

If you have a BEEF make it



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Dear

Firstly, I would like to wish all members and their families the very best for the Christmas season and sincerely hope that the coming year is one that brings you happiness and well being.

Over the past several months, Bruce Walker, the Association's Promotions and Publicity Officer, has contacted a number of members. The purpose of these contacts has been to establish better communications within the Association and to provide avenues for feedback and suggestions. These contacts will continue in the New Year and all members will be contacted. I and other Councillors will also try to make contact with members again to improve our communication.

Next, I would like to bring you up to date on some changes that Association has made. During this year, your Council has tried to concentrate on two areas, promoting the breed and simplifying processes for members.

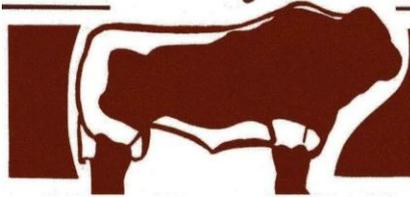
There a couple of activities that we are planning with the purpose of promoting the breed. The first is to hold a Pinzgauer Field Day and if this is successful, hold Field Days in other States. The purpose of this day is to provide information to members and present the breed to other breeders and producers. The details and timing of this day are still to be finalised and further information will be sent out as soon as available.

The second initiative that we are planning is to donate a number of Steers to some selected schools to prepare and exhibit at a variety of events. Schools to participate will be selected based on the previous experiences at showing. We want as far as possible to place animals in situations where they will be shown to advantage. We are hoping that by spreading the animals geographically widely, we will increase the exposure of the breed.

The other area that the Council has been looking at is in trying to make the processes involved in breeding Pinzgauers simpler and in keeping costs as low as practicable.

In line with this philosophy, we have reviewed the need to have all Fullblood Pinzgauer cattle DNA tested prior to registration.

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Effective from 1 January 2013, the following rule changes to the Association's By-laws will take effect.

“Clause 7. Record Maintenance and Parentage Determination

- b) Parentage verification through DNA Genotype shall be mandatory for all Pinzgauer Male Calves where that animal is to be used as a sire of calves that are to be registered in the Society's Herdbook and that the results must be provided to the Society before any progeny will be accepted for registration.*
- c) All imported livestock shall have DNA genotype reports provided to the satisfaction of the Official Registrar before being accepted into the Herdbook.*
- d) Where Semen is imported, it must be supported by a DNA Genotype for the Donor Bull and that the results must be provided to the Society before any progeny will be accepted for registration.*
- e) It is mandatory for all embryo donor dams to be DNA genotyped and that the results must be provided to the Society before any progeny will be accepted for registration.”*

This means that in most cases it will only be necessary to DNA test Fullblood and Purebred male calves. It will no longer be mandatory to test female calves except where they are imported or used as Embryo Donors. This is viewed as a significant saving of time and cost to breeders and removes a possible inhibitor to the expansion of the breed.

Given our financial position, we have been forced to review the Association's Schedule of Fees. However, we have endeavoured to keep and increase as modest as possible and have simplified the fee structure in relation to Registration and Transfer. However, the increase in Fees should be considered alongside of the reduction in DNA testing costs.

Previously, the Schedule of Fees contained some very heavy penalties for late registration or transfer. The new fee structure has been modified to have only one late penalty rate for each fee and this is at a much reduced rate. It was felt that the heavy penalties may have discouraged breeders from registering over age cattle which in turn limits the expansion of the breed.

In addition to the lower late penalties, the age allow to register male calves has been increased from 12 months to 18 months. This will give breeders more time to judge the potential of their bull calves without being penalised by having to pay increased fees. Please note that female calves still need to be registered by 12 months of age in order to achieve the basic registration fee.

It has been determined that the new Schedule of Fees will take effect from 1 April 2013. In the interim, a moratorium has been declared on late penalty fees. Any registrations, transfers, etc. for overage cattle can be affected at the base current rate for each activity. So, if any members have overage cattle that have not been registered because of the potential cost, now is the opportunity to do so.

I have attached a copy of the new Schedule of Fees for your information.

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After a long period of discussion, the “Standards of Excellence” for Pinzgauer cattle have been developed to the stage where they have been placed on the Association’s website. I encourage all members to take a look at them and to provide feedback if necessary. The Standards are designed to give guidance to members towards producing better, more saleable animals.

And finally, the Association is moving towards photo identification of registered cattle. This is done in a number of breeds where markings are unique. It is a simple process that provides for recognition of animals at a distance and eliminates the need to get animals into a crush just to positively identify them. The photo of each registered Pinzgauer will be printed on their Registration Certificate and these can be copied to take into the field.

The final logistics for photo identification is currently being worked out and I will get back to members with details in the New Year.

Once again, I and all of your Councillors would like to wish you all the best for the season and a successful year ahead.

Yours Sincerely

Raymond Price
President

Schedule of Fees

Effective from 1 April 2013

(i) **MEMBERSHIP** (pro rata pursuant to the Articles of the Association.)

	Entrance	Annual*
Full Member	Nil	\$170.50
Small Breeder	Nil	\$93.50
Associate Member	Nil	\$27.50
Junior Member	Nil	\$12.10
Foundation Member	** \$1100.00	Nil
Honorary Life Member	Nil	Nil
Affiliate Member	Nil	Nil

* Late penalty of 25% of current subscription rate applies.

** Inclusive of Herd Name and Prefix registration fees.

(ii) **ANIMAL REGISTRATION -**

Females	Up to 12 mths	Over 12 mths
F1	\$11.00	\$22.00
F2	\$11.00	\$22.00
F3	\$16.50	\$33.00
Purebred Female	\$38.50	\$77.00
Fullblood Female	\$38.50	\$77.00
Males	Up to 18 mths	Over 18 mths
Purebred Male	\$44.00	\$88.00
Fullblood Male	\$44.00	\$88.00

(iii) TRANSFERS

	Full/ Purebred	Appendix
Transfers per animal (within 90 days of change of ownership)	\$33.00	\$11.00
Transfers per animal (over 90 days of change of ownership)	\$66.00	\$22.00
Transfers per animal ** (from other recognised Herdbook) * treated as new registration using 0 - 12 months fee schedule pursuant to subclause 19 (d) (ii)	*	*
Transfer of frozen embryo (within 90 days)	\$11.00	
Transfer of frozen embryo (over 90 days)	\$22.00	
Transfer of PTIC recipients (within 90 days)	\$33.00	
Transfer of PTIC recipients (over 90 days)	\$66.00	
(iv) ADDITIONAL SERVICES		
• Frozen Embryo Registration (per embryo)	\$3.30	
• Herd Name Registration	\$55.00	
• Herd Prefix Registration	\$11.00	
• A I Sire Registration	\$110.00	
• Notice of Lease or Lease Termination within 90 days	\$11.00	
• Notice of Lease or Lease Termination over 90 days	\$22.00	
• Change of Name of Membership	\$11.00	
• Change of Name of Animal	\$11.00	
• Name an Unnamed Animal	\$11.00	
• Extended Pedigrees, per Generation Step	\$5.50	
• Duplicate Registration Certificate	\$11.00	

• Correction of Applicant Errors - per Animal Transaction	\$11 00	
• Calf Registration Royalty, AI certificate of service	\$1.10 each minimum order 20	
• Service certificate forms for natural or AI mating	\$0.55 each, minimum order 10	