



# **LIVESTOCK ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON**

**22 October 2026 at 16:30 at No 29-16<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Menlo Park Pretoria**

### **Welcome:**

Willem Jonker welcomed everybody to the meeting and opened in prayer.

### **Attendance and Apologies:**

#### Present :

Lana Kotze, Sheryl Phillips, Alida Idema, Willem Jonker; Hein Gerber and Renier van Dyk.

#### Apologies :

Dr P Muller, Laetitia who has moved to Betties Bay, Roelof who now lives in Plettenburg and Jason Hills who had another appointment.

### **Announcement:**

It was reported with deep regret that Mike Levien ( Jnr.) had passed away on 3 May this year.

### **Minutes Arising out of the previous Annual General Meeting:**

Renier asked to have the following corrections made.

He did not read the minutes as he was ill. The Inspector's Report was read by Reginald van Dyk as well as the Admin and Website Report. He also questioned the Cash on Hand, and it was explained to him that if Cash was given out and the slips not received by S Phillips then these expenses could not be allocated.

These minutes were then accepted by Willem Jonker and seconded by Lana Kotze.

### **Chairman's Report:-**

Mr Jonker read the Acting Chairman's Report (Attached)

### **Summary:**

Meetings were held by Executives throughout the year.

He welcomed the new Inspector Hein Gerber who started in January 2026.

The website would now to be maintained by Jason Hill and overseen by Sheryl Phillips and she was thanked for her assistance with the Admin and Financial reporting throughout the year.

He said that the inspections done at abattoirs by the inspectors were vital for keeping the grade of abattoirs at an acceptable level.

Renier v Dyk was elected to be the General Manager of LAWA and he had provided the Executives with a 5-year strategy for LAWA which will be studied by the Board of Directors for approval. Willem Jonker said that this could start happening next year depending on funds availability.

Renier v Dyk was asked if he had any feedback from Dr Opperman regarding the Mobile Abattoirs. Renier van Dyk replied no and said that the logistics of such a process were impractical at present.

Willem also asked for approval to change the MOI regarding the Quorum requirements of a AGM. This was to bring the MOI in line with the Companies Act. The meeting gave the go-ahead for the process to start.

Inspectors will in future take responsibility for visiting animal shelters as well.

Wollies or Husky Rescue Centre (Alida) were mentioned. The idea is that LAWA will give donations for certain welfare project and the inspectors and members will do after donations project inspections.

### **Inspectors Report:**

Mr Van Dyk read his Inspector's Report (Attached)

### **Summary:**

Renier reported that he had continued to visit Abattoirs and Sale Yards and that for the most part the co-operation of managers of Abattoirs was good. His monthly reports were sent to Sheryl on a monthly basis.

He had given training to Hein Gerber the new inspector and after three months training Hein was appointed as a Junior Inspector. He is now qualified to inspect Abattoirs and Sale Yards on his own.

It had come to Renier's attention that Hein Gerber was not legally allowed to visit Abattoirs as he did not have the appointment as an inspector under Section 8 (1) of the Animals Protection Act for the Tshwane magisterial district. This was then applied for and received. This has to be done per inspector and applications will have to be obtained for all districts that LAWA want to visit.

Foot and Mouth disease had been a big issue this year as the abattoirs were not being given permission by the government to slaughter animals with Foot and Mouth disease. A number of Abattoirs had had the number of animals reduced drastically and this caused a number of workers to lose their jobs. There were also too few vaccinations available.

The major issues at abattoirs were:

Gridding in lairages that were damaged or had parts missing.

Back stoppers missing which led to the unnecessary man handling of animals.

Loose or protruding metal in stun boxes, races and lairages.

Time between stunning and bleeding was longer than the 60 second limit at some abattoirs.

Water troughs and nipples dirty and inaccessible or there were too few of them. A lack of maintenance and supervision of staff at Abattoirs remained the biggest challenges

Issues at Sales Yards:

Animals were not being transported humanely.

Issues are discussed with managers and practical advice is given to rectify issues.

Training is also given when necessary.

On two occasions Renier had to stop slaughtering because of sheep being bled without being stunned.

Training was on going as the staff at abattoirs had a quick turnaround.

Renier van Dyk had attended an online meeting with LWCC in February and then a virtual meeting in May. The third meeting had been cancelled. There were a number of political issues in the organisation.

The handling of animals is the major issue at Sales Yards.

There have been improvements at some facilities and with good relationships this will continue.

**Hein Gerber read his inspector's Report (Attached)**

**Summary:**

Hein joined LAWA in January 2026 and after doing his compulsory 3 months training he was appointed as a Junior Inspector.

He visited 141 Abattoirs and 13 Sale Yards from February to date in Gauteng; Free State; Mpumalanga; Limpopo and the North West provinces.

He had vehicle problems in September which cost him visits due to dirt in the fuel. Additional injectors had been installed in the vehicle to stop this happening in the future.

He completed a Foot and Mouth Disease course and regularly does research on animal welfare practises from around the world. He would like to do more accredited courses in the future to broaden his knowledge.

He had encountered the same issues as Renier (see Above)

He visited the Kosher abattoir at Devon and found that the timer light was not working, leading to the 20 second limit being missed. During his last visit the time was reduced on the timer light and the stunning was achieved in 18-20 seconds.

He had applied for and received his magisterial appointment after being denied access to certain abattoirs.

He had joined Renier at the LWCC meetings.

His reports were sent to Sheryl on a monthly basis.

### **Sheryl then read the Admin and Website Report:**

It was noted that Reginald van Dyk had resigned and that the administration will fall under Renier van Dyk as General Manager. Sheryl Phillips is busy organising credit cards for the inspectors with a float of R10 000.00 which would be topped up by Sheryl upon receiving the expense invoices. Jason has been taken on to do the website. His fee was approved. Jason had updated the LAWA website and added photos of Lana and Hein. He had removed the photo of Reginald. He also added photos of the LAWA vehicles. He had also added a blog where interesting and informative articles could be loaded. Willem Jonker said that member and staff contributions for the website should be approved by General Manager before being added to the site. Lana suggested that we try and give certificates and prizes to the top Abattoirs. Renier van Dyk liked the idea but would like to wait until we have more inspectors and are servicing the whole country. Jason was struggling to get the pay fast to work as this was done by Reginald van Dyk who did it in his own name and not in the name of LAWA. He will get back to me once pay fast gets back to him. Renier van Dyk then said that as we did not get many donations in via the website as there was no advertising that it might be too expensive. These options will be looked at once pay fast gets back to Jason.

### **Financial Report:**

Sheryl Phillips then read the financial report. Surplus was higher than the previous year due to a special donation receive from Levien Trust No1. All the donations for the year came from CoMed Health (Pty)Ltd, Levien Trust No 1 and Levien Welfare Testamentary Trust.

Salaries increased due to an additional inspector. On the Balance Sheet the Assets increased due to a vehicle being purchased for the new inspector. **The Auditor will be requested to stay on for another year.**

### **Election of Directors:**

The Directors would stay as is until the next meeting. Lana Kotze would be added as a director in the place of Mr. Tomlinson who passed away.

Willem Jonker was elected as Chairman and Sheryl Phillips as Secretary.

### **Membership Fees**

Membership Fees would remain as is. Existing members were requested to find suitable members to join LAWA who would have the welfare of animals in mind.

**General:**

The company Secretary will be leaving for New Zealand and Australia again from the end of July 27 until the end of January 2028. She will continue with her monthly duties online.

**Closing:**

**The meeting ended at 18:00**