

Mashona Cattle Society January 2016

Trust everyone is sick of the sunshine and looking forward to some deluges!.

We had a great turn out at the AGM 19 with 9 apologies !!!

The following are taken from the minutes

Chairman's Report

Dr Doug Bruce gave a detailed report on the years' activities.

- Semen Collection from 3 Bulls. Many thanks to Dr Masuka from the Zimbabwe Agricultural Society for sponsoring 2 of the bulls.
- We now have x 4 bulls that have semen available. This is improving our genetic flow.
- Indigenous Breeds Forum has been proposed and to be formalized.
- Mashona Handbook is now ready for printing. Penny Lumley was thanked for her work, and the Society is looking for sponsorship.
- Field days x 3 were held - thanks to Coopers for their contribution.
- Face book -going well.
- Encourage people to become Junior, then Senior Inspectors in 2016.
- Need to add value to our cattle- suggested crossbreeding as an option. Promote easy care dam line.
- Proposed we form an Historic Library of Mashona Cattle, photos and articles on the previous early and founding members.
- Promotion of MashonaNational Bull Sale, Harare Show and Marondera Show . Dr Bruce also gave a talk at the Harare Show.

- Welcome to Gwebi, very glad to have them with us again.
- Articles to be taken from hand book in 2016 for advertorialsPenny Lumley
- J.S may have possibility of funds for trial work. Members to come forward with research topics involving Mashona Cattle .
- Breed ImprovementD.B suggested that we train the colleges in A.I. (look for funding) and they use the Mashona semen in the bank.
- C.S. look at selling on bulls no longer required for slaughter price.
- Contact M.B. to get breed plan chart.....and try and get recording uniformity.