

THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC (SFAG)
MINUTES OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2 OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT

As per attendance list, attached.

APOLOGIES

Hon G Woodhams, Member for Moore; Hon Frank Alban, Member for Swan Hills; Cr M Aspinall, President Sh of GG; G Sargeson, EHO Sh of CH; P McKenzie, EHO Sh of KW; SFAG Members M & C Borwick, D Roe, D Gowans, S & I Neville, J Kelly, V Beale, C Wedge, B Leeson, T Coussens & K Lane

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

R Beale, 2nd B White

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Given by Treasurer, 2nd B McCarthy, copy attached.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Given by Chairman B Wilson, copy attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Carried out by R Boucher, EHO, Shire of Gingin

Nominations :

Chairman : B Wilson accepted nomination, elected unopposed

Deputy Chairman : B White accepted nomination, elected unopposed

Secretary/Treasurer : J Ottaway accepted nomination, elected unopposed

Committee :

A Sibbel, G Harley, R Withnell, R Beale, K Lane, J Longman.

K Goh accepted on the condition she can not attend meetings but will continue to produce the SFAG RAG newsletter

GUEST SPEAKERS

Megan Hevron (Senior Policy Officer Invasive Species, DAFWA)

Megan announced that :

- o *stomoxys calcitrans* is now officially a declared pest, which was greeted with applause by the meeting
- o It is the first new declared pest under the new BAM Act.
- o A Management Plan will now been developed for control of the species
- o A Regulatory Reference Group (RRG) will be formed, with representatives from affected industry and government departments
- o RRG first meeting will take place mid November 2012
- o SFAG representatives on the RRG will be Chairman Bob Wilson and Committee member Anne Sibbel
- o Written submissions on the draft Management Plan will be accepted prior to the meeting

- It is intended the process will deliver a solution to the sf problem, with agreement on responsibility, compliance and enforcement
- Local government will be expected to participate in on-ground control and management
- SFAG members and the public can have input into the draft Plan through the SFAG representatives on the RRG
- The final draft will form the Biosecurity & Agriculture Management (Stable Fly) Management Plan 2012

I McPharlin (DAFWA)

Ian spoke on the participants, and funding, for the Stable Fly Research & Management Project jointly funded by DAFWA, the Vegetable Industry, and 8 local government districts - Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup, Shires of Gingin, Chittering, Dandaragan, Harvey, Capel and Kwinana.

D Cook (UWA)

David spoke on the scientific aspects of the Research & Management Project, in particular the microbial profile of soils and research he will be carrying out over the next few months on species of soil fungi. It is hoped the findings will assist in providing a biological control solution to stable fly breeding in vegetable crop waste.

Commercial products Digester and Bioprime will be trialled as part of this scientific research.

GENERAL BUSINESS

J Longman (SFAG member and resident of Sh of VP)

J Longman queried why the Shires of Moora and Victoria Plains had not been included in the Project Stakeholder Group for the Research & Management Project, as the Water Corporation BioSolids facility was in the Shire of Moora and affected local residents in those two Shires.

D Cook responded that the BioSolids facility was fly proof, was treated with pesticides, and only a very small percentage of flies at the facility had been found to be stable flies. In his view if stable fly infestation was being experienced in the vicinity it was more likely to be from raw poultry manure being applied to properties, not the BioSolids facility.

M Dobra (VWA)

M Dobra reported that there were other contributors to stable fly breeding as well as vegetable crop waste, and the VWA now has a Vietnamese speaking field officer employed.

Anne Stroud (SFAG Member and Woodridge resident)

A Stroud suggested the Committee investigate sharing insurance with other groups in the Shire to reduce cost of premiums. The Committee undertook to investigate this option.

A Sibbel (SFAG Committee member)

A Sibbel acknowledged the 50% contribution the Sh of Gingin makes to assist the Group with Public Liability insurance premiums.

CLOSE

Chairman Bob Wilson thanked the three guest speakers and those attending and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

SUPPER

Supper and informal discussions took place after the meeting.