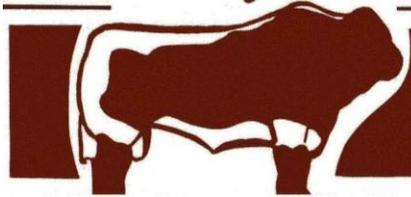


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Dear Breeder,

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Pinzgauer Breeders Association was held on 17th May 2014 at Albury and we were graced with 13 attendees.

One of the major activities of the meeting was to elect Councillors Office Bearers for the coming year. The full details of the new Office Bearers are as follows.

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As was shown in the Treasurer's Report that was distributed prior to the meeting, the financial position of the Association improved in the year 2012. This was a pleasing turnaround and I am pleased to say that this trend appears to be continuing this year. This is in part due to greater activity by Breeders but also due to some cost saving initiatives.

At the AGM, two resolutions were put to the meeting. They were,

Resolution 1: To change APBA to the legal entity of an Association, and

Resolution 2: To approve new draft Constitution.

Both of these resolutions were passed on a show of hands.

The next step is to seek registration of the APBA as an association. Part of that process is to submit the draft constitution for vetting and approval to the Dept of Fair Trading. Once that is done and

approval received, the draft constitution will be implemented. Until that time, we will continue to work under the existing constitution.

At the Council meeting held on the same day, a number of significant items were discussed and approved.

Over the past few years there has been increasing discussion regarding the merits of distinguishing between Fullblood and Purebred cattle. It is becoming clearer that world-wide there is little true Fullblood genetics with many countries actively involved in crossbreeding programs. There is even doubt about the real status of some of the genetics used in Australia.

The continuing differentiation between Fullblood and Purebred is causing some confusion within and outside of the Association. It is also believed to contribute to misunderstandings about the relative merit of either category and may also be standing in the way of improving the genetics of the breed. It was therefore determined that the categories of Fullblood and Purebred no longer be used and that instead, cattle bred to the grading table in the APBA By-laws be referred to as Pinzgauer cattle.

The necessary amendments to the By-laws and an implementation date will be forwarded to members in the near future.

Your Council has been keen to try to promote the breed to the wider community but our limited funds have always made this difficult. Only a few of us are currently showing animals and thus the breed is getting limited exposure. One way of getting Pinzgauers out there and making them better known to the market is through the use of selective Schools to prepare and show our animals on our behalf including entry into Carcase Competitions. Where members are prepared to donate an animal to a school for the purpose of showing, the APBA is prepared to provide financial support.

Guidelines and application forms will be forwarded as soon as finalised.

On the subject of promoting Pinzgauers, we flagged in recent newsletters that we would be upgrading the APBA website. The old website had become tired and dated and was not viewed as providing an appropriate presentation of the breed or the Association.

The website is progressively being modified and the first stage has been uploaded. The next stage is to modify and update some of the information concerning Pinzgauers.

The new website has a gallery of photos and I would invite members to forward to me any photos that they would like to have displayed. They can be set up to show the stud from which they come as a means of promoting your business.

In addition, I am happy to have adverts for cattle related business of members displayed as a free service and also display any cattle sales or services information for members.

Finally in relation to the website, a Register of members will be finalised shortly and displayed. If for privacy or other reasons you do not want to be included, please let me know.

Yours Sincerely



Raymond Price

President