

**THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE GRANVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, GINGIN
ON
25 SEPTEMBER 2007**

PRESENT

B Wilson, A Wilson, J Ottaway, D Ottaway, G Gifford, V Royle, R Beale, W White, S Neville, S Jupp, D Roe, B McCarthy, R Walker (DAFWA), B Paulin (DAFWA), G Snook MLA (Member for Moore), A Sibbel, K Goh

APOLOGIES

Minister for Agriculture K Chance, D Peckitt, L Withers, R Withnell, E de Burgh, S & A Clifton, M & C Borwick, B & M Chambers, G Drew, W West, F Sibbel, M Carlton

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 2006 AGM

R Beale, 2nd D Ottaway

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Given by Treasurer, 2nd B McCarthy

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Given by Chairman Bob Wilson. Copy attached.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Richard Walker, Biosecurity Policy Officer, Department of Agriculture & Food, spoke on the Biosecurity & Agricultural Management (BAM) Bill and its ramifications for the agricultural industry, the horticultural industry, and stable fly control.

The BAM Bill has now been passed by State Parliament, however it will take approximately 12 to 18 months for its regulations, which will include those pertaining to the horticultural industry's Code of Practice, to come into practice. The Biosecurity Council will also need to be set up. An ad hoc monitoring arrangement will initially be in place, however there will be provision for this to be made more robust, should this prove to be necessary.

Mr Walker discussed the funding arrangements for the monitoring process, and the inclusion of local government health officers, as well as state government officers, for the purpose. It is intended that horticultural producers will be made aware of their responsibilities to the community, and be expected to carry out their practices accordingly.

He congratulated the SFAG Inc on its work in publicizing the stable fly issue.

Chairman Bob Wilson invited Mr Bob Paulin to speak on the progress of the VWA Code of Practice. Mr Paulin advised he expected it to be ready for

review and input from the SFAG Inc by the end of 2007. When completed, he would expect it would be signed off by the SFMSG. The Code of Practice will be enshrined in the BAM Bill legislation, and will include provision for the control of the use of all manures, including pig manure and biosolids.

Chairman invited the Member for Moore, Mr Gary Snook, to address the meeting. Mr Snook spoke on the contribution he had made on behalf of the SFAG Inc throughout the progression of the BAM Bill through the Parliamentary process. He had raised the matter of any levies that may be imposed on landowners for specific purposes, ie to fund stable fly control, the cost effective use of local and state government officers, and state government financial contributions to local government to support stable fly monitoring and action under the regulations.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Conducted by Shire President, Cr George Gifford.

Chairman : Bob Wilson (nom B McCarthy, 2nd D Ottaway)

Deputy Chairman : Rod Withnell (nom J Ottaway, 2nd B White) Mr Withnell had previously advised he may not be available to attend all meetings in 2007/08 due to his business commitments.

Secretary/Treasurer : J Ottaway (nom B Wilson, 2nd B White)

Committee : A Sibbel, K Goh, B McCarthy, R Beale, B White

Resignation of Mr Rob Kestel was acknowledged in Mr Kestel's absence.

Cr Gifford congratulated the SFAG Inc on their efforts throughout the year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Membership Fees

It was decided that membership fees would remain at \$10 per person for 2007/08.

- Regular Reporters

It was decided Secretary would contact Shire of Gingin Health Officer Wayne Harris to discuss the matter of regular reporters and determine whether he had found it to be a useful initiative.

- Aerial Inspections by the Shire of Gingin

Cr Roe, supported by the Shire President, advised that helicopter inspections will be carried out from time to time as necessary.

- Email addresses

Chairman asked members to provide their email addresses for ease of forwarding notices to members.

- Other General Business

Cocky Smart

Committee member B McCarthy gave the members background information on the product Cocky Smart, and the result of his experiments with it.

CLOSE

Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Supper and informal discussions followed.