Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the National Beef Association held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 in the Function Room, The Mart Centre, Tyne Green, Hexham, NE46 3SG at 1.00pm

**Present:** David Thomlinson (Chairman), Chris Mallon (Chief Executive), Helen Dobson (Company Secretary), Sharon Walton (Membership Secretary), John Vanstone (Vice-Chairman), John Hoskin (Treasurer), Neil McCorkindale (SBA), Hamish MacBean, Debbie McBean and Duff Burrell.

**Apologies:** Caroline Poultney (Breed Society Chairman), Stephen Heenan (Vice-Chairman), Simon Marsh, Charlie Maclaren, James Evans, Scott Henderson, Iain Mathers, Peter Thompson, Bill Harper, Robert Boyd, Craig Cully, Michael Walton, K Edwards and Robert Bartlett.

The Chairman David Thomlinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## A. Ordinary Resolutions

- THAT the minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Charity which took place at the Function Suite, Hexham Auction Mart, Hexham, NE46 3SG on 16th September 14 be approved. The minutes had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. The minutes were proposed by John Vanstone and seconded by Sharon Walton. The minutes were approved by the meeting.
- 2. THAT the Charity's Annual Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 together with the Trustees report and Auditor's report on those accounts be received. The report had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. John Hoskin presented the accounts to the meeting. The Treasurer was pleased to report that the NBA had made a very good profit in 2014 due in no small part to the cost saving measures that had been implemented. He thanked Helen Dobson and all the staff for their efforts in achieving this.
  - The Trustees report and Annual Statement to be received was proposed by John Hoskin and seconded by Debbie McBean. The report was approved by the meeting.
- 3. THAT McCowie & Co, 52/54 Leazes Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4PG be re-appointed as Auditors of the Charity to act as such until further notice and that the Trustees be authorised to fix their remuneration. Duff Burrell proposed the appointment of McCowie & Co. as Auditors of the Charity. This was seconded by Hamish MacBean and this was approved by the meeting.
- 4. THAT David Thomlinson, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee. The appointment of David Thomlinson as a Trustee was proposed by John Hoskin and seconded by Sharon Walton. This was approved by the meeting.

- 5. THAT Scott Henderson, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee. The appointment of Scott Henderson as a Trustee was proposed by John Vanstone and seconded by Hamish McBean. This was approved by the meeting.
- 6. THAT Caroline Poultney, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee. The appointment of Caroline Poultney as a Trustee was proposed by Debbie McBean and seconded by John Vanstone. This was approved by the meeting.
- 7. THAT Charlie MacLaren, who was co-opted by the trustees and who will stand down at the AGM in accordance with the Charities Articles of Association, be elected as a Trustee. The appointment of Charlie MacLaren as a Trustee was proposed by Neil McCorkindale and seconded by John Hoskin. This was approved by the meeting.
- 8. THAT John Vanstone, who was co-opted by the Trustees and who will stand down at the AGM in accordance with the Charities Articles of Association, be elected as a Trustee. The appointment of John Vanstone as a Trustee was proposed by Duff Burrell and seconded by Sharon Walton. This was approved by the meeting.
- B. Any Other Competent Business. No other business was received.

David Thomlinson again thanked the staff for all their hard work and he also thanked the Trustees.

Hamish McBean gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting then closed.