

## South Wales and Borders Dutch Spotted Group

Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Fedw Equestrian Centre, Powys.

12 people present representing 10 different flocks.

Name	Flock name and no.
William Workman (WW)	Celtic 246
Lisa James (LJ)	Pentan 750
Tracey & Aubrey Evans	Beacons 070
T Garlick & C Lovering	Roebuck 200
Tom Buckland	McLaren 569
Michelle Thomas	Tywi Valley 182
Sue Bartley	Redkite
Huw Williams	Banc 413
Robbie Alman-Wilson	Cnwch 254
Sian Hayward	Garnview 781

Apologies from Owain Fisher, Rhodri Jones, Cath Difford, Elfyn Thomas, Ian Rodenburg.

Minutes from meeting on 6/12/23 were read out by LJ and everyone agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting.

Open Day.

It has been agreed that the SWBDS will host an open day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, to be held at Fedw Equestrian Centre.

Suggestions of things to include on the day.

Selection of sheep from various breeders for comparison and trimming demo.

Trimming Demo.

Point to consider when showing.

Possibly ask Louise & Brian (Merryboro & Ty Gwyn) to come and give a talk on the day.

Selection of small trade stands to attend.

Refreshments will be organised by Fedw Equestrian Centre Café.

Suggestion of writing to Main DSS for small financial contribution towards the open day and possibly society merchandise to sell on the day.

Any Other Business.

Discussion on how to become a DSS panel judge, Robbie Alman-Wilson (DSSS trustee) advised on nomination form that can be found on main DSSS website.

The need to Encourage smaller local shows to have DSSS classes.

Sennybridge Show to be put forward as a DSSS show.

Embryo transfer was discussed again re concerns of market being flooded by repetitive genetics.

The need for the commercial side of DSSS needs to be promoted on a wider scale.

An email was received from Owain Fisher with concerns of meeting venue being too far for some to attend, after long discussion and looking at how far attended members had travelled the venue seemed to be the most central

No meeting has been arranged yet, due to lambing time fast approaching for the majority of DSSS breeders.

Communication of organization of open day will carry on via the groups what's app group and via telephone calls.