

THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 29 September 2015

PRESENT

20 members and guests as per attendance register, including Member for Moore Hon Shane Love.

APOLOGIES

J Longman, G McAlpine, B White, D Bennit (WA Horse Council) Bob Leeson, Brad Leeson, T Coussens, F Sibbel, K Goh, M Aldridge, J Court, S & G Grant

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

P Jones, S Camillo. Accepted.

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

Insurance

Bendigo Bank option for insurance support had not been taken up as, in the meantime, an offer of advice and potential support was forthcoming from Perth NRM, however this had not materialised. It is now the intention to follow up on Cr Kestel's suggestion of approaching the Bendigo Bank for support with PL Liability insurance premiums.

Controlled Waste

A sub committee of R Beale and P Jones had been formed to further investigate the possibilities of this legislation being suitable for control of rpm and report back to the Committee. The sub committee reported at the February meeting that they had been advised by Linda Sindall (Controlled Waste Officer, DER) THAT RPM IS A Class 1 landfill waste, rather than a liquid waste, therefore SFAG needs to discuss with DAFWA re getting rpm included in the BAM Act legislation.

VWA Agricultural Engineer

M Dobra advised that Agricultural Engineer Dom Jenkin had been appointed by the VWA.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Treasurer.

Moved correct by D Ottaway, 2nd G Edgar. Accepted.

Treasurer thanked the Shire of Gingin for their support again with 50% of cost of insurance for the 2014/15 year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Given by Chairman Bob Wilson. Copy attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Conducted by S Camillo, Executive Manager Corporate Services, Shire of Gingin.

Nominations :

Chairman – B Wilson accepted nomination, elected unopposed

Deputy Chairman – A Sibbel accepted nomination, elected unopposed

Secretary/Treasurer – J Ottaway accepted nomination for one more year only, elected unopposed

Committee :

B White, P Jones, G McAlpine, M Carlton, and J Longman elected in his absence.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr David Cook (Research Project)

David gave a comprehensive report on the Stable Fly Research Project and its work and findings over the past 12 months. Funding has been approved for the Project to continue for another three years.

A counter-rotating cultivating machine is to be purchased by DAFWA for use in trial work. He had attended, and presented a paper, on his stable fly research at the Stable Fly Conference in Boston, USA along with other scientists from around the world.

Paul Cassidy (Compliance Officer, DAFWA)

Paul explained the role and duties of the new Compliance Officer position, which is a state wide role covering various pests including Mediterranean fruit fly and stable flies.

Don Telfer (DAFWA)

Don gave report on DAFWA's role in upholding the provisions of the SFMP, particularly in regards to reporting and prosecutions. He acknowledged there were still grey areas in the wording of the SFMP which needed to be addressed.

A new app is now available for reporting via mobile smart-phone. Mypestguidereporter Don received and responded to questions from the floor.

Anne Stroud (Moore River News)

Anne advised the meeting that she is compiling a book, to be entitled *Twenty Five Years of the Moore River News*, which would include complaints and action by the public of a long history of the stable fly problem dating back to 1992. Anne tabled a copy of the section of her manuscript entitled "Fly Problem" for SFAGs records.

She congratulated the SFAG on their work and commitment over the last ten years to minimise the effects of stable flies on the community.

CLOSE

Chairman Bob Wilson thanked all attendees and guest speakers for their contribution to the meeting and reiterated that SFAG will continue to work closely with DAFWA, VWA and local government to effectively manage the stable fly problem and lobby for improvements to the SFMP. Bob gave a special thank you to Hon Shane Love for his attendance and mentioned that SFAG appreciated his long time and ongoing support.

Bob also thanked VWA and the relevant LGA's for their ongoing financial support of the research work being undertaken by Dr Cook.

Committee member Peter Jones moved a vote of thanks to retiring committee member Reg Beale for his longstanding commitment to SFAG and his assistance with reducing the stable fly problem in the community.

Meeting closed at 10 pm.

SUPPER

Supper and informal discussions took place after the meeting.