

## WoolProducers Executive Summary

Thursday, 21 May, 2020

Meeting commenced 9.02am

### President's Report

The tabled paper was noted, areas of note were:

- Monthly President's report
- Correspondence received from Stud Merino Breeders Associations

The AWEX report, including the SustainaWOOL update was taken as read.

### CEO's report

The tabled paper was noted, areas of discussion were:

- COVID-19 response
- ACCC Ag Consultative Committee – competition issues were sought. None were raised.
- Workforce strategy – WPA were asked to convene a consultation by the federal department. SPA, LCA, SCAA, WASIA and AWI. A submission is being drafted.
- WIA – WPA still attending Executive meetings, but our letter of resignation has still not been formally acknowledged
- Correspondence received from the Stud sector which will be responded to next week
- Leadership in Ag - continued funding will be sought from other sources
- SFO engagement – WoolProducers are happy to work with our members

### Policy Managers Report

The tabled paper was noted, areas of discussion were:

- Indonesia trade investigations
- AWI relationship

### Member Issues

A discussion was had on standards in shearing sheds and acknowledgement that some sheds are still unacceptable. This must be improved but the opportunity with high wool prices may have been missed.

A verbal context of the tabled letters from Steven Wilson was provided. With the petition calling for:

- A significant increase in payment because of oversize, large or full sheep
- Well maintained modern facilities
- A review of fasting time of sheep

It was agreed that there needs to be improvement of standards in some sheds and it should be an ongoing discussion and awareness raising campaign.

### Policy Determination

#### Animal Health and Welfare Resolutions

The following recommendation was carried by the Board.

<b>MOTION</b>	That the WPA Animal Health & Welfare Advisory Committee do not
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	object to the establishment of the Livestock Wellbeing CRC, and request information be provided on a project-by-project basis to be considered by the committee for support.
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**Wool Industry Consultative Panel/Wool Consultative Group**

The next WICP is meeting on 27 May.

The following issues will be raised and were noted:

- a) Are AWI going to support the MLA report ‘Strategic and novel approaches to reducing flystrike in sheep’?
- b) How are AWI going to respond to the two recent open letters sent by the Reda and Loro Piana and Claudio Lacchio?
- c) Where is the process of resolving director tenure up to, as per the recommendation of the 2018 EY Review of Performance?
- d) Update on the Woolmark Supply Chain Integrity Program

The President was directed to use his discretion on the following issues at the upcoming meeting:

- Membership of WICP
- WICP Independent Chair – it was acknowledged that it was inappropriate that AWI had made a nomination and that there was no candidate deemed suitable for the role
- AWI director tenure – general support for increasing director election rotation to every four years and a cap on the Chair’s time.

**10 Year Industry Strategic Plan**

The tabled paper was noted.

A verbal update on the videoconference sessions which were held last week on Supply and Demand was provided.

Future discussions papers will be distributed seeking comment.

**WoolPoll Review**

General agreement with the submission, recommendation 9 was highlighted as a post teleconference addition.

<b>MOTION</b>	WoolProducers endorsed the draft WoolPoll Review submission
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**General Business**

**3.1 Update on Wool Forecasting Committee on 29 April**

- amended down to 281mkg, a drop of 6.3%
- 276mkg for 20/21
- factors considered included lower sheep numbers but higher yields
- concerns about high pass in rates and restocking

**3.2 Casual Worker Pay**

Workpac and Rossato case is unfolding at the moment about a casual worker going to the FWC for holiday pay. This may have implications for shearing staff. Investigation into this case to understand of any potential ramifications.

### **3.3 WA sheep heading east**

- 800,000 sheep have gone to the Eastern states

### **3.4 China Trade**

- trade tensions were spoken about

- any public comment has highlighted the positive relationship that the Australian and Chinese wool industries have

### **Next Meetings**

- 19 August, (H&W) & 20 August (Exec), 2020
- 18 November, (H&W) & 19 November (Exec; AGM), 2020

**Meeting close: 11.30am**