

# Organic Farm New Zealand Incorporated

## Annual General Meeting 2018

Saturday 28 July 2018 from 1.00pm.



Saint Columba Centre  
40 Vermont Street  
Ponsonby, Auckland

1pm **AGM:** Started late due to the Soil & Health meeting going late (1:25ish).

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Attendees: - Jim Bennett, Barbara Harford, Ursula Bil-Teitink, Pia Dickhaut, Alvina Murphy, Simon Griffiths, Rich van Alpen, Jon Russell, Jose van Allen, Andy Bramwell, John Palmer, Leah Hemming, Dave Treadwell, Rory Fogerty, Jenny Lux, Chris and Jenny May, Tom Bannister, Phillippa Jamieson, Dennis Enright, Moko Morris, Bailey Peryman, Marion Thomson, Steffan Browning.  
Apologies: - Jos Paans, Tim Newton, Valda Muller, Derina Turner, Claire Bleakley, Korbinian Poschl.
3. Minutes of last AGM - Moved to accept the Minutes of 29 July 2017 - Barbara, Seconded - Ursula. All in favour.
4. Chair Report - Moved to accept Chair's Report - Jim. Seconded - Jenny L. All in favour.
5. Financial Report presented by Jim Bennett - Moved to accept the Treasurer's Report - Jim Seconded - Alvina. All in favour.
6. Confirmation of National Coordinating Council Members - South Island members begin 2 yr term. Otago - Pia, Canterbury - Alvina. North Island members reconfirmed for 1 more year. Currently no one from Wairarapa. No change to regions this year. Coromandel and Waikato now each have a representative on NCC. Ursula (Taranaki) and Marion (Hawkes Bay) co-opted onto the NCC. Moved – Ursula, Seconded - Rich - all in favour.
7. Remits - None
8. Reports from the Regions - verbal presentations from each region. BOP gained new members through Organic Horticulture course at Polytech which requires 300 hrs on a certified organic farm. Need discussion about the auditing of Processors and the differences between auditing PODs and individuals. Waikato - Support (Associate) Members, Life Members, Members that are not sellers. Under PGS you can bring in non-growers to the POD reviews. Taranaki - trying to get the "Self Certified" growers to join OFNZ. Otago - 39 associate members (\$25). Support pack for new members or people interested. Have an OFNZ brochure (Otago Organics). Moved to accept regional reports - Barbara. Seconded - Jose
9. Any Other Business  
Organic Regulation - moved that "this AGM endorses OFNZ representation on the OANZ Board and the technical working group". Jenny. Seconded - Rory. All in favour.  
Auditing - Organic Regulation Tool Kit for Governments includes PGS rules. We need to make sure that our PGS system complies with this document from IFOAM.  
Show that our processes are complying to our own rules.  
Produce a brochure (similar to Otago's) - have uploadable version on website (Action - Leah/Barbara). Website needs to be reviewed - is not mobile friendly - needs a new theme in Wordpress (Action - Leah). Starter pack - get permission from Otago Organics.  
Updating Documents - all need reviewing and updating.
10. Close AGM - 4:07pm (Afternoon Tea)

4:30pm - Members Forum:

- Food Act - Ursula summarised. Training auditors \$30,000! Looking to keep costs down for members. There is a possibility that MPI will agree to use remote verification for NP1. Everyone needs to comply with the Food Safety Act whether you have to register or not.
- Regulation of Organics
- Single National Organic Standard
- PMP - 2017 version doesn't include some things that were in 2010. John Palmer gave the "Auditors perspective". When last audited? Partially certified. Processing. Inputs. Composting. Soil Tests. Off farm inputs - needs verification. Spray diary. More room for CARs and comments. Need to sort out our process for updating the PMP. Make a new 2018 version putting some things from 2010 version. Put explanations back in. (Action - John and Pia to send in their suggestions).