

LOWLINE PLUS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Toowoomba Royal Show
- Pittsworth Show
- March Membership meeting
- Success in Houston, Texas

Lowline Plus Newsletter



MARCH 2014

Toowoomba Show Results

This year was the 150th running of the Royal Toowoomba Show. Four Lowline studs exhibited animals. Congratulations to Dave and Jan Wooler for winning Grand Champion Lowline Bull with Merowen Hector



And also to Lik Lik Lowlines for winning Grand Champion Lowline female with Lik Lik Heiress.

Students from Pittsworth High School gained valuable experience preparing and leading Lowlines from several studs. The Toowoomba Royal Show was held during a very wet week, with up to 200 mm of rain falling on the Thursday night. This made animal preparation a nightmare., mud every where! Luckily the ground dried out for the Saturday judging and the students



Pittsworth Show Results

Pittsworth Show was held on the 8th and 9th March, with three Lowline Studs attending. Lik Lik Houston won the Grand Champion Lowline Bull.



Minutes of Lowline Plus Meeting

Friday 28th March 2014

Toowoomba Royal Show 6.30pm

Location: Cattle Pavilion (Entry Gate 4 map enclosed) http://www.toowoombashow.com.au/uploads/media/Aerial_Map_TSG_02.pdf

Agenda

Chairman (Col Schiller) – Welcome

Attendees: Col and Jacqui Schiller, Dave and Jan Wooler, Margo Hayes, Christina Schiller, Phil and Lee LaBrie, Richard and Debbie Cole, Trevor Fisher, Stephen Murrell

Apologies': Fay Schilte, Sharon Coombe, Joanne Wolfenden, Michelle Molloy, G & C Hine, Sandra Price, Ross French and Dot Pienaar, Lynn Fisher and Hank and Judy Deucker

Previous minutes read out from the meeting held at the Norman Hotel Sunday 28th September 2013

Treasurers Report read out:

Opening balance 01/07/2013 of \$2,566.91

Income of \$1,480.40

Expenses of \$50.30

Leaving a current balance of \$3,997.01

Outstanding invoices of \$204.43 (passed for payment)

New Committee elected:

President: Col Schiller (Lik Lik Lowlines) nominated by Dave Wooler seconded by Margo Hayes. All in favour

Secretary: Christina Schiller (Sunrise Lowlines) nominated by Margo Hayes, seconded by Lee LaBrie. All in favour once her membership is upgraded to full membership

No further nominations were received. We need a couple of committee members to volunteer themselves and maybe a treasurer and editor.

ALCA committee news

- Tattoo Letter for 2014 is "K"
- Promotional Group funding model briefly discussed. Extra funds will need to be generated
- Promotional Pool Guidelines for funding discussed

General Items:

Lowline Journal - The 2014 Journal is out now.

New beef brochure (reprinted old brochure)

Testimonial sheets on first calving need to be sent out to all members, most had not seen it before.

New Qld Promotional groups. The members present suggested that it was now not constitutional to break Qld into two groups and that it would need constitutional change to allow two groups to operate. However it is possible to have sub groups under the Qld Lowline Plus Group. If a Central Qld group wants to operate they will need to form a group and approach Lowline Plus for support.

Facebook page for chat room. Members present agreed that this needs to be a nationally funded and developed project, mainly due to the wide internet coverage.

Lowline Youth. All agree to support the National scheme and to continue the youth exchange with New Zealand. Lowline Plus to apply for subsidy from ALCA

- Increase sponsorship at shows (i.e.; EKKA to \$200). Rejected by the members present. It may be possible for students to look after animals if breeders wish to enter animals for both the EKKA and Beef 2015. The concept is that the breeder enters the animals, freights them to the site, supplies the feed and then organises the animals return to their stud. The students will maintain the animals during the week and show the animals for the breeder. Cattle in on Monday 11th August out on Sunday 17th August. Most breeders avoid shows because of the time involvement. Using students to manage the animals for the majority of the time allows the breeder to minimise their time lost.
- It was noted that it is possible to buy back your own steers from the EKKA and receive the carcass point scoring details
- Bundaberg Agro trend 9-10 May **REJECTED**
- Farmfest Toowoomba 3-5 June **REJECTED**
- Agro Emerald 8-10 July **REJECTED**
- Farm Fantastic Caboolture 22-24 August. Possible (need further information)
- Agshow Toowoomba 2-4 September. Possible involvement with running the hoof and Hook section for school students. Use this event for youth selection for New Zealand prize. Ausline is willing to share costs and co-ordination, with possible extension to all participants within the hoof and Hook competition.
- Small Breed Field Day. Cancelled for 2014
- Beef 4-9 May 2015 Rockhampton (possible student help from both local and other schools). Several schools wish to attend without cattle, but are enthusiastic about helping studs with preparation and showing. Lowline Plus wishes to support members attending Beef 2015, preferably with a freight subsidy (approx. \$2000). The members present also support a Lowline stand. (approx. \$1000). ALCA to be approached for support from the promotional pool.

Lowline Steer marketing. Col gave a quick rundown on the potential market of 5 beasts per month to a Sunshine Coast butcher. The challenging task is encouraging breeders to think ahead and provide a delivery schedule. This puts a commercial challenge onto our hobby farmer base.

Promotional material available for field days available from Lik Lik Lowlines or Pittsworth High School.

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Information needed, please let us know

- 1. Are you going to the EKKA or Beef 2015?*
- 2. Do you need students to prepare and show your animals at either show?*
- 3. Would you like a freight subsidy to Rockhampton?*
- 4. Are you prepared to help on the stand at Beef 2015?*
- 5. What do you want Lowline Plus to do for you?*
- 6. Do you have any results or achievements you would like the members to know about?*

Pecan Creek Jay-Lo wins in Texas

Another local Queensland success at the Houston Show in Texas, United States of America.

Pecan Creek Jay-Lo is prepared and shown by Kollyn Barton, Austin Texas. Pecan Creek Jay -Lo has been sired by Lik Lik Blinky with Pecan Creek Jamber Jill as her Dam.

