



2021 Annual General Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

11th September 2021, 9:00am by Zoom Meetings

Meeting opening

1. **Attendance and Apologies:**

In attendance: Monique Bartosh, Philippa Jamieson, Anne & Ian Cumming, Barbara Collis, Mike Palmers, Alison White, Jim Bennett, Bob Lawton , Matt Morris , Marion Thomson , Noel Josephson , Chris Morrison , Brittany Morison , Emma Wilson , Steffan Browning , Kath Blewman , Pete Huggins , Bernie Mabbs , Derek Broadmore , Shawn Elise Tierney , Pete David and Jenny-Kaye Potaka , Dave and Gillian Woods , Pualele Westhead , Katrina Wolff , Jim Kebbell , Marion Wood , Jenny Lux , Jodie I Bruning , Joanne Turner , Rebecca Perez , Brendan Hoare , Noel Armstrong , Georgina Preston , Barbara Harford , Anita Herbert , Karin Hulme .

There were no apologies recorded.

A quorum was declared.

2. **Minutes** from the last AGM were confirmed.

Jodie Bruning proposed, Jenny Lux seconded.

Reports

3. **Chair's Report**

The report was taken as read and was received by the meeting. Marion noted in particular the new website for Soil & Health is now in place, so we are no longer sharing a website with Organic NZ; we are building partnerships with inter alia Te Waka Kai Ora; the campaign against glyphosate continues and a petition is circulating.

The Chair thanked past councillors Peter Wells and Ella Lawton for their participation as National Councillors. She also thanked the staff and magazine team for their work, and the manager, Pete for his work in bringing dynamism to the organisation.

4. **Manager's Report**

Pete tabled his report. He noted work undertaken in respect of increasing the

membership, 1/3 of whom have been members for more than 10 years; 1/3 members for 2-5 years and 1/3 for one to two years. He is working to overcome the “churn”.

5. **Financial Report**

The financial statement was shared by screen. Marion noted that the surplus of \$26,156 this year was less than in 2019-20 (surplus \$138,201) as we received a significant bequest last year. We had budget for a \$40,000 loss because of Covid, so we were pleased to end the year with a surplus.

Jenny Lux proposed the report be accepted, seconder Chris Morrison. Carried.

The National Council proposed the subscription to the Association remain the same. Agreed.

National Council Elections

6. **Voting**

The Chair outlined there were 4 places on National Council, and 5 nominations.

Pete explained how to vote online.

Nominees addressed the meeting for 3 minutes each and answered questions from the floor.

Voting took place for those who had not voted prior to the meeting, and as the meeting continued.

General Business

7. **Constitution update**

Barbara outlined the Incorporated Societies Bill currently before Parliament which will result in Soil & Health having to consider and implement changes to the Association’s constitution. Those changes could be effected by way of remits to the next AGM in 2022.

8. **Focus discussions**

History of S&H (led by Marion)

Constitution changes (Barbara)

Strategy (Bernie)

The meeting broke into rooms for discussion on each of the above topics. Feedback from the discussions was presented to the meeting.

9. **Branch reports**

Dave Wood presented a report from the Auckland Branch of S&H. He spoke of the branch’s activities including the use of the magazine and T-shirts to promote the Association. The branch held elections for office holders and the Chair is Zane Brown. The September meeting will be held by Zoom.

10. Result of Election

The successful candidates are:

Jenny Lux

Monique Bartosh

Jodie Bruning

Mike Palmers

11. General Business

Funding:

- a. Marion advised the meeting S&H had applied for funding in partnership with TWKO but had not been successful.
- b. Noted the glyphosate campaign is funded by members
- c. Noted the magazine funds salaries and administration.

Media visibility:

A discussion was held on advocacy and press releases and the need for more focus on these areas.

Advocacy:

- Advocacy around clean water and the benefits to organic growing was raised; it was clarified Soil & Health will put in a submission on the Three Waters proposal
 - the use of webinars for participation and information sharing;
 - the need to identify, support and grow young leaders;
 - the relationship between “organics” and “regenerative”.

The Chair acknowledged the discussion and points raised and confirmed the Council's wish to develop better advocacy, communications, and measures of success.

The Chair thanked those attending.

Meeting ended 11.00am