



SHROPSHIRE SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION AND FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY

25th October 2023

Dear Member,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The breed society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the YFC Pavilion at the Stafford County Showground, Weston Rd, Stafford. ST18 0BG on Saturday 18th November 2023. (Building immediately on the Left once through the gate). The meeting will commence at 10.00am with complimentary tea and coffee available from 9.30am

Please note the English Winter Fair is taking place at the showground on this date. We have been advised by Stafford Showground that people must hold a valid ticket to enter the showground on that day. On production of your ticket, the Society will re-imburse you £12 per flock at the AGM (the price of an advance ticket).

We expect the AGM to finish around lunchtime giving members plenty of time to visit the show.

New Council Members

We have vacancies for at least three breed society members to join the SSBA's Council from the AGM on 18th November. Nominations for Council are, therefore, requested. The period of office is three years. Over the past two years we have held a combination of Zoom meetings and face to face meetings, averaging one meeting per month, and this mix of meetings is likely to be the continuing trend. If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact the President for details. If you would like to stand for Council, your nomination should be proposed in writing by a member of the Society and you should advise in writing that you are willing to stand. Proposals and agreements to stand should be sent to secretary@shropshire-sheep.co.uk (or by post to the address at the bottom of page 4) arriving **no later than Friday 10th November 2023.**

Annual Accounts

A summary of our annual accounts is enclosed with this document. If you have any comments or questions about the accounts, there will be an opportunity to raise these at the AGM. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can send in any points in advance for the President to raise on your behalf.

AGM Agenda

The Agenda for the AGM is attached.

Please can you let me know by Friday 10th November if you are going to attend and complete the attached RSVP form.

If you wish to receive a copy of the Minutes from the previous AGM then also please tick the box included on the RSVP form. You are of course welcome to have a copy of the minutes even if you cannot come to the AGM.

Junior members and children of members are also welcomed to come along but please can you include on the RSVP form (page 4) that children will be attending (with ages) so that the Society is able to plan for this.

Proxy Voting at the AGM

In accordance with Company Law, it is mandatory for Limited Companies to offer proxy votes to Full Members who cannot attend the AGM. A list of resolutions that will be put to the AGM is provided on page 4, along with a nomination form for your proxy. If you wish to take advantage of your proxy vote, please complete the Proxy Voting Section on page 4 and return it by **Friday 10th November 2023**.

Voting at the AGM

I would like to remind members attending the AGM that for any matters where a membership vote is required, only **one** member from each registered flock has voting rights, unless the owners of that flock hold individual memberships of the Society.

If you are planning to attend, to help the Society with catering arrangements, please **return the attached RVSP (the slip at the bottom of page 4)**. In the afternoon, the Society's Council will be holding a short committee meeting. As a member of the Society, you are welcome to attend as an observer.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Geddes
Treasurer of the Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association
Email: treasurer@shropshire-sheep.co.uk

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**Agenda for Annual General Meeting of
The Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association and Flock Book Society ("SSBA")**

Commencing at 10am on 18th November 2023

1. Welcome to the AGM and Apologies for Absence
2. To approve the minutes of the previous AGM (19th November 2022)
3. President's Report
4. Registrar's Report
5. Sales Officer's Report
6. Accounts and Treasurer's report
7. To approve the auditor's expenses
8. To approve the reappointment of Philip Frost, Gilmorton, Lutterworth, as the auditor of the SSBA's accounts until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
9. Election of new Council Members
10. Any Other Business
11. Presentation of SSBA Trophies.

*** Would members holding the Show Points trophies please return them to Anne Harvey or confirm with her that the trophy will be brought to the AGM.**

PROXY VOTING & RSVP form

PROXY VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (only one form per registered flock)

If you are a Full Member of the Society over 18 years of age, unable to attend the AGM but wish to vote by proxy on the resolutions put to the AGM, please complete this slip and return to Peter Geddes, the SSBA's Treasurer by Friday 10th November 2023.

Name of Member.....

Either: "I appoint the Chairman of the meeting (the SSBA's President, Robert Kerby) as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the AGM. I instruct my proxy to follow any voting instructions appearing below, but if there are no instructions, I confirm that my proxy should vote as he thinks fit".

If you agree with this statement, please place a cross (X) in this box []

Or: fill in the section below to appoint a proxy other than the Chairman: "I appoint the person named below as my proxy to attend the AGM and vote. I understand that my vote will not be counted if my proxy does not attend the meeting". My proxy's name:

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THIS TELLS YOUR PROXY HOW TO VOTE

Resolutions	For	Against	Abstain
Item 7. Approval of auditor's expenses	[]	[]	[]
Item 8. Re-appointment of auditors	[]	[]	[]

If you will be accepting this invitation to the AGM then please cross out the PROXY section above and just complete the bottom section.

I wish to receive a copy of the previous AGM minutes [] (please tick)

I wish to receive a copy of the detailed accounts [] (please tick)

I wish to receive a copy of the following reports -

President	[] (please tick)	Registrar	[] (please tick)
Treasurer	[] (please tick)	Sales Officer	[] (please tick)

Signed (please sign below before returning your proxy voting form)

I will be attending the AGM.

Name of Member & number of attendees –	Flock name -
Signature –	Flock letters -

PLEASE RETURN the completed form to by Friday 10th November 2023 to Peter Geddes, Treasurer of the Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association, Stable Views, Alderton, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, SY4 1AW, email : treasurer@shropshire-sheep.co.uk