be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Association and of the Council.
 - iii) To elect the Vice-President's of the Association
 - a) It is proposed and seconded by Council that J Burton, RM Spensley, W Wood, JW Porter & ME Oxley be re-elected enbloc.
 - b) It is proposed by R Peirson, and seconded by M Allison, that A Alderson be elected as Vice-President and Honorary Life Member of the Association.
7. To confirm members of Council in place of those retiring:
 - A District – DC Hutchinson & M Watson
 - B District – R Tennant & P Metcalfe
 - C District – M Nelson & GA Slack
 - D District – JT Golightly & A Watson
 - E District – L Barraclough

8.
 - i) To confirm 'C' District's appointment of T Brogden to the Council in place of JA Alderson.
 - ii) To confirm 'E' District's appointment of M Graham to the Council in place of R Peirson.
9. To appoint Accountant – Allen Sykes Ltd.
10. To confirm 'E' District's nomination of Brian Aconley, Ash House, Kirkbymoorside to serve as President of the Association in 2023.
11. Crowning 2022 – to vote on the following.

PLEASE NOTE: Voting will take place at the AGM. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to vote, you can do so by Proxy (form enclosed to be lodged at the Registered Office of the Association not less than 48 hours before the meeting).
One vote per member – please vote on one option only.

- OPTION 1.** Members should self-crown as carried out for the previous 2 years.
- OPTION 2.** On-farm crowning return as was standard practice pre-Covid.
- OPTION 3.** Each breeder organises for another registered non-family member of the Association to inspect his/her rams and that they sign the registration form. Completed registration forms for all rams registered must be submitted with ram sale entry forms. If entering rams at other District sales, a copy of the registration form must also be submitted.
12. Close of Meeting.

At the close of the AGM, there will be a presentation from Libby Henson of Grassroots about the new Association database.

1st May 2022

Rachel Buckle
(Secretary)

Item 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2021

Minutes of the One Hundredth Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale Sheepbreeders' Association held in The Pavilion, Unthank Park, Stanhope Show Field, DL13 2PQ on Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: D Humble, RG Dalton, A Watson, W Watson, GA Collinson, P Collinson, R Pattinson, G Wilkinson, S Emmott, T Gollightly, K Johnson, F Johnson, M Watson, A Harrison, ME Oxley, B Icceton, C Hutchinson, J Stephenson, W Buckle, JR Dalton, I Collinson, J Bell, D Allinson, R Buckle, W Cockbain.

The Chairman, Will Cockbain welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance, he explained that this AGM had to take place within 15 months of the last one, and to hopefully get back into the historical sequence, it was agreed to hold it tonight, and then the next one will take place in June 2022, subject to Government Covid guidelines.

The Chairman asked for members to stand for a minutes silence in respect of those who had passed away since the last AGM.

1. Apologies for absence were received from J Dixon, P Walton, R Peirson, A Alderson, M Nelson, T Robinson, T Brogden, S Brogden, G Bayles, A Coates, P Metcalfe, M Allison, M Hutchinson, A Slack, R Raine, G Carrick, J Natrass.
2. Minutes of the last AGM held by post due to Covid regulations on 31st December 2020, proposed by I Collinson, seconded by RG Dalton. All agreed.
3. Matters Arising from those Minutes. There were none.
4. To receive the Secretary's Report for the year ended 31st January 2021.

Even though the year to 31st January 2021 was not a normal year as we all know it, the Association has remained positive with great membership, registration and sale results.

The Membership stood at 1111 fully paid up members, this was an increase from 1099 on the previous year. This figure comprised 465 Large Breeders and 646 Small Breeders. There is still significant interest from both the North and South of Ireland.

Registrations were solid, with more shearling rams registered, 2452, a similar number of ram lambs registered, 5169, but less gimmer lambs, from 65175 down to 63591. In total, there were 71,351 registrations.

The ram sales were run under Covid19 regulations, only allowing limited representatives from both vendors and purchasers households, however, Kirkby Stephen and Hawes Auction marts offered webcams to allow those at home the ability to view and listen to the sale online. The Association website and Facebook pages had been updated, and live reporting on Facebook of prices at all of the sale centres had taken place.

Averages for all classes significantly increased on the year, with shearling rams breaking the £2,000 barrier for all those sold throughout the 5 District sale centres.

The M&S Lamb Scheme continued along the same lines with 40 members supplying over 12,000 from the January through to Mid-May. The lambs were killed by Scotbeef at the Bridge of Allan, Stirling, and haulage was organised by Armstrongs of Longtown.

The Winter of 2020 saw the production of the first Swaledale Newsletter, which summarised the sales and kept members informed of activities within the Association, this was distributed to all of the membership and was made available at auction marts and on the website. The Secretary thanked the Chairman, Will Cockbain for his work on behalf of the membership and Council of Management, to the Council for their support, and most importantly to the membership who keep the flag flying for the breed. Just remember, every photo and mention of Swaledales that appear on social media, newspapers, and television, is good for the breed, because it means they're not talking about or looking at other breeds.

5. To receive the Statement of Accounts.

Beverley Wood, from Allen Sykes presented the accounts and summarised as follows:

- i) There showed a surplus for the year of £16,345 versus the deficit of £1,582 in the year to 31st January 2020.
- ii) The turnover of £109,533 has remained at a similar level to that of 2020.
- iii) From the detailed turnover analysis, the main movements are, £700 increase in donations and sponsorship, £1000 increase in registration fees, £4000 reduction in catalogue sales and £2800 increase in levies and commission.
- iv) Expenditure, staff costs have fallen by £11,760 due to John Stephenson's retirement and a reduction in inspectors and delegates expenses. Other charges have decreased by £6,500 represented mainly by £5600 reduction in motor expenses, £2000 reduction in flock printing and binding, £2000 reduction in website costs, £1600 reduction in show and demonstration expenses, £4000 increase in postage, stationary and telephone.
- v) As a result of the surplus for the year, the assets of the Association have increased from £91,045 to £107,390 as at 31st January 2021.
- vi) The figure of £115,029 in current assets is largely cash at bank.
- vii) Creditors include the VAT liability of £7155.

6. To receive the Chairman's Report.

Chairman, Will Cockbain reported that the year had been dominated by Covid, with no Spring shows, some later summer shows, and 2022 is looking uncertain. The Association President, Alan Birkbeck, had passed away in early March, which was a

tragic loss. The first sale in Southern Ireland had taken place, successfully, with good quality sheep on display. Council have agreed to install a database, which will take time, but will make things more efficient, and will become an asset. The M&S lamb scheme had ended, but Scotbeef were still wanting lambs, and had offered a bonus, albeit slightly less than the norm.

Will welcomed Dick Dalton to the meeting, who will take over as President on 1st January 2022, and thanked the Head Secretary and Council for their work and support, and the membership for their continued contribution to the breed.

7. To elect the Chairman of the Association.

At this stage, Vice-Chairman Greg Dalton took over the meeting. It was proposed by A Alderson and seconded by A Watson that W Cockbain be re-elected as Chairman of the Association and of Council.

All agreed. It was also agreed by all to elect the Vice-Chairman, Greg Dalton and the existing Vice-Presidents enbloc.

8. To confirm members of Council in place of those retiring:

A District - D Allinson & P Walton

B District – M Allison & J Dixon

C District – A Alderson & R Raine

D District – G Dalton & G Carrick

E District – R Peirson

It was agreed to confirm those enbloc.

9. To confirm B District's appointment of P Metcalfe to the Council in place of J Bland. All agreed.
10. To appoint Accountant – Allen Sykes Ltd. Proposed by John Stephenson, seconded by Greg Dalton. All agreed.
11. To appoint representatives to the NSA Sheep Breeds Forum, currently G Dalton and A Watson. Both agreed to continue, all agreed.
12. To confirm D Districts nomination of JR Dalton, South Wellhope to serve as President of the Association in 2022. Proposed by Ian Collinson, seconded by Richard Pattinson. All agreed.

Dick Dalton thanked the membership for their nomination and felt very honoured to take this position.

13. Close of Meeting. The Chairman thanked all for their brief attendance, and looked forward to seeing everyone again in June at the next AGM, when it is hoped there will be a speaker to follow the meeting.

Item 4 – To receive the Statement of Accounts

Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association

Company Limited by Guarantee

Officers and Professional Advisers

The board of directors

D Allinson
M P Allison
R Peirson
F Brennand
R G Dalton
W Cockbain
T J Dunn
P Walton
J Dixon

T Robinson
G A Slack
J A Alderson
M E Oxley
J R Raine
D R Easton
D M Nelson
J Wade
S Porter

G Bayles
A Harrison
M Watson
T J Golightly
D C Hutchinson
J R Pritchard
G Carrick
A Watson
P T Metcalfe

Company secretary

R Buckle

Registered office

Riddings Farm
Reeth
Richmond
DL11 6UR

Accountants

Allen Sykes Ltd
Chartered Accountants
17 Galgate
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8EQ

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
33 Market Place
Kirkby Stephen
Cumbria
CA17 4QN

Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association

Company Limited by Guarantee

Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements

Year ended 31 January 2022

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association for the year ended 31 January 2022, which comprise the income statement, statement of financial position and the notes to the financial statements from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association, as a body. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association. You consider that Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

ALLEN SYKES LTD
Chartered Accountants

17 Galgate
Barnard Castle
County Durham
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Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association

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Income Statement

Year ended 31 January 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	112,145	109,533
Other income	9	65
	<u>112,154</u>	<u>109,598</u>
Staff costs	33,434	37,912
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	912	1,065
Other charges	53,340	54,276
Profit	<u>24,468</u>	<u>16,345</u>

Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed assets	974	1,886
Current assets	139,129	115,029
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,152</u>
	140,350	116,181
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>8,289</u>	<u>9,487</u>
Net current assets	132,061	106,694
Total assets less current liabilities	133,035	108,580
Accruals and deferred income	1,177	1,190
	<u>131,858</u>	<u>107,390</u>
Capital and reserves	<u>131,858</u>	<u>107,390</u>

Notes to the financial statements

1. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 6 (2021: 7).

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Statement of Financial Position *(continued)*

31 January 2022

For the year ending 31 January 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 21st March, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



W Cockbain
Director

Company registration number: 183637

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales.

Swaledale Sheep Breeder's Association

Detailed Income Statement

Year ended 31 January 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover		
Donations and sponsorships	1,436	1,700
Members subscriptions	29,255	30,100
Registration fees	44,024	40,966
Catalogues	22	14
Levies and commissions	34,520	30,927
Sundry income	2,888	5,826
	<u>112,145</u>	<u>109,533</u>
Other income	9	65
Staff costs	33,434	37,912
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	912	1,065
Other charges	53,340	54,276
	<u>24,468</u>	<u>16,345</u>

Notes for information

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the year ended 31st January 2022 was 1091 fully paid up members, comprising 448 Large Breeders and 643 Small Breeders.

REGISTRATION

District	A	B	C	D	E	Other	Total	31.01.21
Shearling Rams	532	712	889	452	43	32	2660	2452
Ram Lambs	926	1465	1829	786	107	141	5254	5169
Gimmer Lambs	7641	20216	23144	8755	2388	449	62593	63591
New Stock			50			336	386	139
							70893	71351

RAM SALES

Report of Ram Sales held in October 2021

107 Aged Rams averaged £681.51	(2020 – 91 av £754.69)
1360 Shearling Rams averaged £1980.37	(2020 – 1481 av £2008)
98 Ram Lambs averaged £698.44	(2020 – 106 av £754.69)



THE SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Vice Chairman: Greg Dalton

Head Secretary: Rachel Buckle

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