



MINUTES

ABGA AGM

Date:	19 October 2021		
Meeting Time:	2pm AEDST		
Location:	Zoom		
Attendees:	Jonathan Shaw, Wendy Morris, Cedric Senn, Stephen Thandi, Sam Kisvarda, Helen Newman, Angela Atkinson, Anthony Poiner, Andrew Bell, Melinda Simpson, James Kellaway, Rachel Mackenzie, Peter McPherson, Jennifer Rowling, Christian Parsons, John Simonetta, Suzette Argent, Harold Edlinger, Jenny Van de Meeberg		
Apologies:			
President:	Jonathan Shaw	Minutes by:	Wendy Morris

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – J Shaw

J Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.03pm

J Shaw advised that due to Covid restrictions, the AGM would be held via Zoom and asked if there were any objections. All committee members were in favour of holding the AGM via Zoom.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES – J Shaw

Minutes and action items from the previous AGM held on 14 October 2020 were reviewed.

- A Poiner moved/S Thandi seconded that the minutes be accepted. The committee unanimously supported the motion.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – J Shaw

J Shaw circulated a written report prior to the meeting, which he advised he would take as read.

J Shaw thanked C Senn, who is stepping down from the committee, for his work over the years.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – A Poiner

A Poiner covered the following;

- A new auditor, Platinum Audits, has been appointed
- Thank-you to all voluntary levy payers
- ABGA is in a positive cash situation
- A Poiner recommends the committee accepts the financial reports

J Shaw thanked A Poiner for his work, and asked the committee if they had any questions. There were no questions.

- C Parsons moved/C Senn seconded the financial reports be accepted. The committee unanimously supported the motion.
- J Shaw moved/John Simonetta seconded that the ABGA is a going concern. The committee unanimously supported the motion.

6. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Export

J Simonetta advised that J Van de Meeberg has provided invaluable support in demystifying and understanding export opportunities and timelines.

Research & Development

A Poiner advised that most of the R&D is covered under the Berry Plant Protection Guide, which was in large completed by M Simpson.

Marketing

C Parsons thanked L Gibson from Driscoll's for his assistance over the past year. C Parsons felt that Magnum has undertaken a slow but competent management of the blueberries campaign. He offered to circulate the marketing results to any interested committee members.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All executives retired their positions, in line with the constitution. C Senn formally resigned as committee member. Due to A Bianchi's mid term resignation, this left four vacancies for the executive and two vacancies for the committee. C Parsons and J Simonetta, who are mid-term committee members, did not need to stand for re-election.

Nominations were received as follows:

Jonathan Shaw for President
Stephen Thandi for Vice President
Anthony Poiner for Treasurer
Andrew Bell for Secretary
James Kellaway for Committee Member
Harold Edlinger for Committee Member

There was no need for a ballot. J Shaw declared all nominations official, and all positions filled. He welcomed J Kellaway and H Edlinger to the committee.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J Shaw asked Sam Kisvarda, who attended as a guest, if he had any questions. S Kisvarda didn't have any questions.

P McPherson thanked C Senn for his efforts on the committee.

9. MEETING CLOSE

J Shaw closed the meeting at 1.23pm.

Jonathan Shaw
ABGA President
18 October 2021