

# OrganicFarmNZ

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 26 June 2015

Rutherford Room, Alexandra Park, Auckland



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### Agenda:

**1. Apologies:** Valda Muller, Jen Stiger, Amanda Ewing, Dave Treadwell, Chris May, Bronwyn Blair, Betsy Kettle, Mark Levick.

**2. Attendees:** Jim Bennett, Linda Samways, Brendan & Alvina Murphy, Marion Thomson, Dennis Enright, Jan Arie Kamsteeg, Paul Hamilton, Heli Matilainen, John Palmer, Andy Barratt, Jackie & Clive Craymer, Korbinian Poschl, Dyan and Peter Downard, Meriel Watts, Barbara Harford, Philippa Jamieson, Marie Bedford, Victor Grbic, Alison White, Brendan Hoare, Simon Griffiths, Judy Chrystall, Chie Kitajima, Tim Newton, Bailey Perryman, Rayna Dickson, Kuldeep Sharma, Barry Coates, Sarah Robinson, John Stanley

### 3. Previous Minutes.

**Minutes of the 2014 AGM meeting were approved as circulated.**

Motion: It was moved by Alvina Murphy and seconded by Paul Hamilton that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record and as circulated to all members.

Motion passed

### 4. Chair's Report – written report from Jim Bennett, Chairperson, OrganicFarmNZ NCC

Motion: It was moved by NCC Chairperson Jim Bennett and seconded by NCC Rep Meriel Watts that the OFNZ Chairperson's Report be received.

Motion passed.

Paul Hamilton asked why OFNZ's inputs are not recognised and accepted by BioGro.

Jim explained that this is a matter of ISO65 standards which BioGro have and unless the inputs used in the certification process are from other registered ISO65 establishments then they cannot accept it. Jim also says that hopefully there are things happening on the horizon which will resolve some of these issues.

It's not so much that they are challenging our product, as OFNZ should be able to state that they are adhering to the standards and that we have integrity. This is what we are striving towards with the regional review system which will be formalised this year.

### 5. Financial Report for year ended 30 June 2015 (presented by Linda Samways)

Motion: It was moved by OFNZ Chairperson Jim Bennett and seconded by OFNZ member Korbinian Poschl that the Financial Report be received as a true and accurate record.

Motion passed

**Regional Financial Reports:** Brendan Hoare requested that this Financial Year captures time and effort contribution from the regions, including volunteer hours, given there is a lot more going on in the regions. It was felt that this would give everyone an idea of what is going on in the regions.

Motion: It was moved by Brendan Hoare and seconded by Tony Banks that OFNZ NCC will work on developing a template to circulate to regions, allowing the regions to provide a full financial statement for this coming financial year FY15/16. The template should also include a breakdown of income coming in from the regions to get a picture of the overall effort throughout the country.

Motion passed.

**6. OANZ Report** – written by Dave Treadwell (OFNZ Rep to OANZ) and presented by Jim Bennett.

Motion: It was moved by NCC Chair Jim and seconded by NCC Rep Jan Arie Kamsteeg that the OANZ Report be received.

Motion passed.

**7. Confirmation of NCC Members:**

North Island were scheduled for re-election this year. The following will be NCC Reps for OFNZ within their respective regions:

Jan Arie Kamsteeg (Far North/Central North), Tim Newton (Waikato/Coromandel), Jim Bennett (Bay of Plenty), TBC (Whanganui/Taranaki), and confirming Barbara Harford as the new NCC Rep for Wairarapa/Wellington/East Coast region.

Andy Barratt (OFNZ Otago Rep) and Alvina Murphy (OFNZ Canterbury Rep) will continue in their roles.

Motion: It was moved by NCC Chair Jim and seconded by OFNZ Auckland Chairperson Victor Grbic that the above named members be accepted as NCC Reps for the next Financial Year.

Motion passed.

**8. Remit to change OFNZ Financial Reporting Year**

Motion: It was moved by NCC Chair Jim and seconded by Marie Bedford that the financial year of the OFNZ Society be changed from first day of July to last day of June, to first day of April to the last day of March.

Motion passed.

Motion: It was moved by John Palmer and seconded by Barbara Harford that the OFNZ regions align their financial years with that of the OFNZ Financial Year.

Motion passed.

**9. Regional Reports**

Motion: It was moved by NCC Chairperson Jim Bennett and seconded by NCC Rep Jan Arie Kamsteeg that the OFNZ Regional Reports be received.

Motion passed

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.00am.