

Update from the Council Meeting held in Christchurch 20-21 April 2013

AGM/Venue

Council confirmed the dates, location and venue for the meeting.

13-14 July 2013 – Wellington

Venue: Brentwood Hotel, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie

The location of Wellington was addressed again due to a request received and it was felt that Wellington has proven to be the most easily accessible location for most members with regular flights in and out. The Brentwood has proven over time to be a good venue with a free shuttle, good rates and relatively close to the central city.

2012-2013 Show Dates

Council set the show dates for the 2013-2014 season.

Although showcase dates have been set, these will not be published until venues are confirmed to save any confusion.

It should be noted that Council were aware of the timing of these shows when setting these dates. It is hoped that by bringing the dates forward the long gaps between Showcase Shows has been shortened for all competitors.

Although the preferred national show date was first week of March this was already unavailable the ***National Show has been set at 13-16 March 2014***

Council felt that as the dates were set earlier clubs would now be in a position to set their own dates earlier and judges for these shows could also be booked earlier and cheaper flights would be available.

The venue for the National Show was addressed but it was confirmed that Hawera be the venue for the 2014 show. It was good to have input from South Island visitors and Council members on the venue location. The issue of gates for the pens was discussed and as the Egmont A & P had confirmed that there would be no available funds from them to address the issue that Council would apply for local funding for the gates. If this was not successful several ideas were discussed as to how the pens could be made secure for our miniature horses. So plans are in place to make more secure pens available for the 2014 show.

The Christchurch venue for 2015 is also being booked now to ensure the availability.

Council once again visited the budget for the National Show and looked at ways of using the available funds for the National Show wisely. In order to ensure the show ran within the set budget Council discussed and confirmed that the judges for the show would be made up as follows

1 American and 2 Australian Judges.

Region 3

The earlier amalgamation of Regions 3 and 4 to the new Region 3 was discussed as several members of this region had requested Council to consider splitting it back to the way it was. It was noted that the region was now large and it was felt difficult for one Regional Delegate to cover the whole region fairly.

Council was aware of the looming nominations for the 2013-2014 Council and that it needed to be actioned now to enable nominations to be called for the regional delegates to represent these two regions if indeed Region 3 was redefined as Regions 3 and 4.

After due consideration of the facts before Council it was voted that the region 3 be redivided into Region 3 and Region 4 as before. Similarly Region 4 would go back to Region 5, Region 6 to 7, Region 7 to 8.