



McIvor Landcare Group

McIvor Landcare Group Inc Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2009 at Tooborac Mechanics' Institute Hall, Northern Highway, Tooborac.

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

Present:

Leanne Burder, Jayson Burhop, Eleanor Dempster, Brian Ellis, Bob Gray, Belinda Hagan, Jason Hagan, Allan Harding, Anita Harding, Barbara Kneebone, Bill Kneebone, Phillip McHarg, David Salter.

Apologies:

Ken Brauman, Chris Burder, Elsa Hagan, Michael McKenzie McHarg, Murray Strawbridge, Sandra Strawbridge.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 4th September 2008 having been circulated were passed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Belinda Hagan
Seconded: Barbara Kneebone
Carried

Financial Report:

David Salter reported that the income for the financial year \$2,160, expenses \$16,808; operating loss of \$14,648. The bank balance for the end of the financial year was \$15,015.

Auditor certification of the financials was tabled at the meeting.

Moved: Belinda Hagan
Seconded: Barbara Kneebone
Carried

President's Report from Jason Hagan:

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2009

The previous year has been a steep learning curve for me as President of the Mclvor Landcare Group. I have tried to take a new approach and would like to thank the members for their support.

Some of highlights of the past year have been:

- Guest Speaker – Marcus O'Dwyer on dung beetles
- Then the great response of the release of 18 colonies of summer active Dung beetles over 6 different farms in February 2009
- Bus tour to Albury to visit
- Fox-Off Program – great success and support and a huge Thank you to Ian McClaren and all involved. We hope to continue this program in the future.
- Chemical's User Refresher Course – updated through Ovens Murray Tafe
- Community Project for the year – was the installation of the projector and screen at the Tooborac Hall. I am sure this will get great use from the Landcare group and others in due course.
- Farm Plan 21 – 10-12 properties participated and all gained different levels of knowledge from the program.
- Caring for Country application was a great learning curve – even though we were unsuccessful.

I hope that the group is able to tap into some projects involved with North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) especially with regards to remnant vegetation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the executive committee – Leanne & David – a job well done. But on a personal note to special thank Leanne for all her effort and work over the past 12 months.

I hope the membership numbers stay active in the year ahead and would like all members to think which direction they would like the Mclvor Landcare Group to head towards in the next year to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Jason Hagan
President
Mclvor Landcare Group

Resolution:

That Graeme Fleming of Ascot Partners, 83 High Street, Heathcote be appointment as auditor.

Moved: David Salter

Seconded: Eleanor Dempster

Carried

Resolution:

That the group's financial year be changed, the current financial year commenced on 18th July 2009 and will conclude on 30th June 2010. Future years will commence 1st July and conclude 30th June.

Moved: David Salter

Seconded: Eleanor Dempster

Carried

Resolution:

McIvor Landcare Group Inc was registered on 1st April 1993. Since that time legislation and the regulation of incorporated associations have changed. New "Rules for an Incorporated Association" were tabled. If and when these rules are passed by parliament the group will adopt them.

Moved: David Salter

Seconded: Bill Kneebone

Carried

Election of Office Bearers:

Eleanor Dempster took the chair and thanked the committee on behalf of the group for the large number of events undertaken during the past year particularly the recently completed Farm Plan 21 course arranged by Jason. Eleanor declared all committee positions vacant. Nominations were called for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

President: Jason Hagan

Moved: David Salter

Seconded: Phillip McHarg

Elected unopposed, accepted and carried

Vice President: no nominations received committee will seek nominations at a later date

Secretary: Belinda Hagan
Moved: Barbara Kneebone
Seconded: Bill Kneebone
Elected unopposed, accepted and carried

Treasurer: David Salter
Moved: Bill Kneebone
Seconded: Allan Harding
Elected unopposed, accepted and carried

David Salter to remain as Public Officer.

Non-Committee Positions

Ken Brauman indicated to Jason prior to the meeting that he is prepared to remain as Property & Chemical Allocation Officer. After discussion it was decided that a more central storage location and reliable method of booking equipment would be advantageous to all members. As a result Jason Hagan will take over this role from Ken.

Allan Harding agreed to remain as Tree Seed Officer.

Membership Fees & Equipment Hire

After brief discussion it was agreed that membership fees & equipment be increased slightly. These fees have not changed since 2002.

Membership fee from \$15 to \$20 per year

Spray Unit Trailer from \$15 per day to \$20 per day for members, from \$30 per day to \$40 per day for non-members.

Small Spray Unit from \$5 per day to \$10 per day for members, from \$10 per day to \$20 per day for non-members.

Tree Planters – Hamilton & Pottiputki no charge for members.

Any breakages or damage must be paid by the member responsible on a 50/50 basis.

Moved: Allan Harding
Seconded: Bill Kneebone
Carried

Bank Account Signatories

The Treasurer to attend to lodgement of the necessary forms with the Bendigo Bank to change signatories on the group's bank account to reflect new office bearers. Leanne Burder to be removed as an authorised signatory and Belinda Hagan to be added as authorised signatory.

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 8.10pm