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Dave Mullins: Council member
Ed Clark: Council member
Christo Rothmann: Council member
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Volcker Rügheimer: Namibian representative

1. Calendar 2024

Council Meeting 14 Feb Wed (14:00) & 15 Feb Thu (8:00)
Bloem Show 27 April - 6 May
Vleissentraal SA Stud Book Elite Bull growth test class Bloem Show 29 April

Tuli hunting packages and wine sale in cooperation with Lettie Fouché School Bloemfontein: 1 May
Second Tuli National Open/ Pregnant Heifer Sale: 2 May: Lettie Fouché School Bloemfontein
NAMPO 14 - 17 May
Alpha & Omega Sale 23 May
Royal Skou 24 – 29 May
Gouwsberg Sale 30 May
Nonnie & Langlyf Sale 4 June
Council Meeting 19 (14:00, Wed) & 20 June (8:00, Thu)
Shashi & Tsavo Sale 6 August
HBH Sale 28 August
Casman Sale 4 September
Tuli Symposium: 2 October Lettie Fouché School Lapa Bloemfontein
Tuli Year End- and Award Function: 2 October Lettie Fouché School Lapa Bloemfontein
Tuli Annual General Meeting: 3 October Lettie Fouché School Lapa Bloemfontein
NAMPO Western-Cape 11 – 14 September
Tiptree & Avondale Sale 17 September
Glen Heath Sale 26 September
NAMPO ALFA 17 - 19 October
Go West Sale Vleissentraal Kimberley 18 October
Council Meeting 13 (14:00 Wed) & 14 November (8:00 Thu)

2. Technical Nomination

Council approved the nomination of bull nr HBH 140060, owned by Graeme Lucas-Bull. The bull is loaded as a semen donor on Logix and the semen is available from CRV Xseed. <https://crv4all.co.za/en/service/tuli>
Info is also loaded at www.tulicattle.co.za
Genetics in the Market.



Requirements

Kindly take note that the AI bull and Embryo requirements were changed at the AGM 2023. The amended requirements will be circulated in January 2024.

Members are invited to nominated bulls and cows.

2.2 Genomic reference population

464 genomic tests were done. Members were thanked for their participation. At 500 tests the first genomic cow values can be compiled.

2.3 Paternity (DNA)

Members are reminded that from 1 January 2023 it is mandatory for all herd sires to be sire verified. The progeny of the herd sires

that are not sire verified, will remain pending from 1 November 2023 until the sires are verified either through DNA or genomics. Paternity (as well as Parentage) can only be verified from DNA to DNA or from Genomics to Genomics. If you want to verify paternity/parentage with DNA as well as have a Genomic test for the animal, you need to send in two sets of hair samples that one set can be send for Genomic testing and one set for DNA.

Genomic tests include paternity and parentage, if all animals involved have Genomic profiles.

2.4 Double Muscling

The AGM 2023 decided that strict measurements will be taken against double muscling.

Herd Sires that test positive and/ or were carriers, must be slaughtered and cancelled. Council will decide on the progeny.

2.5 Management Book

The management book is being revised to incorporate the AGM decisions and will be circulated to members as well as placed on the webpage.

3. Fund Raising

3.1 Wine Auction and Hunting packages 3 May 2023

Sincere thanks to the members for their sponsorships of the lots as well as for attending. The donation paid over to the Lettie Fouché school was R36 000.00.



3.2 Wine Auction and Hunting packages 1 May 2024

Members will be contacted for sponsorships for the 2024 wine auction where meat packets will also be raffled. Members will receive a letter.

4. Finances

4.1 Financial policy

Council revised the financial policy. Kindly find attached the new policy dated 4 July 2023.

4.2 Fees 2023 – 2024

As decided by the AGM 2021 the yearly fees will increase with CPI (June) plus maximum 2%. Council decided to accommodate the members and only increase the fees with 7% (CPI 6.5%). The fees were circulated to the members on 30 June 2023 and approved by the AGM 2023.

5. Sale

5.1 Sale Rules

The sale rules, dated 6 February 2023, are being revised to incorporate the decisions changes made at the AGM 2023 and the updated version will be circulated to members soon. Council is investigating standards for production sales, after which the sale rules will again be amended and circulated to members.

5.2 National Heifer Sale 2 May 2024

Members are reminded to book

accommodation early for the Wine Auction and the National Sale, due to Bloem Show showing double the amount of animals next year.

6. Marketing

6.1 Journal 2023

Members are thanked for their advertisements in the 2023 Journal.



The electronic version can be read at <http://tulicattle.co.za/p13/news/tuli-cattle-breeders'-society-of-south-africa-journals.html>

If you did not receive your hard copy yet, kindly contact the Office.

6.2 Tuli Facebook

You are invited to join our Facebook: Tuli Cattle Breeders' Society of SA that currently has 7 500 followers

6.3 Tuli Cattle Youtube

Our Tuli video has more than 36 000 views. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bR2BMS2YdHfFeqeeNHDw/videos> of by <http://www.tulicattle.co.za/videogallery.asp>

6.4 Advertisements

The Society thanks you for your breed promotion fees, which was utilised to take a half page advertisement in the Landbouweekblad Veeboek that stays on the store shelves for four months.



6.5 Radio

The newest Agricultural Radio interviews can be downloaded here.

<http://www.tulicattle.co.za/p46/news/tuli-cattle-breeders'-society-of-south-africa-podcasts.html>

6.6 Nampo Exhibition

Members are thanked for their contribution to the exhibition by exhibiting their animals as well as assisting in manning the exhibition at Nampo 2023.



6.7 Webpage

The newest record price for bull, open heifer and pregnant heifer at sales are now to be seen on the webpage home page, <http://tulicattle.co.za/>. As well as previous sale results at For Sale, Past Auction Results.

6.8 Photocompetition

Members will receive information early in 2024 regarding the Society's first photocompetition.

6.9 2024 Joernaal

Members are reminded to take photos and will receive a letter regarding the 2024 journal. Certain pages will be auctioned off. Members are encouraged to take a quarter page advertisement in stead of being invoiced for the membership list.

7. Inspections

7.1 Inspections 2024

Inspections must be requested from Werner Gouws and members should endeavour to combine their yearly inspection with their National Sale screening.

7.2 Know Your Breed Course and Senior Inspectors' meeting 2023

The Senior Inspectors' meeting (2 August 2023) and the Know Your Breed Course (3 August 2023) were held at Dave Mullins's at Kenton-on-Sea.



7.3 New Senior Inspector

Congratulations to Dave Marais that qualified at the the course as Senior Inspector.



7.4 Screening form for sales

The screening form was amended and the

correct version will be dated 15 December 2023.

7.5 Colour

Council decided on 14 November 2023 that colour will be worked into inspections. The codes are: 1. Yellow, 2. White, 3. Dagha and 4. Red.

8. Grievance- and Complaint Procedure

Council compiled a grievance- and complaint procedure document which will be circulated during January 2024.

9. Constitution

The Constitution was amended at the AGM 2023 and is available on www.tulicattle.co.za Society Documents as well as from the Office.

10. Symposium

The recording and pdf of the Symposium held on 7 September 2023 was circulated on 11 December 2023.

11. Tuli Members Awards

7 September 2023 Tuli Awards

Congratulations to Christo Rothman, Bushman's Mountain Tuli's that won the Stefan van Wyk trophy for the second successive year.



Congratulations to the other members that received awards at the Year End Function on 7 September 2023.

The photos and winners can be viewed at <http://tulicattle.co.za/p32/awards/tuli-cattle-breeders'-society-of-south-africa-awards.html>

ARC Herd of the Year 2023

Congratulations to Christo Rothman, Bushman's Mountain Tuli's, the previous and current winner of the Stefan van Wyk trophy, that was one of the final six breeders in the final round of the ARC Herd of the Year 2023.



ARC Elite Cow 2023

Congratulations to Dave Mullins, Avondale Tuli's with the ARC Elite Cow 2023, E 13 009.



Stud Book Elite Herds 2023

The Tuli Society congratulates the following members with their Stud Book Elite Regional Awards 12 Oct 2023

(First Double Gold for the Tuli's)

Double Gold: Christo Rothman,
Bushmans' Mountain

Gold: Jim Bredenkamp,
Wolhaarkop

Ben Raath, Donkerhoek
Silver: Gordon Gilfillan, Glen Heath

Ed Clark, HBH
Colin Raath, Acacia Mountain
Stephen Mains-Sheard, Tiptree
Albie Rautenbach, Langlyf
Herlu Rautenbach, Carroll
Graeme Lucas-Bull, Narina

Bronze: Willem Pretorius, Orangeview
Dave Mullins, Avondale
Abel Rautenbach, Profyt
Lucas Robertson, Lekkerdroom
Casper Kriel, Casman
Margi Harvey & Russel & Joanne Kruger, Shashi
Cornelis Rautenbach, Nonnie

12. Charl van Rooyen

At the Year End Function on 7 September 2023 a farewell was given to Mr C van Rooyen. Members are welcome to contact him as senior inspector and private consultant. The letter, dated 21 July 2023, regarding his functions was circulated to members. Mr C van Rooyen will still be responsible for the 2024 Journal.



13. Technical advisor post: Advertisement

The advertisement was circulated to members and the applications close on 31

January 2024.

14. Training Course, Donkerhoek Tuli's

Ten students attended the second Training Course regarding General Management of Beef Cattle, as well as the practical handling of cattle on 31 October and 1 November 2023 at Donkerhoek Tuli's, Britstown.

15. TCFSA

The Tuli Cattle Federation of South Africa met in Zimbabwe during May 2023.



16. Tuli Growth Initiative

Feedback were given to members at the AGM 2023. As soon as the project is approved, the members will be informed.

17. SA Stud Book Feedback ICAR feedback

https://youtu.be/k88-7S_NYFo

SA Stud Book AGM Feedback: Dr B van der Westhuizen

https://youtu.be/5_tZN70RA0

SA Stud Book AGM Feedback: H Labuschagne

<https://youtu.be/u3Uq8MdC4kA>

18. Sincerest Sympathy

The Society and their members wish to offer their sincerest sympathy to Annemarie and Gert Strydom, Tsitsi Tuli's, with the passing of John Strydom.

19. Welcome

The Society welcome
Richard Rix – Bonnefoi Tuli's - Fouriesburg
Theodor Oosthuizen – Red Grass Valley

20. Office closed

Marietjie Campbell will be on leave from 14 December to 5 January 2024.

The Tuli Office will be closed from 22 December and re-open on 4 January 2024.

21. President Christmas Message

If we look back on 2023, I am sure you will agree it's been an extremely difficult year for all South Africans.

The economy is very flat, and with all our state run departments being non-functional, a lot of negativity tends to be created. It is easier said than done but we must all strive to stay positive in order to function properly and create an environment in which our sector can thrive.

Our wonderful Tuli Breed seems to continue gaining momentum and I am sure will become more sought after as global warming continues to change our climatic conditions. The Tuli's ability to produce tender meat from a low input system will help the Agricultural beef sector manage the cost squeeze with low input, high output systems.

Thank You very much for all the support during the last year. It is you as the members that have created an environment for our breed to expand and become a breed of choice for the future.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year with all your loved one's.

Christmas Greetings



Stephen Mains-Sheard
President

