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SOIL AND HEALTH 2019 AGM Minutes

Date: Saturday 20th July 2019, 12:15pm – 3:30pm

Venue: Piko Wholefoods, Christchurch

Attending: Bailey Peryman, Marion Wood, Marion Thomson, Mike Ryan, Steffan Browning, Philippa Jamieson, Lucy Blackbourn, Ann Broadfoot, Dennis Enright, Annette Wood, David Wright, Alison White, Alvina Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Kris Nicolau, Jodie Browning, Joseph Stuart, Peter Wells, Matt Morris, Brendan Murphy, Doug Hess, Beth Goodwin, Daniel Sherman, Isabel Pasch, Sarah Smuts-Kennedy

Apologies: Rayna & Mark Dickson, Jenny Lux, Moko Morris, Donald Nordeng, Jim Bennett, Hannah Tatton, Jenny Lux, Anissa Ljanta

Welcome & notice of general business

Bailey Peryman and Marion welcomed attendees

Attendees and apologies

- Attendees all introduced themselves
- Apologies noted

Minutes of 2018 AGM

Taken as read, Mike Ryan moved, Alvina Seconded.

Amendments required:

- Attendees included Sarah Smuts-Kennedy, Alvina Murphy, Jim Bennett
- Dieter's name mis-spelled
- Page 3 should be Marion Wood not Marion Thomson

Amendments made.

Chair report

Marion Wood presented the Chairs report

Soil & Health Consolidated Financial Reports

Question on the spend on campaign costs

Question on rent line item doubled

Question on salaries

- Hang over from prior management and Council

Question on marketing for magazine – as the flagship are we promoting it?

- Looking for funding for organic week and communication
- Stats that advertising are increasing, and that distribution is increasing – Mike?

Move that Financial Statements are accepted.

Marion Wood moved, Marion Thomson Seconded

All in favour.



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BioGro Update – Joseph Stuart

- Proud of the constructive nature of the Board and the hard decisions that were made
- Strongest year on record
- 800 licensees
- Looking to strengthening products – blockchain certification product
- Living wage across all employees
- Now investing in development
- Discussed organic regulation

Questions from the floor

Question asked about the percentage of licenses that are exporters

- BioGro licensees are mostly exporters

How can we take leadership in the climate change space?

What commitments are the certification sector taking to ensure that climate change mitigation processes are being implemented on farms

- Joseph has suggested a combined strategic hui that will cover these types of questions

Question about distribution of funds from BioGro

- Under the constitution, a third of BioGro's profits are distributed to Soil & Health subject to maintaining solvency.

Suggested that news from BioGro be put into OrganicNZ

Is there support for withdrawing support for petrochemical based packaging

- BioGro do not currently track what products are packaged in plastic but are looking into this.

2018 Elections

Appointment of returning officer and scrutineers

- Lucy Blackburn appointed as returning officer
- Annette Wood and Ann Broadfoot appointed as scrutineers

Nominees address members

- Isabel Pasch
- Peter Wells
- Steffan Browning on behalf of Jenny Lux
- Mike Ryan
- Jodie Browning

Questions for Nominees from the floor

Voting papers collected and counted

Branch reports

General business

Marion Thomson was thanked for her contribution to the Soil & Health National Council and made a life member.

Organic 2020+ Workshop

Election results

Jenny Lux, Peter Wells, Mike Ryan and Jodie Bruning elected onto Council

The following remits passed:

- 1. That the constitution of BioGro New Zealand Ltd be changed as follows:**



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1.1 Delete: "Shareholder" means the New Zealand Biological and Consumers Society Incorporated

Add: "Shareholder" means the Soil and Health Association of New Zealand

Rationale:

The BioGro constitution was not amended at the time of the merger between Soil & Health and the Biological and Consumers Society to reflect the change in shareholder. This remit addresses this.

Proposed: National Council

2. That the following price changes to the membership of the Soil & Health Association be implemented.

One year membership = \$55 (7% saving off the retail price)

Two year membership = \$100 (15% saving off the retail price)

Soil & Health needs to increase the retail price of Organic NZ to \$9.90.

Overseas membership - 1 year: \$100 (currently \$90)

Overseas membership - 2 years: \$180 (currently \$170)

Rationale:

The Soil & Health Association needs to raise its membership fees due to inflation and increasing costs; these are currently \$45 per year and this includes an annual subscription to Organic NZ.

Proposed: National Council

Close meeting