



The July meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Groundspread Fertilisers Association was held in the Conference Centre, Ascot Park Hotel, Tay Street, Invercargill, on Sunday 15 July 2018 commencing at 2-00pm

PRESENT: Dean Brooks President, John Schultz; Graeme Martin; Ross Corlett; Stephen Whitehead; Brent Scully; Kevin Geddes; Ann Thompson, Anders Crofoot, Lyndsay Beer; Howard Pedersen; Grant Anderson; Amanda Ryan;

WELCOME; The President welcomed delegates to the meeting

APOLOGIES: Simon Pedersen; Miles Smith.

MINUTES – 30 May 2018. *That the minutes be accepted* Moved Dean Brooks, seconded Steve Whitehead. Carried

Matters Arising.

1 Lack of Council Newsletters. Brent Scully declared satisfied with the response from Council.

2 Spreadmark test tray spacing; to be discussed at Conference -

3 NZGFA Safety Manual, with Marty Grafar for review;

4 Professional Development Courses; 3 run Hamilton, Palmerston North and Christchurch. Dean Brooks stated the course content was good. Graeme Martin attended Hamilton course – valuable experience.

5 Publicity brochures; Dani Konig produced sample brochures. Draft 1 contained printers error. – not to distribute until correct. Add NZGFA website. Blank over page to be filled in with information. Members should be given the option to purchase brochures and print own details on back page?. Cable Price, Iveco are now the Association`s biggest sponsors.

6 FMG & Synlait membership. Dani Konig has met FMG. They need to gain an understanding of groundspreading needs for insurance. They will include home and business cover as well as damage to machinery. FMG offer to come to Branch meetings. Synlait in discussions – not prepared to make ongoing commitment, still in discussion.

Action. Dean Brooks to provide examples of insurance cover needed for a groundspread company.

7 National Conference sponsorship administration. Mandy Ryan been asked – need to have constant approach to national sponsors. Costs to be identified.

Moved Brent Scully second Howard Pedersen. *That a National Conference Template to be prepared, listing national sponsors. The template to identify national responsibilities vis Branch responsibilities.* Carried.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS. Members of the Otago Southland Conference Committee were in attendance and planned the following.

Sunday night opening function - speakers. Peter Herrick. 6-20pm Peter welcomes everyone then introduces MC Lyndsay Beer, then President Dean Brooks invites Mayor Gary Tong to speak. Then MC introduces Lloyd Mathers. Then Mercedes dinner. BBQ type arrangements for dinner.

Monday Open Conference; Dean to open, Discussion topics. 10-30 to 12-00. Spreadmark tray spacing; Dean. Biosecurity management Mbovis John Schultz and Stephen Whitehead 1-45 – 3-00pm. Ownership and management of data, 3.30 to 5.00pm, Graeme Martin and Ross Corlett. New Member recruitment Graeme Martin and Ross Corlett.

Monday Night – toast list. Ravensdown formal dinner. MC to open. Dean Brooks Toast to Absent Friends, then Dean to ask Peter Herrick to propose the Toast to the sponsors. Response from Cable Price Kerry Menzies. The Toast to the Life Members to be proposed by Brent Scully responded to by Peter Callander.

Tuesday – 8-00am coffee with Tradies. Ravensdown address, then address by Dean Rattray, then 2019 Conference information, followed by any uncompleted Conference business. MC Lyndsay Beer to announce the day's programme. Visit the Maritime Museum at Bluff. Visit South Port. Lunch at Bluff Rugby Club rooms, visit / address from Sandfords Fishing. The balance of the afternoon is free. Recommend visits to the Richardson Transport Museum and Dig This – simulated Diggers. 6-00pm meet in hotel foyer, busses to Invercargill Workingmen's Club. 'Hoe Down' dinner. Leave 11-00pm

Life Membership Council received notification from the Canterbury Branch that Russell Horrell should be made a Life Member of the National Association. Moved from the Canterbury Branch that Russell Horrell be made a national Life member. Moved Dean Brooks, seconded John Schultz. *That National Council support the nomination of Russell Horrell for National Life Membership.* Carried.

Life membership Rule. Change proposed to be made. *That a Life Membership may only be awarded after a 75% vote at Conference.* Resolved. This matter be notified to the 2019 Conference as a Rule Change.

FINANCE – Daniela Konig presented the current statement of Financial position. Resolved that the statement be accepted. Carried.

Moved that the Presidents Honoraria to be paid in advance. Moved Brent Scully seconded Ross Corlett. Carried.

The existing policy of splitting Conference Profit National / Branch 50/50% be continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- AFSA Notification of Annual Conference. 9 to 11 October 2018.
- N3 Trade Card renewal.
- Beef and Lamb – Mbovis for Beef Farmers.
- RTF Rollover Prevention Workshops.
- Fertiliser Matters.
- Mercedes sponsorship contract.

Resolved NZGFA send President and one other to the AFSA Conference in Canberra.

Resolved that sN3 to be continued for South Island

REPORTS

Waikato (Northland); Graeme Martin reported a quieter time for spreaders. Mbovis farm hygiene protocols similar to PSA; 'clean on, clean off'. Professional Development Course in Hamilton was very good. Some new gear is appearing in Waikato.

Taranaki. Ross Corlett reported some new gear also. Problems with product outages. Ballance reps making recommendations not orders. Taranaki has sufficient grass. Apologise for not tabling a written Lime and Fert report.

Central Districts; Howard Pedersen reported a busy season. H & S Laird Training day. Prof Development Day poorly supported. Mbovis major issue.

Nelson; Dean Brooks – weather issues. Spread testing to be done. Tonnages up despite weather

Canterbury; John Schultz Canterbury Mbovis concern. Apathy from everywhere else in NZ until Mbovis strikes. Ronnie Smith President and James McCloy secretary both stood down. Trevor McDowell new president and Nivonne Schultz new secretary. Drive Force training recovery well supported. Professional Development Course well supported.

Otago Southland. Steve Whitehead reported the Winter slow down has arrived, Driver training in August. Professional Development Course 15 registered. Mbovis concern – need farm facilities to was trucks. Sheep / beef returns satisfactory. HT swedes problem due to a mislabelling error. Conference arrangements in hand.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

John Schultz said the Canterbury Branch could offer to fund NZGFA Trust for worthwhile Professional Development Courses.

Driver licensing. Dean Brooks discussed the NZTA exemption to exempt drivers out of certain classes. Drivers that hold Class and 2 can fast track to Class 5 [under 25 drivers] Driver log book hours must have 200 hours, and work no more than 8 hours per day. Dean will circulate the information when available. Circulate when in place. Exemption been available for years, people should apply for it.

CLOSURE: 4.55 pm