



NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2013

WELSH LAMB & BEEF PRODUCERS LTD

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 13 December 2013 @ 2.30pm

Annual General Meeting of Members. The Annual General Meeting of members will be held at Plas Antaron Hotel, Southgate, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion on Friday 13 December 2013 at 2.30pm

Yours faithfully, WG Jones, Secretary

AGENDA:

1. To receive the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. To receive the Chairman, Richard Howells' Report
3. To receive and approve the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013*
4. To appoint directors – Messrs Robin Benbow and Huw Evans retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election**
5. To elect Whittingham Riddell as Reporting Accountants

* Copies of the annual accounts are available on the society's website (www.wlbp.co.uk) or for a hard copy, please contact the office on 01970 636688

** If you wish to make a nomination to the board, please forward the name and address of the member to:

WLBP Ltd, PO Box 8, Gorseland, North Road, Aberystwyth by 11 December 2013 supported by the signatures of 6 other WLBP members.

New Website Launch in 2014

Welsh Lamb & Beef Producers is about to offer members a new, free internet-based records service, building on the health plan application already available. The website has been developed for WLBP by Shearwell Data Ltd and is a tried, tested and secure system.

From 6th January 2014, WLBP members will be able to keep stock movement records and medicine records on-line by logging on to WLBP's website at www.wlbp.co.uk where they can access a sheep register to record information on the birth, movement, death and tagging of sheep while a complementary herd register can record the same information for cattle: additionally, the cattle section is able to import and export data from and to BCMS. The website will also have a Medicine Records section to record the purchase and use of medicines. Both medicine and movement records can be updated via a mobile phone app for Android smartphones and tablets. This can be downloaded from the Google Play app store by searching for Shearwell Stock Move Express.

WLBP is planning to work more with Shearwell Data Ltd to provide members with further web-based recording tools.

From March 2014, the WLBP website will have the

capability to maintain nearly all of the records required for the Farm Assured Welsh Livestock scheme.

Members who choose to use the system will be able to forward copies of reports to WLBP to minimise the need for a review of those records by a FAWL assessor during a farm visit. The use of the records website will be completely voluntary and will be totally free of charge to WLBP members.

The growth in the use of Information Technology, from computers to mobile phones, has been explosive in recent years. Many would argue that it is still an under-exploited resource by the agricultural community. WLBP hopes that by offering these tools to members it can begin to redress the balance and encourage more farmers who have yet to take the step to start to use IT systems thereby contributing towards the development of the Welsh farming industry in future.

LOGGING ON FROM JANUARY 6TH 2014:

To log on to the WLBP Records Service from 6th January 2014, access the WLBP website via: www.wlbp.co.uk You will then need to click on the Farm Records tab and follow the instructions to register for a farm records/animal health plan account if you haven't already done so. Select the 'Register' tab and then enter your membership number from one of WLBP's schemes (eg FAWL 1234 or Organic 987); your post code; the last four digits of your main holding number as well as an active e-mail account. You will then be prompted to choose a password to login with in future. Thereafter, you will be able to login using your email address and chosen password. You can also download a pamphlet to help you to use the recording facilities of the website.

Have you claimed your 80% funding under Farming Connect?

If you have applied and received confirmation of approval to have mentoring through Farming Connects' subsidised services and your application was approved before the 30th of September 2013 you will need to ensure that the work you require completed is fulfilled and that you have paid and submitted a claim for your 80% funding before the end of March 2014. Failure to do this will result in any claim becoming void. If the work has not taken place and you wish to cancel the application in order for the funding to be re allocated, please contact your regional coordinator.



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Below is a list of Farming Connect regional coordinators who are able to guide you through the process of registering, applying and claiming for funding under the scheme.

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Farming Connect Service extended until the end of December 2014

Welsh Lamb & Beef Producers Ltd are glad to confirm their continuation as an approved contractor to deliver Animal Health and Welfare mentoring for farmers under the veterinary mentoring option of Farming Connects' whole farm plan subsidised service. This service has been extended until the end of December 2014.

Farming Connect is an integrated, high profile, service for farming families in Wales. It is funded through the Rural Development Plan 2007-2013 and is financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Assembly Government.

The service offers a range of services which are fully funded and partially subsidised. In order for you to qualify for the subsidised funding you will need to be registered first with Farming Connect. WLBP is working with vets across Wales that have been approved to deliver animal health and welfare advice on their behalf.

The following vet practices have vets approved to deliver mentoring under the Farming Connect service via WLBP:

Simon Allen (Allen & Partners, Whitland)	Mark Gordon (Bush House Vets, Llandeilo)	Kate Owen (Hafren Vets, Newtown)
Jane Ancombe (Farm First Vets, Abergavenny)	John Griffiths (Bodwrnswyn Vets, Anglesey)	Mark O'Donovan (Aeron Vets, Ciliau Aeron)
Stuart Barr (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)	Brendan Griffin (Fenton Vets, Haverfordwest)	Iwan Parry (Dolgellau Vets)
Anika Batkin (Teilo Vets, Llandeilo)	Kim Hamer (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)	Neil Paton (Welsh Regional Vet Centre, Gelli Aur)
Maddie Bevan (Honddu Vets, Brecon)	Kate Hardman (Dolgellau Vets)	Guy Platt (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)
Lies Beekhuis (Welsh Regional Vet Centre - Gelli Aur)	Oliver Hodgkinson (Trefaldwyn Vets, Montgomery)	Liz Potter (Davies and Potter, Lampeter)
Dion Bennett-Williams (Bennet-Williams Vets)	Jim Hopkins (Steffan Vets, Lampeter)	Trefor Pritchard (Denbigh)
Peers Davies (Daleside Veterinary Group, Wrexham)	Nikki Hopkins (Hafren Vets, Newtown)	Gwen Rees (St James, Swansea)
John Blackwell (Brownlow Vets)	Kate Hovers (Vet Consultant, Trecastle)	Jonathan Reilly (Afon Vets, Neath)
Gerben Blankenvoorde (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Neil Howie (Vet Livestock Production Consultant)	Morgan Richards (Park Vets, Cardiff)
Kate Burnby (Vet Consultant, Cheshire)	John Hughes (Hafren Vets, Newtown)	Fflur Roberts (Camlas Vets, Welshpool)
Lucy Brook (Hay Vets)	James Husband (Evidence Based Veterinary Consultancy)	Paul Rodgers (Allen & Partners, Whitland)
Paul Buckingham (Arrowfield Vet Group, Kington)	Marius Ilinca (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Sian Robinson (Allen & Partners, Whitland)
Richard Cooper (Evidence Based Veterinary Consultancy)	Alexander Ilyat, (Fenton Vets Haverfordwest)	Andrew Rose (Trefaldwyn Vets, Montgomery)
Andrew Clemence (Fishguard Vet Services)	Hannah Jarman (Davies and Potter, Lampeter)	Hannah Sampson (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)
Sarah Curtis (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)	Mike John (Fenton Vets, Haverfordwest)	John Sampson (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)
Angela Damaso (WRVC, Gelli Aur, Llandeilo)	Alwyn Jones (Bennet-Williams Vets, Gaerwen)	Helen Scott (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)
Hugh Davey (Maesglas Vets, Bridgend)	Dafydd Jones (Ystwyth Vets, Aberystwyth)	Helen Smith (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)
Anna Davies (Hafren Vets, Newtown)	Elizabeth Jones, (Ddole Road Vets, Llandrindod Wells)	Robert Smith (Farm First Vets, Abergavenny)
Lewis Davies (Davies and Potter, Lampeter)	Huw Jones (Honddu Vets, Brecon)	David Staak (Market Hall Vets, St Clears)
Lizzi Davies (Honddu Vets, Brecon)	Geraint Jones (Milfeddygon Deufor, Pwllheli)	Kristy Syer (Fenton Vets, Haverfordwest)
Peers Davies, (Daleside Veterinary Group, Wrexham)	Hilary Jones (Usk Vets)	Lowri Thomas (Tysul Vets, Llandysul)
Rachel Davies (Honddu Vets, Brecon)	Ian Jones (Hafren Vets, Newtown)	Phil Thomas (Ystwyth Vets, Aberystwyth)
Richard Prys Davies (Fenton Vets, Haverfordwest)	Dave Judson (Camlas Vets, Welshpool)	Rebecca Thomas (Priory Vets, Cardigan)
Robert Davies (Allen & Partners, Whitland)	Jonathan King (Ystwyth Vets, Aberystwyth)	Guy Tomlinson (Daleside Veterinary Group, Wrexham)
Stephen Davies (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Chris Kirtley (Park Issa Vets, Oswestry)	Cath Tudor (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)
Becky Derby (Castle House Vets, Newcastle Emlyn)	David Kowalek (Usk Vets)	Rob Tullock (Four Crosses Vets, Llanyrnymech)
Gethin Edwards (Willows Vet Group, Hartford)	Rebecca Lee (St James Vets, Swansea)	Steven Van Winden (WRVC, Gelli Aur, Llandeilo)
Rob Edwards (Cain Vets, Llanantffraid)	Claire Lever (Dolgellau Vets)	Richard Vecqueary (Evidence Based Veterinary Consultancy)
Alun Evans (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)	GM Lloyd (Camlas Vets, Welshpool)	Benno Veenstra (Stapeley Vets)
Caroline Evans (Oak Vets, Haverfordwest)	Ifan Lloyd (St James Vets, Swansea)	Sharon Wainwright (Fenton Vets, Haverfordwest)
Meurig Evans (Bodwrnswyn Veterinary Group, Anglesey)	Kristine Long (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)	Mary Walters (Park Vets, Cardiff)
Sarah Farrington (Bush House Vets, Llandeilo)	Gonocalo Lucena (Priory Vets, Cardigan)	Sarah Wheeler (Market Hall Vets, St Clears)
Emily Farrow (WRVC, Gelli Aur, Llandeilo)	Anushka Marsman (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Iolo White (Camlas Vets, Welshpool)
Victoria Fisher (Farm First Vets, Abergavenny)	Catrin Hassan Martin (Castle House Vets, Newcastle Emlyn)	Andy Wignall (Grange Veterinary Hospital, Holywell)
Amy Fitzsimmons (Camlas Vets, Welshpool)	Steve Mosford (Park Issa Vets, Oswestry)	Eiffon Williams (Aeron Vets, Ciliau Aeron)
Heidi French (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)	Rhian Mathews (Maesglas Vets, Bridgend)	Hywel Williams (Ystwyth Vets, Aberystwyth)
Caroline Fenimore (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Andrew Maxwell (First Farm Vets, Abergavenny)	Phillip Williams (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)
Sam Fenimore (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Katy Mayne (Carmarthen Veterinary Centre)	Huw Williams (Williams Vets, Tywyn)
Matthew Foulkes (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)	Fiona MacPhearsan (Dolgellau Vets)	Simon Wilson (Cain Vets, Llanantffraid)
Alex Franklin (St James Vets, Swansea)	Phoebe McCarter (Dolgellau Vets)	Angus Wyse (Castle House Vets Newcastle Emlyn)
Russell Fuller (Tyndale Vets)	Gareth Mulligan (Afon Vets, Neath)	Victoria Wyse (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)
Ben George (Pro Stock Vets, Carmarthen)	Tina Nurse (Hafren Vets, Newtown)	Rebecca Witchell (Afon Vets, Neath)
Rosey Gibbon (Honddu Vets, Brecon)	Kelly Oakley (Hay Vets, Hay on Wye)	

Eligible businesses will be able to claim 80% of the cost (up to £400 per day for up to eight days) for the veterinary mentoring service.

Guidance to Help Buy the Right Fuel Oil Store

Since 1991, the Silage Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil Regulations – “SSAFO” set standards for the storage of silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil.

Some farmers appear to have purchased agricultural fuel oil stores that, unknown to them, do not comply with SSAFO.

This note is intended to help farmers purchase and install the correct equipment and not waste money on “non-compliant systems.”

What do SSAFO apply to?

SSAFO applies to systems for silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil ie. all diesel for tractors, heating oil for driers and in stores that are above ground.

So they do not apply to:

- Fuel oil used exclusively for domestic accommodation
- Below ground stores

They apply when the total quantity of agricultural fuel oil stored exceeds 1500 litres, so for example, if 1200 litres of fuel oil is stored in a conventional tank and 400 litres stored in drums which may be at different locations around a farm, then all this oil storage falls under SSAFO.

What are the key requirements then affecting fuel oil?

From 1991, SSAFO applies to all new, or substantially enlarged or re-constructed systems (the latter two situations being unlikely in the case of fuel oil)

No part of the system can be within 10m of a watercourse, including dry ditches and perforated land drains, which oil could enter if it escapes.

Every part of the oil containers must be within a “bund” ie all sight gauges, filling points and all delivery or take-off hoses, or drums of oil must be inside the bund.

Note some oil storage systems not designed for agricultural use may be offered for sale. Typically, there are “double-skinned tanks”, but in having delivery or take-off hoses outside the outer skin, do not comply with SSAFO and certainly pose a significant risk of pollution.

The hoses to supply fuel to tractors etc must also be locked and kept inside the bund when not in use.



The main aim here is to ensure that hoses do not leak oil when not in use, or that the hoses are not used unintentionally. So in situations where there is a high risk of damage arising from theft, a simple lock will suffice, which if theft did occur, may be easily broken to access the oil, rather than thieves, say drilling holes in tanks.

“Fuel Stations” are usually comply with SSAFO, in that all hoses etc are inside a cabinet, which can be locked when not in use.

Tank Manufacturing and Quality Standards

There are recognised British Standard and trade association standards for different types of tank. Tanks should comply with BSENISO 9001. Plastic and steel tanks manufactured to OFTEC Standards OFST100 and OFST200 respectively, meet the British Standard.

If you are in doubt, please contact us on (0300 0653000) and ask for your local agriculture officer. Note that SSAFO requires new, substantially enlarged or re-constructed systems to be notified to ourselves at least 14 days before they are used for the first time and we have a form to help with this. But to help ensure that you purchase a system that is compliant, please talk the proposals through with us at the design/planning stage- we want to help you get it right first time.

Bob Merriman
Policy Advisor, Natural Resources Wales

FAWL Non-conformances

During the last 12 months over 5,000 farm assessments have been undertaken in the FAWL Scheme. The most frequently raised non-conformances relate to the maintenance of farm records.

The following list are the most frequently raised non-conformances raised during an assessment.

- 10.13%** Lack of an agricultural low risk waste exemption certificate
- 7.16%** Not keeping a complete and up to date medicines administration record
- 6.94%** Did not have a complete manure management plan
- 6.13%** Did not have a complete Farm Animal Health plan
- 5.60%** Medicine purchase records not complete in all respects

Aberystwyth University Questionnaire prize winner

In the Spring edition of WLBP newsletter, Aberystwyth University School of Management and Business held a questionnaire competition on the use of farm management and technology. The winner of the competition was A Morgan, Pencefn, Mwnt, Cardigan SA43 IQB who received a prize of £100.

Extracts from Profit & Loss A/C for Y/E 31 March 2013

	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover	1055982	1062037
Gross Profit	72677	67122
Operating Profit Before Taxation	43660	17668
Taxation	[2,880]	[628]
Surplus for financial year	40780	17240

Balance Sheet (Extracts as at 31 March 2013)

	£	£
Fixed Assets	48125	49900
Net Current Assets	545848	503316
Net Assets	593998	553216
Share Capital	1862	1860
Profit & Loss Reserves	592136	551356
	593998	553216



Are you covered for Beef & Lamb?

We continue to have issues with members entering stock in markets and abattoirs on the assumption they are covered for both sheep and beef as part of their assurance status when in some instances they are only assured for lamb or only assured for beef.

Please be aware that your farm assured status is only relevant to the species of animals you had on the farm during your last assessment. If you decide or intend to purchase cattle or sheep and that species was not on farm during your last assessment, the newly purchased stock will not be covered under your farm assured status.

This problem usually arises when members who buy store animals seasonally to finish but may not have stock permanently on farm all year.

To avoid this problem, we kindly ask you to contact the FAWL office if you decide to purchase stock and want them added to your scope of assurance. Doing this will avoid unwanted and costly penalties for you at the time of slaughter if you are not covered.

Prydderch Rees

All at WLBP were very saddened to learn that Prydderch Rees, Neuadd Fawr, Crickhowell, Powys, a director of WLBP Ltd for over 10 years, had passed away suddenly in October. Prydderch was always a thoughtful and courteous man, a font of wisdom and good advice. He was respected not just as a farmer but for the significant contribution he'd made to many organisations like the FUW and WLBP. Well-liked by all across the farming community in Wales, he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and we extend our sympathy to them.

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