

NW Vegetable & Produce Growers Assoc.

AGM Minutes

Venue: Northern Wairoa Boating Club

Tuesday 7.30pm 21 June 2022

Welcome

A welcome was extended to all by President D. Nilsson. A special mention and welcome to our life members, and guest speaker Mike Chapman (ex-CEO of HortNZ).

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker prior to the AGM was Mike Chapman, Horticulture Commentator and ex-CEO of Horticulture NZ. Mike talked about three themes - We Live & Trade in a Global World; Crisis is Constant; and Social License. He also mentioned his Tractors for Tonga initiative, and questions from the floor brought up discussion on the Fair Pay Agreements policy.

Mike went on to discuss and answer questions on the proposed Constitution, particularly how it was based on the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association constitution, and the additions to satisfy requirements to become a charitable trust. It was noted that he was happy to make changes to include a Patron.

Present

D Nilsson, J Franklin, W Simpson, K Franklin, K & E Perreau, A & S Perreau, G & D Suckling, R Williams, T Duder, A & K de Bruin, R Vincent, L Vincent, J & D Simpson, L Posthuma, D Blitvic, J Nilsson, M Frood.

Apologies

B & E Crompton, Krista Franklin, S Hunt, S Walden, D Conn, Robert Vincent

Moved: R Williams

Seconded: K Franklin

That those apologies are sustained - **Carried**

Obituaries

Ann Nilsson of Dunsmore Gardens

Gary Warmington - ex-kūmara grower

Brian Harding - ex-kūmara grower

Tony Radich - ex-kūmara grower

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance

Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 22nd June 2021 were circulated and taken as read.

Moved: K Franklin

Seconded: R Williams

That they were a true and accurate record – **Carried**

Matters Arising

Fludio is now registered for the standard 5 years, thanks to A de Bruin's work.

Presidents Report

This was presented by D Nilsson and taken as read.

Moved for adoption by D Nilsson and **seconded** A de Bruin - **Carried**

Financial Report

The financial report was presented by W Simpson and **moved** for adoption by W Simpson and **seconded** G Suckling - **Carried**

Appointment of Auditor

It was **moved** W Simpson and **seconded** K Perreau that My Accountants are appointed as accountants for the coming year, and the accounts are reviewed. – **Carried.**

Election of Officers

President D Nilsson **Moved** W Simpson **Seconded** A Perreau - **Carried**

Vice President J Franklin **Moved** D Nilsson **Seconded** G Suckling - **Carried**

Patron K Perreau **Moved** J Franklin **Seconded** T Duder - **Carried**

Sec/Treas W Simpson **Moved** K de Bruin **Seconded** R Vincent – **Carried**

Committee: It was **moved** by D Nilsson and **seconded** K Franklin that the current committee of S Vincent, S Walden, A Perreau, T Duder, R Williams and A deBruin be retained – **Carried.**

There were no further nominations.

Honorarium

It was **moved** by E Perreau and **seconded** K de Bruin that the secretaries honorarium be increased to \$2000 - **Carried**

It was **moved** by K de Bruin and **seconded** by W Simpson that shed hire be increased to \$2000inc – **Carried.**

General Business

Regarding the proposed constitution/rules, it was **moved** by D Nilsson, **seconded** by K Franklin that the proposed constitution have the revisions required for a Patron - **Carried**

It was then **moved** by K de Bruin, **seconded** by K Perreau, that the proposed revised constitution, including the revisions for Patron, be adopted - **Carried**

As per the emailed out motion, it was **moved** by R Vincent and **seconded** by R Williams that NWVGA register as a charitable trust - **Carried**

K de Bruin gave an update from Horticulture NZ, noting that she was successfully reelected unopposed to the Hort NZ board, and talked about the heavy load of submissions on government policy that Hort NZ is involved in.

W Simpson gave an update from Vegetables NZ after his first year on the board, noting that the workload of VNZI is increasing and another resource is to be hired to keep VNZI moving forward, and talked about the various projects that VNZI is involved in, in particular biosecurity with the recent Fall Army Worm incursion.

A de Bruin was awarded Life Membership of the association. D Nilsson talked about Andre's life in horticulture, particularly his long service as part of NWVGA (25 years and counting on committee, 13 years as President) and Vegetables NZ (20 years involvement, 7 as Vice-chair, 6 as Chair), and shared a comment from Steve Lewthwaite (Plant and Food Research) - "Andre has been a significant force for positive change over many years, to the greater good of the industry, whilst also maintaining his family life and personal commitments."

D Nilsson made a comparison of chemical prices from 20 years ago to now, showing how it's one of the few expenses that hasn't increased dramatically.

G Suckling brought up the oversupply of jumbo Beauregard this season, and made a suggestion that there should be industry collaboration (i.e. between growers, packhouses and freight) to donate some of these to foodbanks as a gesture to help the high cost of living at present.

As there was no further general business D Nilsson thanked the committee for their support, thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.