1. Strategy and Marketing Plan for the Nguni Cattle Breeder Society

Council approached GWK to assist them with the compilation of a business strategy and marketing plan for the Nguni Cattle Breeder Society. At the Annual General Meeting held in November 2018 a Special Members Meeting was requested. At the Special Members Meeting a unanimous decision was taken to approve GWK’s proposed strategy and marketing plan for the Society.

Council will consult with the GWK team, re-investigate the costs and communicate the amendments to the members. The proposal is available on request.

2. Mr Archie du Plessis’s objections that were raised at the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2018

Mr Archie du Plessis if he is willing to meet at a date, place and time that suits him so that Mr du Plessis and the Council can communicate and sort out the problems raised at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2018. Mr du Plessis agreed. The Council and Mr du Plessis will meet before the next Council meeting.

3. Confidence in Council

A vote of confidence in Council support of Council to do their best to sort out the perceived animosity was proposed by Advocate MG Roberts and seconded by Mr Ray Keeny and Mr Gavin Calverley.

1. TECHNICAL MATTERS

1.1 Pending Animals/ Error Lists

Members must please pay attention to their electronic messages on Logix and attend to their error reports and especially their list of pending animals.

1.2 Cow Value

Council decided, after consulting with Dr Japie van der Westhuizen from SA Studbook, that calving ease would remain 3% in the cow value.

1.3 Beef Genomics Project (BGP)

Members that participate in the Beef Genomics Project must apply measuring/recording, in other words do performance testing. Parentage verification is included in the basic genomic test. SA Studbook focused on getting the high impact animals in a breed genotyped. The Nguni Society had 431 animals genotyped and is 600 animals short, as the golden rule is 1 000 animals. Council proposed that SA Studbook must identify the most critical animals (1 000 animals) that need to be genotyped. The list must be categorized by most critical to least critical. The Society gave a mandate to SA Studbook that they would participate in the BGP project’s second round, which is planned to be implemented in April 2019. The cost would be discussed by Council after the list of critical animals were obtained. Members are encouraged to please record dam and weaner weights.

2. INSPECTIONS AND AUCTIONS

2.1 Auctions not under the auspices of the Society

Clubs must please provide dates of auctions not under the auspices of the Society so that it can be placed on the Society’s website.

2.2 Special Inspections

An application for a special inspection will cost a R1 000.00 (excluding VAT) as well as the R4.00 (excluding VAT) per km and the R60.00 per hour (excluding VAT) for the inspectors performing the special inspection.

The application fee of R1 000.00 (excluding VAT) is payable in advance and proof of payment must be sent to the office accompanied by the application for special inspection form.

2.3 National Nguni Sale, 23 November 2019

The Northern Nguni Club will be hosting the 3rd National Nguni Sale this year. The National Nguni Sale will be taking place during the morning of Saturday 23 November 2019 after which there will be a short break and then the Northern Club Auction will be taking place.
The Council Meeting, Inspector Refresher Course, Finance Meeting and Annual General Meeting will also be hosted by the Northern Nguni Club in the week before the National Nguni Sale.

The coordinators for the 2019 National Nguni Sale are Mr Nico Harris and Dr Oswald Jannasch.

The entries for the National Nguni Sale should be handed in by the end of May 2019. Members that plan on entering animals must please ensure that the inspectors doing their annual inspections complete a score card for the animals they plan to enter. If inspectors don’t complete a score card during a member’s annual inspection, the member will have to apply for a special inspection.

The current rules of the National Nguni Sale should be amended to indicate that only two inspectors would do the screening at the National Nguni Sale screening.

3. GENERAL MATTERS

3.1 Constitution

The Constitution needs to be revised and amended. One of the requests regarding the amendment of the Constitution was regarding proxy voting and enabling members to vote electronically. There was also a request to amend the Constitution to state that production recording is optional. This request is going to be placed in the By-laws, which will also be amended to accommodate this request.

3.2 President

At the Special General Meeting it was suggested that the President should not have a portfolio to enable the President to manage and assist the other Council members with their portfolios.

This year (2019) Mr Freddie Besselaar is going to complete his duties in the inspection portfolio and he will assist Mr Nico Harris in the technical portfolio. Starting next year, the President will not be allocated a specific portfolio to attend to.

3.3 Council Members

A declaration of interest of Council members will be given at every Council meeting. Council adopted a code of conduct for Council members. The code of Conduct for Council members will be placed on the Society’s website.

3.4 New Council Members Serving Terms

In terms of Clause 7.4 of the Constitution, a Council portfolio for two years became available. Mr Archie du Plessis was previously in charge of this portfolio, but has resigned and will be replaced by Mr Nico Harris.

Mr Nico Harris, Mr Frans Lubbe and Dr Oswald Jannasch were the elected Council members at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2018.

3.5 SA Stud Book Meetings Representatives

The President and the Financial portfolio Council member with Ms Elmien Willemsen as secundus, will be The SA Studbook meeting representatives. The budget meeting would be attended by the Financial portfolio Council member.

4. PROMOTION / MARKETING

4.1 Calendar 2019

The 2019 calendar was printed and distributed to each breeder in January 2019.

4.2 Journal 2019

The 2019 calendar was printed and distributed to each breeder in January 2019.

4.3 Nampo 2019

The Society will be exhibiting at Nampo from 14 - 17 May 2019.

4.4 Royal Show 2019

The Nguni Cattle Breeder Society will exhibit at the Royal Show from 24 May 2019 to 2 June 2019.

5. TRAINING

5.1 Potchefstroom Agriculture College Training

The Nguni beginner course for the third-year students presented 12 to 14 February 2019 was presented by Mr Archie du Plessis.

31 students attended the course and all of them passed the theoretical and practical exam. The students visited Mr Jacques de Beer and Rob Bandini’s farms for their practical training.

5.2 Grootfontein Agricultural College Training

Mr Trevor Rous presented the basic introduction to Nguni’s training for the first-year students at the Grootfontein Agricultural College on 21 February 2019.

Mr Pat Hobbs will present the more intensive training for the third-year students later this year.