

(v) a booklet to be produced on Elk / Wapiti farming.

(vi) Society ACM to be held some time as NZDFA ACM.

The winner of the fawn raffle was announced. This was A Bennett of Invercargill.

The meeting was closed at 10.30 p.m

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The most pressing matter which the new committee is arranging, is the velvet pool for this season. It was agreed at the A.G.M. that the W.M.N.A. / Dalgety pool would be the one that the society would support : however members of the society would be grading our own member's contributions to this special Elk / Wapiti section to ensure a premium quality velvet.

Collection point :- Contact your local W.M.N.A / Dalgety agent
Date of pool :- the SECOND pool (Mid January)

Weight cut off } 1.5 kg minimum weight per side.

Quality. } Ensure you label velvet "For Wapiti Soc. Pool"

Please support this pool with your good Wapiti / Elk velvet, as it not only will benefit you personally but will also give us a chance to advertise one of the advantages of the breed if the pool is as successful as we predict.

The committee will be meeting shortly and there are many items of top priority including

- : Organisation of a seminar in the North Island.
- : REGISTRAR for pure Elk.
- : Production of booklet.
- : Meat pools to be discussed.
- : Two monthly newsletter.

The field day run in Winton was very successful with nearly 300 people attending, hearing about all aspects of farming the larger animals and also the advantages of using the larger sires for both venison and velvet.

A carcass display followed by a boning display was very impressive, showing the elk cross carcass in a favourable light when compared with a red of the same age.

* The N.Z. Wapiti societies thanks must go to Ken Drew's Invermay team for 'making' the field day; also to Game Foods Ltd., for processing the carcasses as well as providing "boners", and to R Hayes and E Meredith for supplying the carcasses.

* The support given to us by W.N.M.A. / Dalgeties, Southland Farmers Co-op., Elders Pastoral, Mossburn Game Packers and all the firms that participated with static displays, was also much appreciated, as was the work done by local workers and their wives.

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