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Ben Raath: President
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Stephen Mains-Sheard: Council member
Christo Rothman: Council member
Chris Rogers: Zambian representative
Volcker Rügheimer: Namibian representative
Charl van Rooyen: Technical Advisor

1. Calendar 2020

Marketing Meeting 16 January
Council meeting 17 January
Wine auction 18 March
Central Production Sale 19 March
Vleissentraal SA Stud Book Elite Bull growth test class Bloemshow 27 April
Nampo 12 – 15 May
Alpha & Omega Production Sale 20 May
Royal Show 22 – 31 May
Nonnie & Langlyf Production Sale 2 June
Gouwsberg Production Sale -
Council meeting 10 (14:00) & 11 June (8:00)
Symposium & dinner 19 August (15:00 & 19:00)
Annual General Meeting 20 August (9:00)
KRM & HBH Production Sale 26 August
Nampo Western-Cape 8 – 11 September
ALFA Nampo 24 – 26 September
Glen Heath Production Sale 16 September
Tiptree & Avondale Production Sale 22 September
Go West Production Sale 15 October
Council meeting 18(14:00) & 19 November (8:00)

2. Council

2.1 Council change

Johan van Rijswijk, Vice-President, resigned. Stephen Mains-Sheard was elected in his place as council member and Albie Rautenbach as Vice-President until the AGM 2020. The Society thank Johan van Rijswijk for his service as council member.

2.2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consist of B Raath, A Rautenbach & G van Niekerk.

2.3 Portfolios

The portfolios are as follows:
G van Niekerk – Finances & wine auction
B Raath – Constitution, Marketing & Promotion, Wine Auction, Tuli 25
C Rothman – Marketing Digital
J Bredenkamp - Marketing: printed media, wine auction, Tuli 25 & promotional items
S Mains-Sheard – Breed advisory and production sales,
A Rautenbach – Inspections,
E Clark – Stud Book & wine auction

3. Breeding value revised

Dr Helena Theron currently revise the Tuli breeding value for the first time in 25 years as advised by Council and Dr Japie van der Westhuizen. Council urgently request that breeders attend the symposium on 19 August where Dr Theron will present three

scenarios for the breeding values for discussion and for final approval.

4. Awards revised

The Society did revise the awards with Dr Japie van der Westhuizen and Herman Labuschagne. The genetic value and the total fertility value now also count and not just the phenotypical values. See attached.

5. Inspections 2020

Senior inspectors must inform the office, where possible, when they will inspect. That junior inspectors could be invited to go with, as they need three inspections to become a senior inspector.

Junior inspectors must complete three inspections with a senior inspector as well as a practical evaluation at the next inspector course. If the junior inspector does not pass the practical, they need to redo the three inspections and the practical evaluation.

Senior inspectors must attend one out of two senior refresher courses presented to continue inspecting.

Junior inspectors may also attend the senior meeting which will count as one inspection for them.

There is interest for a junior inspector's course with and without the examination and information will be circulated to members.

Where inspectors do not claim, members will be invoiced for inspections done from Logix monthly at the R5.00 per animal inspected and the breed promotion of R25.00 for each animal passed.

Council approved that due to financial reasons Messrs Tom Roberts & Chris Rogers as Zambian senior inspectors would be allowed to skip one senior refresher course.

6. Sale catalogue amendments

6.1 "In growth test"

The farm- and central growth tests words were added to the catalogue as well as the "in growth test" where 12 & 19 month wean weights was not available.

6.2 Size of contemporary groups on catalogue

The contemporary group was added to the catalogue after wean, 12 & 18 months.

7. Technical

7.1 Cow weight at wean became mandatory from 1 February 2020.

7.2 Commercial herds/ stud herds

Stud cows in commercial herds were notified as COM on the catalogue and on the three generation pedigree. The breeder must explain to the buyer that the cow was now in a commercial herd, but that there was nothing else wrong with the cow.

7.3 Management book – error – English

version

Amendment in the management book "Cows with 3 or more calves must maintain an ICP of ~~630~~ **570** days or less."

7.4 BLUP course

Breeders are advised to attend a BLUP course. The next one in Bloemfontein will be held after Nampo in May. Information will be circulated.

7.5 Logix course – 25 March

On 25 March Stud Book will held a Logix course in Bloemfontein. Information will be circulated.

7.6 BGP

There is no news regarding the project. Members are requested not to test genomics at Unistel until Dr Japie van der Westhuizen send a letter to the Society as certain markers need to be placed first. Members could still test at Stud Book in Ireland.

Members that did genomic tests should kindly send in the information to the Office that it could be added to the reference population of the Tuli. The Tuli currently had 279 hair samples and need a 1 000 for a reference population.

8. Farm growth tests

Members are invited to partake of farm growth tests and to send the results to the office to be placed on the webpage.

9. Ethical codes

Ethical codes were designed by Council for council members, inspectors and members and will be circulated to members as well as placed on the webpage.

10. Production sales

10.1 Send in your catalogue information early and ensure that your animal data is correct and complete, especially DNA, wean, 12 or 18 month weights and growth test information.

10.2 Kindly supply your auctioneer information to the Office to enable the Office to arrange for the 0.5% commission to be paid over by the auctioneer.

10.3 Kindly supply your auctioneer roll ("vendurol") to the Office that the Logix buyers list could be complete.

10.4 You are welcome to request the Logix buyer list from the Office for your production sale marketing purposes.

10.5 Internet sales/ auctions

The information brochure about the service by Swiftvee for internet auctions was circulated to members.

11. Marketing

11.1 FW and LBW "smalls" are placed two monthly. .

11.2 An exchange advertisement was taken in GROW online magazine in exchange for a journal advertisement.

11.3 Members are invited to send information, photo's, video's to be placed on the Tuli Facebook and to like the page.

11.4 The Society will exhibit at Nampo Nampo, Nampo Western-Cape, ALFA (Moneymaker Cow, heifer competition and Bull competition). If Mr Van Rooyen get animals, the Society will also exhibit at the Royal Show.

11.4 The Nampo exhibition space will be upgraded and shadow nets placed over the cross breeding exhibition space outside.

11.5 Seventh-Sense French Farm Visit

French overseas visitors visited the herd of Werner Gouws on 1 February. The Society thank Mr Gouws for his cooperation.

11.6. Promotion items

Clothing merchandise in stock will be sold at a discount. New clothing stock will be made available. Members will receive information soon.

11.7 Information days: webinar

Farmers' Days will be video recorded where possible and placed on Youtube, . Members are encouraged to hold information days especially a month before a production sale. Breeders could sponsor the video recording of the day and then record a piece on their herd at the end of the video. Only a beer and a "boerewors" hotdog need be provided. . .

12. Tuli 25

12.1 See the Tuli 25 logo here as well as the recised slogan.

12.2 The Tuli 25 festivities will be held with the Dinner 19 August and AGM 20 August.

12.3. Festivity Journal

Advertise now in our beautiful festivity journal. Members that did not advertise will be invoiced a R1 000.00 for the membership list in the journal. It is therefore an investment to rather advertise. Every journal is worth ±R100.00. Every member will receive a copy of the journal. Advertisers will receive more copies, but will be invoiced for the postage.

13. Fundraising

13.1 Wine Auction 18 March 2020

The wine auction will be held at Makarios in cooperation with GWK and Lettie Fouché School. Hunting packages will also be auctioned.

13.2 Weaner calf project

Members are reminded of the weaner calf project. A letter will be circulated soon.

14. Vleissentraal - SA Stamboek Elite Bull growth test class nomination

Congratulations to Alwyn Marx, owner of

bull HBH 17 /031 (bred by the BHB, the Clarks) that will represent the Tuli breed on 27 April.

15. SA Stud Book/ Landbouweekblad Elite Platinum Cow Award

Congratulations to Coenraad Slabber whose cow SW 090047 was elected as one of the Elite Platinum Cows.

16. Fees

The Society decreased their reinstatement fee to only 20% of that of SA Stud Book. Since December 2019 SA Stud Book will now directly invoice the breeder and the Society will only invoice the 20%.

17. Archive

If you have any Tuli journals/ newsletters from before 2008, kindly donate them to the Office for the archive.

19. Carcass competitions

Members are invited to partake in carcass competitions. Samic's program will be circulated. .