

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Saturday 21st December 2024 at 19 Crossgate, Cupar at 10:00

Trustees present: Joan Brown, (Chair), Jill Dawson, Alana Paterson-Brown, Libby Elliot, and Mary Gibbon, (Secretary)

Apologies: Hazel Fletcher, Abby-Leigh Doig, Susan Usher

Attending: Marcel de Klerk, Carol de Klerk

Matters arising

Joan welcomed Carol and Marcel to the meeting.

There were no matters arising

Item 1: Entry to Lucky Ewe Farm: update and plans

On Thursday, 19th December 2024, Lucky Ewe's lease from NHS Fife was finalised and the 'keys' were handed over. Nicola Swan, who is our lease contact, and her team, met with Lucky Ewe trustees and members to formalise the occasion.

Trustees discussed the many tasks which need to be done as we move forward:

- Insurance – Joan will get new quote
- Tenders will be sent out by 25th January 2025 to Malcolm Contracts, Ringlink, Tayforth Machinery Ring and T&N Gilmartin: Joan and Mary will itemise work and services needed and get quotes.

NB: Ringlink is a farmers' cooperative which we would join if necessary.

Lucky Ewe Farm Welfare Unit: at the 19th December meeting with Nicola Swan and her cohorts, Joan enquired if we could use the football facilities nearby until we get our Welfare Unit. This request was immediately turned down without discussion. It was agreed that Joan would revisit this with Nicola Swan.

Intern update

There have been another 13 Saltire Awards handed out since June, including Amber and Cameron H at 100 hours and Baillie at 200. These have all been presented or emailed out.

Gillian has secured a Tuesday session at Kinshaldy Riding Stables and a Thursday 10-12 (from 16th January) with CLEAR in Buckhaven. There is also potential to do some community tree planting with CLEAR on Wednesdays and further placements possible at Falkland Lambing Shed, the Deer Centre and Fibre Shed.

There are five people on the Intern waiting list for Lucky Ewe Farm with visits to follow and potentially five new volunteers waiting to spring into action at our new premises.

Our thanks to Gillian for her efficient work in not always the most ideal conditions.

Item 2: Farm Operations Leader Job Spec

The meeting discussed the Farm Ops Lead post.

Trustees will meet on Monday 30th December to discuss final details of the post, including salary, interview questions and dates.

It was agreed that Jill will then revise the job advert and distribute to trustees. Libby will post the advert on social media and Mary will send it to Simon for inclusion on the Lucky Ewe website. Relevant partners we could contact are Groundswell, Soil Association, National Sheep Association, Ringlink and the NFU.

Leanne will put on the jobsite, Indeed, on 6th January 2025.

Admin Post

Jill agreed also to summarise our present job advert for the Admin Post; this will be put on Indeed for the 6th January 2025.

Item 3: Funding and Applications

Libby and Abby are organising the Lucky Ewe Looney Dook to be held on New Year's Day at St Andrews. Donations will be through Just Giving.

Mary and Joan have completed and sent off the COSS and Business Gateway applications.

Mary has signed and returned the COSS Grant Declaration Form.

Libby will report on the See Me - Anti - Stigma Arts Fund at the Finance meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th January 2025

Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 12:00.