

NGUNI NEWS - DECEMBER 2013

Dear Nguni Breeder

For your information:

Annual General Meeting (AGM), 16 November 2013

During the last Annual Meeting, the following new Council members were elected:

Marli Stegmann - President
Archie du Plessis - Vice-President and Inspections
Andy Duthie - Finance
Pat Hobbs - Training
Herman Nel - Promotions / Marketing
Cedric Stoch - Technical

We wish them good luck and all the best with the responsibility and important tasks ahead. Special congratulations to Marli Stegmann, the Society's first female president!

MessrsStoch and Mojapelo are thanked for their three-year term and the contribution they have made .

During the meeting, the following decisions were made:

1. Travel expenses were increased from R3.50 to R4.00 per kilometer from 1 October 2013. There will be no increase in any other fees for 2013/2014.
2. The percentage for a quorum at the AGM changed from 15 % to 10 %.
3. Every breeder is called upon to do performance testing in his herd (see attachment).
4. A plea was made to the breeders to support the IDC projects and to get more involved with and abide by the procedures of the Society.
5. The President also calls upon the breeders to do their administration accurately and timeous, especially with the following up of error reports, sending in DNA profiles of bulls used and correct branding of their cattle correctly.

AGM evening function, 15 November 2013.

To everyone who attended this function, thank you. It was a great evening of laughter and fun.

Thank you to the following people:

- Agri Promotions (Braam Colangelo) that donated and handed out beautiful Nguni caps.
- Veeplaas Magazine (Tiny Smith) who sponsored free ads in the Veeplaas for breeders who bought auctioned journal pages.

Nguni farm signboard's

Standard farm sign boards, with the Nguni logo, is available on order at the office at R300 per board. Phone 051-4487302 to place an order. Provide the details in writing to the office with your order before 28 February 2014. The boards will all be ordered in one batch at the same time to reduce the cost. An example will be available soon at the office.

Nguni courses

Various Nguni training and junior inspector courses are planned for 2014. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending any of them. You will receive an SMS notification of the final dates which will be:

- Karoo, Eastern Cape and Colesberg areas- February / March or March / April
- Later in the year for KZN and the Highveld areas.

Inspections

1. The 2014 annual inspections will take place from January to May. Please make sure that the correct animals are on the list and remember to draw up the list on the date closest to the inspection.

How to obtain an inspection list from LOGIX:

1. Go to the Logix website at:<https://www.logix.org.za>
 2. Log in on Logix
 3. Accept use
 4. Select Administrative reports
 5. Select Inspection list with traits
 6. Type member's participant code in and click "proceed".
 7. Select 12 at "minimum inspection age" for FEMALE animals and 24 for MALE animals
 8. Select at "sex" if it is female or male animals.
 9. Click on "Generate report"
 10. Click on "click here for pdf version"
2. Exchange inspections are planned for 2014 again. This means that inspectors from other provinces will handle your inspection and we ask your cooperation in the planning of these inspections in order to save on travelling costs.

Journal 2014

If you have not booked your advert yet, please contact the office urgently. Advertisements must reach the office or PVC (Journal designers) before 6 January 2014.

Office

The office will be closed from 13:00 on 13 December 2013 to Friday, 3 January 2014.

The Nguni Council and office wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2014.

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