

CONFIDENTIAL**MINUTES**

Of the meeting of Laikipia Farmers Association, held at 10:00 On the 9th of July 2021 at Mpala Ranch

Present:

Martin Evans – Ol Maisor
 Rob Andrew – El Karama
 Michael Dyer - Borana
 Jackie Kenyon - Mwogooni
 Brendan Buzzard – LCA
 Sean Outram – Sosian
 Benaiah Odhiambo – Segera
 Dino Martins – Mpala
 Nelly Palmeris – Mpala
 David Hewett – Mpala
 Jamie Gaymer – Ol Jogi

Giles Prettejohn – Ol Pejeta
 Josh Perret – Mugie
 Richard & Caroline – Mugie
 Stefano & Liz Cheli – Loisaba
 Archie Voorspuy – Suyian Ranch
 Harry Hanegraaf – Loldaiga
 David Hanegraaf – Ngorare
 John Perrett- Bobong
 Ivan Tomlinson – Ol Donyo Lemboro
 Deon Haigh – Sasamua Ag
 Sam Taylor – Agwild and 51 Degrees

Item No.	Subject	Minute detail	Action required
1	Receive apologies and introductions	Apologies from: Andrew Francombe, Michael Nicholson, Sammy Jessel, John Elias, Sohan Agarwal Tom Sylvester, Nigel & Sveva, Kuki Gallmann, Mark Taylor, Gordon Murray, Mike Roberts, Aidan Hartley, Nick Day, Richard Constant, Verity Williams, Kerry Glen, Richard Vigne. Introductions – Nelly Palmeris is Mpala’s new COO.	
2	Agenda 1 Confirm LFA Committee and changes thereto – also subscriptions and relationship to LCA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) LFA Committee – the chair requested for replacements for Committee members who have asked to Stand down – Mike Roberts, Kerry Glen (Sec), Richard Constant. Replacements - Sean Outram, Josh Perret and David Hewett (Sec). 2) Invoices sent out by Camilla for 2021 – can members follow if not received. 3) LFA supported the Desert Locust Campaign in 2020/21 from its reserves. Sohan to confirm balances. 4) LFA to review contributions to “Fighting Fund Reserve”. 	<p>1/ Invoices sent/rec? (members)</p> <p>2/ Bank Balances (SA)</p>
3	Agenda 2 LFA/LCA Cooperation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Working together for a Laikipia wide Communication strategy that develops better understanding of what Laikipia is within the wider population in Kenyan – Brendan to share. 2) Michael Dyer summarised the LCA/LFA joint meeting with Security team in Laikipia headed by LCA Chair. Critical to have a united front (SC – KTF example). Primary proposals from Govt were as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Livestock movement controls as per Vet permits etc (enforcement is an issue). b) Monitoring movement of stock through information sharing. c) Improve control of both Govt land holdings and unoccupied lands. 	<p>All members – file SITREPS</p>

		<p>3) LCA with its Community Conservancies provides a complementary fit with LFA.</p> <p>4) Laikipia Forum – still has a role as it works with Users Associations in both Forests and Rivers – how to work together is still a challenge.</p> <p>5) LFA WhatsApp Group needs review and policy on posting should be based on caution – general info yes – individual data, photos etc use Direct Message only.</p>	
4	Agenda 3 Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Situation Assessment is that with a lot of movement of stock there are two main areas (to be verified) that are “sumps” – Mokogodo Forest and Arabel Location. There are in addition 3 recent hotspots – Waragus; Loisaba and neighbours; and Mugie (calming down?). There are two other more established hotspots – Jennings near Rumuruti and LNC. 2. Govt is on the ground but is caught between a hard enforcement or a soft enforcement. 3. Review and bring back weekly SITREPS to RA, MS and for forwarding to GoK. 4. Review the Guides and look into getting legal support through Shamini (\$2000 per month). This should include the development of a short “aide memoire” . 5. Look into getting Agricultural Assessments of loss through Govt Agric officer. 6. OB records – where possible to be copied from Station to LFA Security Committee (via RA). 7. Offer at cost hay to County/National Govt (NDMA)to counter the “grass” narrative. 8. Review Grazing Agreements to include data that is useful to Govt – PIN, ID and related 	
4	AOB	<p>Narok Ranch is still GEMA – other owners are not recognised. How can this challenge be turned into an opportunity?</p> <p>Kinamba Police Station – development supported by ODL, OI Maisor, Sosian and Suyian and Ngorare.</p> <p>Equity Bank has a meeting at Sosian for large scale investors in Agriculture/tourism on Wed 14th July 2021.</p> <p>Borana has supported the launch/development of the Rangeland Management Leadership School – still needs funds – proposed location is Makurian area. ME asked if this could link to the Posta College of Further Education.</p> <p>Foot and Mouth Disease remains a challenge – especially with OPC carrying out Embryo Transfer at present.</p> <p>Mugie – looking for a Head of Security</p> <p>Great Grevys Rally 2022 January. Support for citizen science and education opportunity.</p> <p>Not in the meeting – Wild Dog Program at Mpala has now got a permit to collar a number of dogs – communication to ranches/partners underway.</p> <p>They’re being no other business the meeting was closed at 13:10p.m.</p>	

5	Date for next meeting	Next meeting none agreed	
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