

OrganicFarmNZ

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 29 July 2017

Mackenzie Room, St Johns in the City, Wellington



Attendees: Jim Bennett, Tony Banks, Barbara Harford, Alvina Murphy, Jos Paans, Korbinian Poschl, Pia Dickhaut, Rayna Dickson, Ursula Bil-teitink, Betsy Kettle, Anne and Brian Opie, Andy Black, Simon Griffiths, Philippa Jamieson, Marion Thomson, Dave Treadwell, Jenny May.

Motion: Moved by Meriel and seconded by Andy that the apologies be accepted. Motion passed.

1. Welcome – Andy Black part of Biodynamic Association is present

2. Apologies - Otto and Valda Muller, Brendan Hoare, Lesley Steeples, Jan Arie Kamsteeg, Matt Morris, Caroline-Charlotte Myers, Andy Barrett, Clive and Jackie Craymer, John Palmer, Emily Barnes, Peggy Duncan, Derina Turner, Brendan Murphy

3. Previous Minutes.

Motion: Minutes of the 2016 AGM meeting were approved as circulated and accepted as a true and accurate record and as circulated to all members. Barbara Harford / Tony Banks
Motion passed.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Chair's Report – written and read by Jim Bennett, Chairperson, OrganicFarmNZ NCC

Motion: That the Chairs report be received as read. Jim Bennett / Alvina Murphy
Motion passed.

Things of note:

- BioGro standards are now owned by Soil & Health and administered by BioGro
- BioGro standards will be replaced by one national standard
- Discussion was held previous night on BioGro / Soil & Health standards and the use of these by OFNZ. MPI standard will be the new minimum standard.
- Always start from the standard no matter what the question is.
- Derogation when you change the standard ie restricted product – always described if use more of a product eg: copper needs to be approved by a technical committee as it has become a derogation.
- Use of the word 'organic' in the future will still need to be 'policed'.
- Discussion – stock held but no longer have certification from OFNZ eg: wine

5. Financial Report – prepared by Linda Samways, National Administrator, OFNZ

Motion: That the financial report be adopted. Tony Banks / Anne Opie. Motion passed.
Linda's current contract with OFNZ will remain.

6. PGS System discussion

- move past the low cost as an attracting feature
- discussion around being in a pod
- Third party verification is the default position
- Regional body can decide who is in the pod.

7. Confirmation of NCC

- one resignation from Otago
 - Far North region has elected Rich and Auckland region has elected Simon Griffiths
- Motion: To accept confirmation of elected NCC members as above. Korbinian / Rayna.
Motion passed.

8. Remits – none received

9. Reports from Regions

Reports received from the regions will be circulated. Methods of circulating discussed.
Thanks to those NCC members no longer on the committee.

10. Any Other Business

- Marion asks how OFNZ are going to expand and meet the need for organic produce.
Discussion around building capacity.
- Wairarapa – Ann discusses auditing outside of pods.
- Training and approval of auditors. Need one document. Have to be aware of cost structures.
Regions vary in training of auditors. Would be good to bring auditors together. Process for verifying auditors.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.55pm