

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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Sincere Sympathy

Our thoughts are with Dawson Hahn & Family at the sad and sudden death of Marj just before Christmas. Marj was a Life Member of the Show Society and had been a Steward in the Food Section for over 50 years. She will be sadly missed.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Harold Banditt. Harold had been the Pigeon Steward for over 40 years and was also a life Member. His funeral was held on Wednesday 11th January.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

To be held in conjunction with the **Show Meeting on Tuesday 14th February**, to make **changes to the Model Rules** in relation to the number of members required to constitute a quorum at an AGM or Special Meeting. A motion was moved that Model Rule 19, (3) be changed to “**A quorum at an Annual Meeting shall consist of not less than 1/6 plus 1 of Financial Members and Life Members**” and Rule 21 (1) “**At any Special General Meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be 1/6 plus 1 of Financial Members & Life Members.**” This was **moved A. Niebling, seconded M. Eather. Carried.** All members to be advised of these changes and meeting date at least 30 days prior to the meeting. To be approved at a General Meeting by at least 3/4 of all members present and eligible to vote.

The reason for changing these model rules from the present 1/3 plus 1 of Financial Members to 1/6 plus 1 is because the large increase of members over the last 2 years has not reflected in an increase of members attending meetings, and obtaining a legal quorum at these meetings has not been possible.

Please treat this as an Official Meeting Notice.

DATE CLAIMERS

**Management Committee Meeting :-
Tuesday 24th January**

**Special General Meeting & Show Meeting :-
Tuesday 14th February**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**QCAS Workshop for Management Committee
Development:- Saturday 11th February 9.am – 4.30
p.m. (See attached Flyer)**

**Carrots & Cows B. & S Ball 24th March 2012 organised
by the Triple S Club (Cancelled)**

National Motorhome Rally – 14th-21st October 2012

NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee welcomes new Members Mark Eather, Toby Worley, and the return of long standing Member Len Schossow to the Management Committee. Shane Clausen, Trevor Collins & Kaye Stegeman did not seek re-election this year, and we thank them for their wonderful support and all their assistance given to previous Committees.

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD

Please use this card supplied with our last Newsletter for the benefit of the Show Society. The benefits received for the Show Society are to replace the substantial sponsorship we used to receive from SPAR. Now that we have lost that, this Community Benefit Card is most important to us. If you still need a card, please let me know.

SHOW DATE - BOONAH SHOW - 11, 12-13TH MAY

At our October Meeting the Show Committee spoke very strongly about the way the change of Show date was handled by Ipswich Show Society and Q.C.A.S., **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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and the subsequent impact it would have on our show. **It was moved that Q.C.A.S. and Ipswich Show Society be advised of the Members' strong feelings on this matter, and that we wish to retain our original date from 2013. The members felt that if it meant clashing with Ipswich, we were prepared to do this.**

As the result of this discussion, the Executive met with the Showman's Guild at the Think Tank on Tuesday 10th January and subsequently with QCAS on Thursday 12th. With the Meeting on Tuesday, the Guild assured us that there would be sufficient Sideshows to service Boonah if we decided that our Show and Ipswich would clash in future years. Jim and Beth attended a meeting at QCAS office in Brisbane on Thursday. This meeting was attended by the QCAS Directors, Showmen's Guild Delegates, Ipswich, Gympie, Brookfield and Boonah Show Societies. QCAS hired a trained facilitator to conduct a workshop to enable the discussion to proceed in a constructive manner in an effort to resolve the problem. It soon became apparent that the show date problem is not just isolated with Ipswich perceiving that their date is not suitable, and that any changes has a roll on effect along most of the coast through to Mackay. No immediate solution was achieved, but everyone went away with a better understanding of the problem. B.V.W.M. Region will hold an emergency meeting in the next few weeks to look at some options, which would then be referred back to a Sub Committee which was elected to look at the overall problem and come back with recommendations on changes by June. The main points raised were that neither Ipswich or Boonah are prepared to run a Show on Mothers Day weekend, Gympie and Ipswich are both part of the "Large show Group", and should not be running at the same time, and there is a week spare in June in the Central Qld calendar where the Guild has no shows. Any changes must be considered long term, not a quick fix just for 2013.

THINK TANK. Jim & Beth also attended the Showmen's Guild Think Tank on Tuesday and it was an excellent day, with over 250 representative from Show Societies throughout Qld and NSW attending. I always think the most important part of this annual day which is hosted by the Guild is the opportunity to network with other Show Societies, and exchange information and ideas.

THEME. "Year of the Farmer" . As part of this theme, and in an effort to revamp the Yellow Brick Road, it was decided that the Yellow Brick Road be replaced with a "Scarecrow Trail". Each Section to provide a scarecrow to represent their section, with an appropriate name, and children will be asked to list these scarecrows in their booklet, and a prize will be issued to those finding the most scarecrows. It also ties in with one of the classes in Education on Show, which is **UNIT 4 OPEN SECTION "SCARECROW"**

(Technology, Visual Arts) Model to Design your own Scarecrow. Please name your Scarecrow. We can offer prizes for the Best Scarecrow, Smallest Scarecrow, Largest Scarecrow, Best Commercial Scarecrow etc. Perhaps run a workshop to make them??? A Sponsor and a Steward is being sought for this.

GROOVY GUMBOOT COMPETITION Theme 'Every Family Needs a Farmer". Prize for the best painted Gumboot. Will be displayed in conjunction with the Agforce Stand in the Muller Building. Anybody like to sponsor this competition??

WEB PAGE Thanks to Greg Holdorf, the Webpage is completely updated with everything for the 2012 Show. It is really so easy to use, just google "Boonah Show".

SHOW SCHEDULES This year we are just producing one Book, which will contain all the Show Information, Rules, Programs & Advertising, and 4 separate print-outs, for Horses, Cattle, Pavilion or Poultry/Goats. People will be able to pick up the Booklet, plus whichever print-out they require. We will have a working bee to compile this book and put the print-outs together on Tuesday 21st & Friday 24th February. Everything will be completed and available by the end of February. But remember, it is already available on the Web Page!

JUDGES Chief Stewards are reminded to advise the Secretary of the names of their Judges. Please attend to this now, as it is often very difficult to obtain Judges at the last minute.

NEW STEWARD Julie Parker has agreed to take over from Diane Bennett as Steward for the Lego & Battered Hat Competition. Thanks to Dianne for doing this job since it's conception, it has grown into a very popular section.

QCAS MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Boonah is hosting this workshop on Saturday 11th February. It is open to members of all Show Societies in the Region, and will be a very worthwhile workshop for anybody who wants to know how a Show Society should work. It is run by QCAS CEO Mark Bryant. Please RSVP as soon as possible. See attached Flyer.

CMCA RALLY The Show Society will be co-ordinating the catering for the evening Dinners for the CMCA Rally from Monday 15th October to Saturday 20th October. We could be serving anything between 200-500 dinners each night. We have two options. If we can obtain sufficient workers, (we would require at least 8 people each day, at any one time) we could do it ourselves, or else we would need to invite other organisations to assist on a 60/40 % of profits. In order to know what we can handle, we need an indication of numbers of people who would be available, and what times/days would suit. We would set out a roster of 2 shifts, 10 am. -3 p.m. or 3 p.m- 8p.m. each day. If we could manage it ourselves, it would be a tremendous fundraiser for the Show Society. If we share with other organisations, like we did with the Quilty's and Sonfests, we would require 4 workers at any one time, and give away 40% of our profits. (For those events we served Breakfasts. Lunch and Dinner) They eat dinner between 5 p.m – 7 p.m, each person has their own plate bag, so no washing up is required, they eat quickly and move on to other activities. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way. If we have to invite other organisation to assist, we need to know quickly, so we can get this organised.

NEXT GEN WORKSHOP. Anthony Niebling, Tyler Schossow & Tom Stanley represented Boonah at the Next Generation Workshop for QCAS which was held at Gatton University last weekend. We look forward to hearing their reports from this weekend, and hope they had a good time.

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I look forward to hearing from everybody.

Beth Hern Secretary.