

2019 NZ Macadamia Society AGM

Held at 2.25pm on Sunday 26th May 2019 at:

Top Notch Macadamias, 40a Top Road, Patetonga

Members present: (52)

Virginia Warren, Nick King, Vanessa Hayes, Donna Hardie, Ilko and Elle Scheepens, Alistair Dunn, Colin McLeod, Dianne and Tony Nicholls, Jan King, Joe Henley, John Brox & Sue Vause, Rod Husband, Sue Bearsley, Gavin Laurich & Famke vanLaren, Eric Corner and Deidre Lawton, Roger Matthews, Robert Jan, Arthur Dixon, Cushla and Russell Hynd, Don and Karen Knight, Ann and Craig Fisher, Hemana Waaka, Jillian Johnson, Amber D'Arcy, Evelyn Grant, Colin & Kim McGregor, Janine Dunlop, Stephan & Leoti Morkel, Vicki & David Reid, Wairaka Te Ua, Ihipera Whakataka, Vonnie Wood, Ameria Hohepa, Vaughan Heslop, Raymond Burr, Domini Carrington, Rawinia Peters, Andrew Baker, Yasir & Preeti Kahloon, Dugald Hamilton

A total of 75 attended the NZMS Conference of whom 23 were business partners or family of the 52 members above.

Apologies:

David and Christina Clee, John and Maggie Hillock, Leslie Bell, Jacqui McGrath, Robert Mannes, Doug Johnson

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the 2018 AGM had been emailed after the meeting to all those on the member list at the time of the 2018 meeting. The minutes were taken as read.

Moved Virginia Warren / Alistair Dunn

Matters Arising:

Nil

Correspondence:

No significant correspondence had been received or sent this year. There are always many queries from members of the public asking about their trees and how to manage problems. They are answered to the best of our abilities and usually referred to the website.

President's Report:

In David Clee's absence his report was read to the meeting by Donna Hardie. A copy of his report is attached.

Accepted by the meeting

Moved: Virginia Warren / Jan King

Treasurer's Report:

Presented to the meeting by Nick King.

Accepted by the meeting.

Moved: Nick King / Roger Matthews

Election of Officers:

No nominations for the advertised vacant positions of President, Treasurer or Secretary had been received prior to the meeting. Nominations were therefore called for from the floor of the meeting.

Vanessa nominated Roger Matthews and stated that Robert Mannes had agreed, in absentia, to be on the executive if required.

Russell Hynd volunteered to be appointed to the position of Treasurer.

The Offices of:

President – Roger Matthews

Vice President - Vanessa Hayes

Editor and Webmaster - Ilko Scheepens

Treasurer - Russell Hynds

Accepted by the meeting

The Secretary role was not filled, and it was agreed that Vanessa will advise the Executive as soon as she found the right person for that role. Roger Matthews supported that decision and agreed that the Executive roles will be confirmed at the 1st meeting within 30days of the AGM.

Regional Representatives also volunteered and will also be confirmed at the 1st Exec meeting; Deidre Lawton (Whangarei region), Dianne Nicholls (North Auck/Wellsford region), Arthur Dixon (EBOP/BOP), Robert Mannes (South Auck/Waikato), Mavis Grant (Gisborne/Hawkes Bay), [in absentia] Vonnie Wood. (Northland)

General Business:

Virginia formally thanked the outgoing committee for keeping the society active during its lull in membership.

Kevin Allen, one of the conference exhibitors addressed the AGM. He is a valuer from the Bay of Plenty and is developing a database of orchards to develop a reliable way of valuing macadamia orchards. He can be contacted at kevin@bayval.co.nz.

Thanks, were extended to Vanessa and her team by Hemana Waaka, one of the new growers for arranging the conference and AGM. The meeting has provided a lot of information for growers and potential growers alike.

It was noted that the NZ macadamia society website is a good source of information and advertising. The facebook page is a closed group page, open to all members, where questions can be rapidly answered. There is a link off the website.

Joe Henley noted that at many times during the meeting it was proposed that the New Zealand industry, small as it is, must compete by ensuring quality as we will never match on quantity. He reminded the meeting that a lot of effort and expertise had been expended by members in past years to develop the Mac Acc, a form of orchard accreditation which promoted excellent orchard husbandry and safe handling of harvested nuts, with the aim of producing quality nuts. A copy of the Mac Acc is available on the website.

Meeting closed 3.10 pm