



---

# ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented to Annual Meeting  
18 February 2009



# CONTENTS

	Page
<b>CHAIRWOMEN'S REPORT</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>MWNZ GOAT ADVISORY GROUP</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>REGISTRARS MEMBERSHIP &amp; ANIMAL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>WAREHOUSE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>INTERIM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>MINUTES OF THE 38TH CONFERENCE &amp; ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	<b>9</b>

# CHAIRWOMEN'S REPORT

DAWN PIRANI

Every time I write one of these things I say it is my last, so what am I doing here?

We spent a huge amount of money on the monitor farm project and haven't seen a big rush from the farmers. It is now obvious that it is not the profitability of goat farming that is the reason farmers won't farm them, so what will make them farm goats? I did read in one of the farming papers that a farmer referred to them as "poxy goats", so the image is not the best – although if farmers can afford to put image before profit I don't know why so many of the non-goat farming groups are complaining so much about poor returns.

It is not as though you have to go out and buy large numbers to get the benefits from farming them; just a low number will improve your pasture and not cause a huge work load. Most of us that farm goats have not used a foot bath for 2-3 years and as for drench resistance we run sheep and goats only and do not have a resistance problem.

So I don't know why other farmers do to create such a problem, and I don't believe it is the goats fault. We have farmed sheep and goats on this property for 20 years, and use minimal amounts of drench.

The council plans are back on the agenda and I do attend these meetings under my role as Chairwoman of Federated Farmers Goats - not just as Ian's PA and companion as he calls me.

It is very interesting to hear some of these people and their ideas about goats. One thing that amazes me is they think that a 2 kilometre buffer zone will stop any goats escaping into our bush. Good fencing is the only way that goats can be controlled. Let's hope they are taking on board that large numbers of goats can be mustered and money can be made.

The area of New Zealand that has the largest feral population is not the council that is trying to set uncontrollable rules. Rather it is working with all people involved and setting workable plans. One council meeting we attended they had drawn areas on a map of where they wanted buffer zones to apply. However, they ran right through the middle of one person's farm so that he was able to farm goats on one half but not the other.

Mohair is still returning us a very good price when all the other types of farming are having their problems. When our DVD is made and sent out to small farmers, lifestylers and Rural Women maybe we will then get some more people farming for mohair.

It has been very hard to get some old branches to part with their money to help in projects for goats. I feel that it was all goat farmers that contributed to their coffers when the industry was on a high and not only the people involved from the branch, but nation wide. Who came from far and wide to their sales and conferences and paid their way?

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

IAN PIRANI

After a number of quiet years things have started to move again. Grant Kettle of Federated Farmers has gone off on an OE - he certainly played a major role in the goat industry's future at the RMA hearings. I am extremely grateful for his work, our thanks Grant. Hilary Gubb has replaced Grant at the hearings and we have worked together at a hearing in Masterton. She has a good understanding of the industry and of the industry views.

We have attended three significant meetings this year, Dawn has accompanied me to these hearings and I am very pleased to have her angle on the problems we face at the events.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council has had two meetings that we have attended. What a refreshing and positive way they have taken to sort out the feral goat problems in their area. The meetings are attended by representatives from all sectors, including Transit NZ, The Railways, local farmers, Federated Farmers, Forestry companies and various councils, DoC, and us. These meetings are positive from the point of view that everyone there wants to make progress with the feral goat problem.

We are working towards a muster and kill policy which will be good for all concerned. The profits of this policy system will be a 50/50 share basis win-win for all.

The Wairarapa combined district plan meeting was held in Masterton. Compared with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, this was a negative meeting, attended mainly by District Council members and DoC staff and their lawyer. As I mentioned earlier Hilary was present and did a very good job. Also present were two local Federated Farmers representatives. This may go to court.

On a positive note, I had the opportunity at a recent BOP conservation board meeting as a board member to present the goat farmers view of the pest problem of feral goats and other animals. This was very well received by the board and senior DoC staff and a Forest and Bird representative. I anticipate the message will be sent to senior DoC people and that I may have an opportunity to address them on the subject. I would hope to achieve some change in their mind-set so that DoC accepts the fact that they have a valuable resource in their control and that they may be able to make money out of it – rather than costing the taxpayer money.

It has been a positive year. Meat and Wool NZ has assisted with costs to attend hearings for which we are grateful.

# MWNZ GOAT ADVISORY GROUP

IAN PIRANI

Another year has passed, the goat monitor scheme has finally finished and the results published. Those of you who have not received a copy are probably not registered with Meat and Wool NZ, you must be a registered levy payer to obtain the package.

The reports are good documents and make interesting reading, and hopefully will encourage more farmers to farm goats. We as an industry need them to.

Some of you have seen my tirade on why are we not attracting more farmers to farm these animals. As we all know the financial returns are far higher than sheep and cattle. They control undesirable plant species. The world wants and will pay for their products. What can we do to get people to farm them?

The goat kill is down 30k to 103k. The bulk of the animals killed are feral. These are the animals that nobody "owns". They can and do destroy the understory of one of New Zealand's most valuable assets, our bush. I don't care if farmers share an

existing asset that move between farms, but I don't want to see them in our bush. So the boundary fences must be to the NZ accepted standard. The Farmers concerned must also be in a situation where they can sign the animal status declaration that accompanies these animals to slaughter.

The buck evaluation scheme has the support of the GAG but as I write this in December a farm for this scheme has not been found. I hope that when I present this report it has been.

I have also raised the issue of Dairy Goat revenue to be included in the next Goat Review. I feel that the inclusion of these figures will give a more balanced picture of the revenue that goat earn for NZ.

As I mentioned in my RMA report the group has been very supportive of the work done at these hearings.

The group members will change a little at our AGM in March.

# REGISTRARS MEMBERSHIP & ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

JANET BRIERLEY

Conference 2007 saw Ross Aitken retire from the position of Mohair NZ registrar, a position he has held for many years. Ross is now permanently living in Australia.

The Computer system which held all the animal register records was old and still running on a DOS system (for those who are not computer savvy DOS is a very old type of programming system). Thanks to the computer programming expertise of Robert Fletcher, (a Mohair NZ member); the old MOPANZ records have been updated to fit in with modern technology. Arriving in the post on a shiny CD disc, was the programme to run the system and all the records of every angora that has been registered in NZ, a whole 97,829 of them, and this does not include the bulk of the three quarantine stations registration systems. With a few teething problems, things seem to be working fine.

It has been interesting seeing the old well know goat's names and identities going back many years.

Reminder to those wanting to register animals they have to have four generations of registered sires on their Dams and Sires side before they can be registered.

If you have purchase an animal that is eligible for registration, but when you purchased it, it was not registered, you have to ask the original breeder to register the goat for you, and then do a registration transfer into your ownership. Hope this clears up a few queries.

2007- 08 new Animals Registered: 26

Doe flocks: 163

Animal Transfers: 14

Registered financial membership with Federated Farmers as at 30/10/2008 is 138

# WAREHOUSE

JOHN WOODWARD

Mohair is still selling well at Auctions in South Africa.

Under 28 micron mohair is in short supply and selling at record rand prices. This is partly due to falling currencies and reduced volumes caused by poor kidding.

Young Goat is just maintaining its value in rand terms and is well supplied due to drought conditions. Feed supply pushing the average fleece finer and into the young Goat grades.

Adult also has maintained its value. Currency value is the main reason for good prices being maintained.

Mohair Fibres has concluded the pooling and sales for 2008 with Super fine selling at \$41 per kg Kid at \$29. Young Goat \$11 and Adult at \$7.5. (At the time of writing) Payout due on 15/12/08. I believe Mohair Pacific has yet to conclude its sale for 2008.

# MOHAIR NEW ZEALAND INC

INTERIM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDING 30/11/2008

<b>Opening Balance 1/1/08</b>		\$19,249.17
<b>PLUS Receipts:</b>		
Conference	\$3,246.97	
Sales	\$0.00	
Interest	\$518.06	
Grants & Donations (Research)	\$0.00	
Sundry Recoveries	\$0.00	
Tax Refund	<u>\$552.89</u>	
	\$4,317.92	
GST Dr.	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,317.92</u>
		\$23,567.09
<b>LESS Payments:</b>		
Research Project	\$0.00	
Audit Accounting Expenses	\$44.44	
Conference	\$3,785.61	
Tax Payments	\$0.00	
Promotions/Shows	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$3,830.05	
GST Cr.	<u>\$72.88</u>	<u>\$3,902.93</u>
<b>Funds As At 30/11/08</b>		<b><u>\$19,664.16</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Current Account NBNZ		\$4,357.47
Call Account NBNZ		\$2,806.69
Investment - Aoraki Securities @ 9.5%		<u>\$12,500.00</u>
		<b><u>\$19,664.16</u></b>

## AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I have examined the above statement of receipts and payments of Mohair NZ Inc. I can confirm that, with the qualification that along with other organisations of a similar nature limited control only is possible, the statement provides a true reflection of the financial affairs of the Society over the year to 31/12/08.

Ray Jackson / /

# MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF MOHAIR NZ INC (FEDERATED FARMERS GOATS)

Held at the Sudima Hotel, Rotorua on 29-30 March 2008, beginning at 9.45am.

**PRESENT:** Dawn Pirani (Chairperson), 29 members of Mohair New Zealand and guests, Bob Douglas (Federated Farmers - Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** E Batty, D Taylor, T Spraggs, J Spraggs, J Burger, R Fletcher, M Brierley, C Fletcher, K Worthington, G Boyle, A Boyle

SUSTAINED

Dawn Pirani welcomed members and guests to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Mohair NZ and observed that it was also the first conference for Federated Farmers Goats Industry Group. She extended a special welcome to Dr Bruce McGregor, our guest speaker from Australia and also to Stew Wadey (President Waikato Federated Farmers) and Geoff Muggerridge (Chairman NZ Boer Goat Breeders Assn).

## THE OVERSEAS SCENE

Warehouse representative, John Woodward, gave a brief insight into his recent visit to South Africa. Mohair from Texas, Australia and New Zealand is now being sent to South Africa for processing.

South Africa itself is experiencing problems with predators through the development of large game parks. As a result the kidding percentage in some areas is very low and this is contributing to the severe shortage of fine fleeces. South Africa remains the main producer of mohair but world wide production is dropping – as is reflected in NZ figures.

The market is buoyant – particularly good for fine fleeces and there are no fibre stocking.

## IMPROVING PROFITABILITY FROM MOHAIR PRODUCTION

Australian Research Scientist, Dr Bruce McGregor, addressed conference. His presentation focussed on the major outcomes of Australian R & D into improving profitability of Mohair production. In an extensive presentation he covered many aspects of mohair productions and summarised a number of Australian research projects. Subject matter covered included:

- Attracting investors to mohair
- Mohair benchmarking
- Premium quality attributes of mohair
- Optimum grazing strategies for low worm burdens
- Nutrition of does to improve mohair quality
- Evaluation of bucks (EBVs)
- Evaluation of fleeces
- Minimising premature deaths from weather.

## REGISTRAR

Janet Brierley reported that the computerised record system has now been updated. There are 163 doe flocks registered. Janet reminded members of the criteria for registration.

Ways of attracting new members was discussed at length debating the notified discussion point that “Mohair NZ approach identified rural groups, presenting them with brochures and a presentation DVD to promote mohair, angora goat farming and membership.”

There was general support for the concept although some concern was expressed as to the costing. After some deliberation it was MOVED that the Board of Mohair N Z be authorised to investigate and pursue the concept of preparing and using a membership promotion pack for Mohair NZ.

J Woodward/M Firth CARRIED

## GOAT ADVISORY GROUP

Ian Pirani said the year had been frustrating for him. With the completion of the research project and good world prices everything is in favour of goat farming surging ahead in NZ. However, things appear to be moving very slowly.

Some progress was reported Dale Stevens being given the go ahead to develop the Code of Practice into a Code of Welfare; some funding has been allocated to the foot monitoring scheme next year and for promoting goat meat on the domestic market.

There has been some debate on meat grading and GAG is looking at establishing a charter.

***Conference adjourned at 5pm and reconvened at 8.30am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.***

# MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## RMA REPORTS

Ian Pirani advised little happening over the year although he was aware that Forest & Bird have concerns about goat containment in some areas. The Hawkes Bay Regional Council is investigating the possibility of introducing a long term goat management strategy. This is aimed at feral goat control – although the name does not specify this – and an initial response has been submitted by Federated Farmers of New Zealand.

There is a need to define “feral” goats. A high proportion of so-called feral goats are farmed goats: ferals that have been rounded up and are held on-farm. However, these do pose an problem for (ACVM) declaration purposes if forwarded to freezing works within a short period of time.

Bill Campbell noted that farm of origin and birth details are now required on the declaration form.

The meeting endorsed the tenor of the initial response to Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

## GOAT ADVISORY GROUP

Tom Mandeno, Chairman of the Goat Advisory Group (MWNZ) was invited to address conference. Mr Mandeno commented on the recently completed goat research project. The final reports is due out in a few days. The dissemination of information from the project will be the focus of GAG's work in the immediate future.

He acknowledged the contribution to this scheme of participating farmers. Some debate followed on the group that is responsible for the approval of the report. It was pointed out that Gag was only one of the participating organisations.

Work on drawing up the Goat Code of Welfare is also underway. This will include recommendations on best practice for use of (chemical) animal remedy products on goats. The group is also investigating a means of identifying genetics for good performing goats.

Mr Mandeno said he believed that a goat meat grading system is necessary for the industry. Some comments were made in response to this statement stating that the market should decide what grading was needed.

In 2009 levy payers will be voting on the future of the commodity levy. The meeting indicated that it wanted investment into resolving the fleece residue problems identified by Terry Reid. Mr Mandeno suggested that this may be possible through genetics identification in the buck evaluation scheme.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MOHAIR N Z began at 10.30am.

## PROXY VOTES

Proxies had been received from Errol Batty, David Taylor, AT & JI Spraggs, Jane Burger, Kay Worthington

MOVED that proxy votes be validated

I Pirani/C Sundstrum CARRIED

## MINUTES

MOVED that the minutes of the 37th Mohair New Zealand Annual General Meeting having been circulated be taken as read and approved as a true record.

J Brierley/B Wilson CARRIED

## REPORTS

Written reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. A number of reports had been presented earlier in the conference

MOVED that this meeting go into committee

J Woodward/S Douglas CARRIED

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Officer presented the annual accounts for the year ended 31/12/07.

MOVED that this meeting move out of committee

I Pirani/M Firth CARRIED

## CHAIRPERSON

The year had seen some highs and lows. The highs remain the good prices being received for fibre. Hard to understand more farmers are not turning to goats: good returns and chemical free weed control.

## MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Worst of the “downs” is the cancellation of the buck foot assessment programme after 11 years.

RESOLVED that the Chairperson’s report be accepted  
D Pirani/B Wilson

### GOAT NEWS

Janet Brierley requested warehouses advise new producers of the Goat News. Ian Pirani suggested that a general promotional package could be prepared that included this information.

MOVED that all reports, as presented, be adopted  
C Sundstrum/P McGovern CARRIED

### ELECTIONS

#### Confirmation of Board Members

Bob Douglas advised that Bruce Wilson had been re-elected to the Board unopposed.

MOVED that the Ray Jackson be appointed auditor of Mohair NZ for the current year.  
I Pirani/J Brierley CARRIED

#### Warehouses

John Woodward has agreed to act as Warehouse representative.

MOVED that Janet Brierley be the Board member responsible for membership.  
M Nesfield/R Firth CARRIED

### NOTICE OF MOTION

“For operational purposes Federated Farmers Goats Industry Group shall operate in accordance with the constitution of Mohair New Zealand Inc. EXCEPT that the Board of directors elected under that constitution shall be authorised to appoint up to two further members to the committee for a term of up to one year, at its discretion, to allow for wider breed representation as seen appropriate.”

J Woodward/B Campbell CARRIED

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Further to Tom Mandeno’s talk it was MOVED that Mohair New Zealand write to the Goat Advisory Group requesting that Mohair NZ, as co-applicant, be given a copy of the Monitoring Project report prior to its publication.  
S Douglas/I Pirani CARRIED

- It was agreed that a letter should be sent to GAG expressing the feeling of the meeting that breeder representatives on the advisory group should be selected on a breed society basis. It was also MOVED that Mohair New Zealand should be empowered to nominate/endorse the Mohair representative on GAG should such a position be forthcoming.  
C Sundstrum/J Woodward CARRIED

- MOVED that Mohair New Zealand present a remit to Federated Farmers’ national conference that Federated Farmers prepare a promotional DVD that covers the activities of Federated Farmers and each of its Industry Groups.  
I Pirani/S Douglas CARRIED

- Bill Campbell commented that if the meat companies’ merger goes ahead and Alliance becomes the dominant partner there may be no killing space for goats as a result. It was MOVED that a letter to this effect be sent to GAG making it aware of the potential problem.  
B Campbell/I Pirani CARRIED

- Colleen Greenwood commented that although it had offered Mohair NZ use of its sites at field days etc. Federated Farmers did not welcome animals on its sites. R Douglas to investigate.

### PRESENTATIONS

Wickens Shield was won by D & D Sangster.

Council Cup was awarded to Marie and Rex Firth.

### NEXT CONFERENCE

After some discussion centred on further presentations from Bruce McGregor it was MOVED that the Board of Mohair N Z investigate the feasibility of holding the next conference in the vicinity of Melbourne.

J Brierley/P McGovern CARRIED

### Conference closed at 12.05pm.

Signed as a True Record

----- / /