



**Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the Small Ruminant Chapter of the
Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists**

**Via Zoom on
Sunday 27th July 2025**

1. Welcome and apologies.

Present:

Sandra Baxendell

Robert Suter

Kristine Rayner

Di Ryan

Kym Abbott

Belinda Edmonstead

Bruce Allworth

Sophie Hemley

Adrian Baker

Mary Anne (ANZCVS)

Wendy Goodwin (liason partner)

ANZCVS Note taker

Apologies:

Matt Playford

Karyn Heath

Vicki McLean

2. Declaration of any proxy/ absentee votes not known to the Chair.

No proxy/ absentee votes.

3. To confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held at 2pm
on 4th August 2024 via Zoom.

Correction – Di Ryan Fellow AVA, presidents report.

Moved: Di Ryan

Seconder: Sandra Baxendell

All in favour of confirming the minutes.

4. To receive and consider reports of the Treasurer report including:

4.1 Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report for 24/25.

4.1.1 No involvement in Science Week resulted in no related income this year. Subscriptions (\$460, increased by \$30 from the previous year) and FAMACHA card sales (\$818.50, with 90 transactions) contributed to chapter income. Acknowledge Sandra's work towards the

4.1.2 \$724.29 spent on FAMACHA card purchases, \$46.00 on FAMACHA card postage and \$74.18 exam development costs.

4.1.3 The Chapter's financial position continues to grow, closing at \$10,002.65.

4.2 Receival of the 2025/2026 budget.

4.2.1 Minimal activity year, without science week or any exams. FAMACHA card trading will be the only income. Potentially profit of \$230.00 over the year. Approved through the College.

4.3 Notification of any comments from the College Council or Financial Review Committee on financial matters.

4.3.1 Nil.

4.4 Looking at what to use the money for, a Science Week international speaker in two years time. Will discuss at an committee meeting at a later date.

Moved: Robert Sutter.

Second: Di Ryan

All in favour.

5. To receive and consider the President's report:

5.1 One new chapter member in 2025 (sheep), congratulations Amy Masters. Acknowledgement of the work done by Michael Chambers and Kim Kelly as the examination team, especially as both were new to the examiners team.

5.2 Some executive members have done the ANZCVS exam writing training and have been working on a bank of multiple-choice exam questions. 20 goat questions waiting.

5.3 President held the CVE "Time on Line" goats course in May.

Unfortunately enrolment numbers were lower than in previous years, however hopeful some of the enrolled vets will go on to do membership exams in 2 years' time.

5.4 President will be speaking at the AVA conference on disbudding, castration and pain relief to try and entice small animal vets to get involved with treating goats.

5.5 President will be speaking on "Goats 101" for a long session at the International Sheep Veterinary Conference, Wollongong in October 2025.

5.6 Main fund-raising activity is selling FAMACHA cards. Purchased 100 cards and received in late 2024. Western Australia has commenced running courses on barbers pole worm control and how to use FAMACHA cards.

- Kylie Greentree (member) continues to run courses via the NSW Local Land Services network. Batch sales are also made to vet schools.
- 5.7 The chapter did not have volunteers to run a program in Science week 2025.
- 5.8 President ran five goat related webinars over the 2024/2025 year.
- 5.9 SR chapter website is up to date.

Moved: Sandra Baxendell
Second: Robert Sutter
All in favour.

6. Call for nominations, vote and declaration of the names of Officers of the Chapter.

Vote and declaration of the names of Officers of the Chapter (Executive).

President: Sandra Baxendell Nominated: Di Ryan Seconded: Rob Sutter
President Elect: Sophie Hemley Nominated: Kristine, Seconded: Sandra
Treasurer: Rob Sutter Nominated: Sandra Seconded: Sophie
Secretary: Sophie Hemley, Nominated: Di Seconded: Belinda Edmonstone
Committee: Di Ryan
Committee: Kristine Rayner
Committee: Vicki McLean

7. Call for nominations, vote and declaration of the names of the Chapter Examinations Committee.
NIL appointed as non examination year.
8. Call for expressions of interest for examiners and Head Subject Examiners.
NIL as no exams
9. Other Chapter business.

- a. Motion that past examination long answer papers (not the MCQ), including recent examination, be available to candidates and mentors. Three most recent examination papers to be made available. Multiple choice question.

Moved: Kym Abbott
Seconded: Bruce Allworth
All in favour, passed.

- b. Move for \$10 membership fees

Moved: Rob S
Second: Sandra B
All in favour.

- c. Pain relief in sheep and goats for analgesia recommendations. No pain relief for goat husbandry registered anywhere in the world, widely used meloxicam for goat disbudding. AHA publication and MLA publications on sheep analgesia. Alison Small has done a review for AWI on analgesia best practice. Discussion around using drugs not registered in research animals and they then can't enter the food chain. In practice the referring vet needs a reason to enact a WHP if not registered for use.

- d. Feedback from material in the exam for sheep examination. Bruce Allworth has been mentoring for 5-6 years, Bruce would like to understand what the examiners concerns are around the content. Kym had feedback but is unable to give comment without seeing the past exam. Rob Suter (head examiner) exam standard was not outstanding to what was previously written.
- e. Action item: Sandra to organise a committee meeting within 6 weeks– exam and animal ethics.

10. Time and location of next Annual General Meeting. 1st Sunday 2026 in August 2pm on Zoom.

11. Meeting close 2.52 pm.