

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WISALTS INC HELD AT Bassendean Bowling Club, BASSENDEAN ON FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2011.

Present : S Pike, A Brown G & S Drew, J. Sorgiovanni, J. McKay, P. Surtees, B Whittington, D. Moir, N & P Marsh, L. Messenger, L. Adamson, N. Powell, Professor L Abbott, A Conacher, J Richardson, N Young, T Lacey, S. Hincks, J Whittington, A Ruse,

APOLOGIES : R Bowring, P & J McGregor, L. Hardie, D Turner, S Paulin, Tony Crook MP, Terry Waldron MLA, Judi Moylan MP, Terry Redmond MLA, Dr F Hoyle

MINUTES : The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 6 February 2010 were read. Moved N Powell, Seconded L Messenger as a correct record. Carried

PRESIDENT'S & FIELD OFFICER'S REPORT:

Gavin Drew gave a review of the year including the Walletin Catchment Group open forum, visit with the Commissioner for Soil and Conservation to the Turner farm, visit by Arthur Conacher to his farm, the Collie River Basin review and Hyden Tourist Park concerns.

Moved P Surtees Seconded B Whittington the report be accepted. Carried

Guest Speaker – Professor Lyn Abbott, School of Earth & Geographical Sciences, UWA gave an interesting and very clear address on the work she has been doing since Wisalts, highlighting the variability of soils and soil animal study is a drawcard to young students.

AUDITOR'S REPORT on the financial records of the society up to 31st January due to Treasurer retiring is attached.

Moved A Brown, Seconded J Sorgiovanni the report be accepted. Carried

TRAINING OFFICER

Jim Sorgiovanni reported approximately 150 people visited him and 110 show bags handed out for the year. No follow up while depressed incomes being experienced.

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY Special Collection Report given by Alison Brown indicating another 500 hours may see the project entered onto Murdoch computer data base and an estimation of possibly \$5,000 to complete the digital cataloguing and photographic work to be archived on good quality CD's.

Moved N Marsh, Seconded B Whittington the reports be accepted. Carried

Guest Speaker – Neil Young, Grains Research & Development Corporation (**GRDC**) Chair Western Panel take home message was to study the Strategic Research and Development Plan 2007-12 – 'Prosperity through Innovation' booklet and make a research project fit the criteria, demonstrating a wide economic benefit.

PANEL DISCUSSION - capably facilitated by Jill Richardson, Regional Landcare Facilitator South West NRM with participants: Lyn Abbott, Neil Young, Arthur Conacher, Senior Honorary Research Fellow, School of Earth and Environment, UWA, Trevor Lacy, Manager Managing Agricultural Land and Water Systems, DAFWA Northam. Dale Park WA Farmers Federation Climate Change representative arrived to join in the discussion. The clear message is we need to define where we

want to go with research at a micro level – soil biota, case studies and social level and take advantage of contacts to find students to do the work.

All participants were applauded for their contribution and offered a bottle of Silverstream Wine in appreciation.

Tony Ruse arrived prior to the Lunch adjournment.

The visitors and John Whittington left before recommencement of the meeting.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

N Powell was invited to take the chair and officiated the following elections: Retiring Members Tim Stevenson, Sue Pike and Alison Brown not seeking re-election. Des Moir, Gavin Drew, Jim Sorgiovanni and Laurie Adamson all re-nominating. Brian Whittington was nominated by N Powell for the Committee.

P Surtees Moved L Messenger Seconded that the above be elected to the Committee, to comprise of: Noel Powell, Tony Ruse, Neville Marsh, Lyn Messenger, Sally Paulin, Des Moir, Gavin Drew, Jim Sorgiovanni, Laurie Adamson and Brian Whittington. Carried

The following officers were elected:

President :	Gavin Drew
Senior Vice President :	Jim Sorgiovanni
Junior Vice President :	Lyn Messenger
Secretary and Press Officer :	Brian Whittington
Treasurer :	Neville Marsh
Field Officer :	Gavin Drew
Training Officer.	Jim Sorgiovanni
Auditor:	David Pass, nominated by N Powell, seconded J Sorgiovanni Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tony Ruse thanked Jim Sorgiovanni for the plan and budget on Silverstream Wines. Tony reported on ABC Radio advertising \$10,000 reward to someone who can find good water on Warrick Armstrong's property – costs to be reimbursed if found. Philip Surtees asked after further results from the Chattering Orchard. Resolved contact after harvest.

Tony Ruse asked if a Field Day at Springhill (ex Harry) would be considered.

Noel Powell thanked Sue Pike and Gavin Drew for organising the Guest Speakers and Panel. Resolved the notes be taken to the next Committee Meeting for Action.

DATE FOR NEXT AGM – **Return to 1st Friday in February** which makes it 3 February 2012

AGM Closed 2.20 pm

A Committee meeting followed