

**THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT
THE GRANVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, GINGIN
5 OCTOBER 2010**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cr G Gifford, President Sh of Gingin; J Dodds, Environmental Health Director, DOH; D Burt, CEO Shire of Gingin; S Camillo, Deputy CEO Shire of Gingin; T Walker, PEHO Shire of Gingin; Cr G Rule Shire of Gingin; SFAG members A Wilson, G Edgar, M Carlton, G Harley, S Neville, P Nolan and A Jarvis; SFAG Chairman B Wilson, Secretary J Ottaway, Committee members A Sibbel, K Goh, D Cook, B White, R Beale & R Withnell; and C Ray.

APOLOGIES

B Paulin, D Peckitt, Hon C Barnett, Premier of WA; Hon Dr K Hames, Minister for Health; MPs M Davies, P Gardiner, J Chown, G Woodhams, A Xamon, F Alban, Dr M Washer, K Travers, J Moylan; R Hamilton (DPC); Cr T Roberts, City of Wanneroo; SFAG members S & G Grant, C Campbell, B McCarthy, C & N Wedge, F Sibbel, D Roe, V Beale and D Edgar

B McCarthy extended his thanks to the SFAG Committee for their excellent work on behalf of the community in reducing the stable fly infestation south of Gingin. Almost no flies have been evident since the Loose Leaf Lettuce Co problem has been alleviated. Bernie congratulated the SFAG Committee and wishes them every success in the future, and offers his support in any way if required.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

R Withnell, 2nd B White

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

Organic Waste Strategy

Secretary reported that the Committee had sent a letter of submission to the Department of Environment and Conservation regarding their Organic Waste Strategy.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Given by Treasurer, 2nd A Sibbel

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Given by Chairman B Wilson. Copy attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Conducted by Shire of Gingin President, Cr George Gifford.

Chairman : B Wilson nominated and elected unopposed.

Deputy Chairman : B White nominated and elected unopposed.

Secretary/Treasurer : J Ottaway nominated and elected unopposed.

Committee

R Withnell, R Beale, A Sibbel, K Goh, D Cook all accepted nomination and were reelected unopposed. G Harley accepted nomination and was elected as a new member of the committee.

Chairman B Wilson thanked Cr Gifford for the support given to the SFAG by the Shire of Gingin. Cr Gifford responded that educating growers regarding stable fly control on their properties was the preference for the Shire.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Insurance

A Sibbel gave presentation on Associations Insurance and the Policy recommended by the Committee.

Members voted in favour of the SFAG taking out Associations Insurance.

Shire of Gingin CEO D Burt advised the Committee to contact the Shire for further advice prior to committing to one particular policy. Meeting agreed.

Membership fees 2010/11

Chairman B Wilson advised the meeting that the Committee recommended membership fees be raised by \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the insurance.

Members voted in favour.

Other general business

Deferred until after guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr David Cook

Dr Cook gave an interesting and entertaining report on his background in entomology and the findings of his consultancy work during 2010 for the Shire of Gingin.

Mr Jim Dodds, Environmental Health Directorate, Dept of Health (DOH)

Mr Dodds gave his assurance the total ban on the use of raw poultry manure would take place by the agreed date of September 2011.

Regarding the amendment of the Regulations re increased penalties, he advised :

- Amendments supported by the Minister for Health
- Legal advice has been sought by DOH
- Process was well on the way
- Regulations will stay with DOH
- Local government laws could be a possibility
- No mention of any specific hazards in the Health Act
- Risk that other parties could prevent amendments taking place
- Could take two years for amendments to take place

Shire of Gingin CEO D Burt

Mr Burt reported that :

- \$30,000 had been allocated in the Shire stable fly budget for 2010/11.

- \$62,000 had been received to date from the voluntary levy on the ratepayers.
- Discussions had taken place with Rebecca Hamilton from the Department of Premier & Cabinet on a financial contribution from the State Government for stable fly research and control
- Funds will be used to employ Dr Cook from October to May
- Funds will possibly also be used for a vehicle, and administrative support

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

G Edgar – Crop Management Plan

Mr Edgar suggested the Shire could ask growers to prepare a crop management plan for management of their crop waste. D Burt undertook to investigate this option.

He confirmed that every new planning application had an advice note attached regarding growers obligations to the community regarding the use of raw poultry manure and management of crop waste.

CLOSE

With no further business, Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 9.20.

SUPPER

Supper and informal discussions took place afterwards.