

Northern Wairoa Vegetable Growers Association



AGM Minutes Venue: Northern Wairoa Boating Club 7:30pm Monday 12 June 2023

Welcome

A welcome was extended to all by Chair D. Nilsson. A special mention and welcome to our guest speakers Daniel Sutton (Vegetables NZ), Nancy Chaves (Northland Regional Council), and Tina Stewart (Rabobank), and national representatives Kathryn de Bruin (Hort NZ) and Warwick Simpson (Vegetables NZ).

Guest Speakers

Prior to the AGM there were three guest speakers:

Daniel Sutton spoke about his work as Research, Development and Extension Manager at Vegetables NZ, including detail around the projects that Vegetables NZ currently have underway - of particular interest to kumara growers was the Black Field Cricket project, investigating better control options of the pest.

Nancy Chaves from NRC spoke about Alligator Weed work she is initiating with NRC to identify best control practices, and asked for kumara crop land to be made available for use in trials.

Tina Stewart from Rabobank spoke about the support the banks can offer, and encouraged growers to make contact with their bank manager.

Kathryn de Bruin also gave an update on Horticulture NZ, in particular the collaborative nature of the projects they're involved in, and the 'behind the scenes' type of work that Hort NZ does to maintain growers ability to grow.

Present

D Nilsson, J & K Franklin, W Simpson, K Perreau, M Frood & S Wood, A Perreau, R Vincent, G Suckling, R Williams, A & K de Bruin, K & J Franklin, L Posthuma, J & D Simpson, S Panoho, N Smith.

Apologies

T Duder, S & N Walden, Reuben Vincent, S Vincent,

Moved: K Franklin

Seconded: R Williams

That those apologies are sustained - **Carried**

Obituaries

Nil

Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 21st June 2022 were circulated and taken as read. Note that Ryan Harding was corrected to Brian Harding as raised by N Smith.

Moved: K Franklin

Seconded: G Suckling

That they were a true and accurate record – **Carried**

Matters Arising

Nil

Chairs Report

This was presented by D Nilsson and taken as read.

Moved for adoption by D Nilsson and **seconded** A de Bruin - **Carried**

Financial Report

The financial report comprising of the annual report by My Accountants and the 2023/24 Budget was presented by W Simpson, noting the funding provided by RST for the AGM and other events; zero income tax paid due to becoming a charity; and new expenses of the website (nwgva.org.nz) and SH12 sign replacement.

Moved for adoption by W Simpson and **seconded** J Franklin - **Carried**

Election of Officers

Patron Kerry Perreau **Moved** D Nilsson **2nd** A de Bruin - **Carried**

Chair Doug Nilsson **Moved** K de Bruin **2nd** W Simpson - **Carried**

Vice Chair James Franklin **Moved** A de Bruin **2nd** R Vincent - **Carried**

Sec/Treas Warwick Simpson **Moved** J Franklin **2nd** L Posthuma – **Carried**

Committee: S Walden, T Duder and R Williams opted to stand down from Committee. It was **moved** by D Nilsson and **seconded** K Franklin that the remainder of the current committee: A de Bruin, S Vincent, A Perreau, R Vincent, L Posthuma be retained – **Carried**.

M Froud **nominated** by D Nilsson **2nd** A de Bruin to join committee - **Carried**.

Honorarium & Shed Hire

It was **moved** by A de Bruin and **seconded** J Franklin that the secretaries honorarium remain at \$2000/annum - **Carried**

It was **moved** by K Franklin and **seconded** by A Perreau that shed hire remain at \$2000inc/annum – **Carried**.

General Business

W Simpson gave a short update on VNZI, noting the hiring of Daniel Sutton and Ellery Peters - who is a joint hire with EECA, working to decarbonise covered crops. Also noted thanks to VNZI for funding the work of Sam Panoho as coordinator for the cyclone recovery.

A de Bruin gave an update on bringing in new plant varieties, and how MPI were bringing in new rules. PVR was discussed, and hopes for the importation process to start in 2024.

L Posthuma discussed his soil testing work for the combined project by Landwise, VNZI, HortNZ, funded by MPI.

K de Bruin thanked the association for their cyclone recovery work; Rural Support Trust for vouchers, event coordination and general support; and the banks and FMG for their involvement and support.

W Simpson and A de Bruin explained how the Seed Contingency Scheme worked. It uses \$269,500 provided by MPI to assist growers that haven't been able to harvest enough kumara to meet their usual seed needs (due to weather events), by enabling them to purchase seed kumara from other growers.

Chair D Nilsson thanked the committee for their work and meeting attendance over the past year; Krista and the Northland RST team for their support; Ruawai Lions for assistance to growers in need; guest speakers; and the boating club for their hospitality.

Meeting declared closed at 9:30pm