



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The New Zealand Guild of Agricultural Journalists & Communicators

Thursday 20 October 2022, 12.00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 12:

In attendance: Neil Wallace (president), Hayley Gavan (vice-president), Jan Loney (treasurer), Sara Passmore (secretary), Rebecca Howard, Elaine Fisher, Samantha Tennant, Anne-Marie Case-Miller (from 12:22), Jackie Harrigan (from 12:22), Leigh Cantley (from 12:24).

Apologies:

Sue Miller, Mick Calder, Kate Taylor, Gerald Piddock, Susan Murray

Minutes of 2021 AGM:

Distributed in advance.

Moved - the Minutes be taken as read, and accepted as a true and accurate record:

Wallace / Loney Carried

Matters Arising:

No matters arising

President's Report:

NW presented the president's report at meeting. NW noted he was impressed with the lunchtime sessions and PD days. They have been getting better and better and he has received very positive feedback. MPI is keen to remain involved. Speakers this year were brilliant. The awards had 65 guests, 152 entries and 14 categories - a big effort. Ravensdown communicator of the year award sponsorship is coming to an end and it is time to get another sponsor.

We were delighted to see Royal Honors for Hugh Stringleman and Sue Miller this year.

Challenges ahead are our financial structure and being sustainable. And getting members to promote agricultural media and communications in journalism schools. We need to promote and show this is a really good career. NW thanked the executive for the support.

EF suggested the winners of the awards could present to the journalism schools, and would be a good way to promote.

EF noted the variety of the entries and how hard they are to judge. NW discussed the ways the awards can be improved.

Moved - the report accepted as read

Wallace / Fisher Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Distributed in advance. JL reflected that we'll run out of money in 10 years. Next year, we will have an additional expense of sending a delegate to an international conference. Budgeting for another deficit next year.

Moved that the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2021 be approved.

Loney / Wallace Carried

Moved to appoint Mills Consulting as auditors for the 2022-23 financial year.

Loney / Wallace Carried

Subscription rates for 2022-2023:

JL recommended holding the subscriptions at the same rate as this year.

Moved to accept JL's recommendations for the membership subscription rates for the 2022-2023.

Loney / Wallace Carried

Election of Office Holders:

President: Neal Wallace

NW called for nominations for president. No further nominations.

Carried

Vice President: Hayley Gavan

NW called for nominations for vice-president.

NW nominated Hayley Gavan. No further nominations.

Carried

Secretary: Sara Passmore

NW noted that SP is happy to stay in the role of secretary for another year. No further nominations.

Carried

Treasurer: Jan Loney

NW noted that JL is happy to stay in the role of treasurer. No further nominations.

Carried

National Executive Committee:

NW thanked the current members of the committee: Gerald Piddock, Neal Wallace, Sam Halstead, Tim Fulton, Anne-Marie Case-Miller, Haley Gavan, Kylie Horomai, Sara Passmore, Jan Loney, Elaine Fisher.

NW called for nominations for executive committee members. None received.

NW move that the executive committee members roll over for another year.

Wallace / Fisher Carried

Any Other Business

NW called for people to participate in the review of the awards, categories, and judging.

Closure

There being no further general business, the meeting was closed at 12:25