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MINUTES

Meeting of the Committee of Management

Phone meeting held at 10.00 am on Tuesday 2nd July 2013

1. PRESENT

Ken Gaudion, Stuart Pickworth, Andrew Smith, Michael Rouget, Alison Jones, Michael Aumann, John Wilson, Kath Boast

2. APOLOGIES

Chris Turnbull

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were discussed and approved by the VCA Management Committee subject to inclusion of 6.15 – Issues with the VCA.

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of the VCA Committee of Management held on 28th May 2013 are confirmed as true and correct subject to inclusion of 6.15.
MOVED: S. Pickworth **SECONDED:** M. Rouget **CARRIED**

4. ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1. *J. Wilson to look in to insurance for VCA. (ONGOING)*

ACTION: John Wilson to contact HAL regarding insurance for when project providers are declared insolvent such as AFFCO. **DEADLINE:** 31 July 2013

4.2. *J. Godwill to distribute financials to committee. (COMPLETED)*

ACTION: Kath Boast to examine financials and explain the two secretarial amounts in P & L. **DEADLINE:** 31 July 2013

4.3. *K Boast and J Wilson to coordinate contacting members re unpaid membership. (COMPLETED)*

4.4. *J Wilson to follow up DEPI Fruit Fly strategy and email outcome to VCA Committee.*

John Wilson advised that that since 1 July the new management changes were in place, and that there is a combined industry HAL project proposed for the Yarra Valley as a QFF Pest Free region – Alison Jones advised that she attended a meeting for this project.

Michael Rouget advised that he has been analysing QFF research concerning seasonal windows for reproduction. Michael contacted Gary D'Arcy at DEPI regarding property freedom.

ACTION: Michael Rouget to provide John Wilson with copy of letter to Gary D'arcy re QFF property freedom. **DEADLINE:** 31 July 2013

ACTION: Kath Boast to circulate QFF Management Changes to the VCA membership **DEADLINE:** 3 July 2013

4.5. *J Wilson to write to CGA and seek clarification for application of cherry production levies (COMPLETED)* – Andrew Smith advised that the levies were addressed at the February CGA board meeting and a decision was made to retain the levies as they are. Levies are reviewed every year.

John Wilson explained the process required to change the levies and that this needed to be done at the Annual Levy Payers Meeting. There was no clear request or reason to change the levies, individual members can take this up at the Annual Levy Payers Meeting.

4.6. *M Aumann to ring J Wilson re letter to the Agriculture Minister (COMPLETED)*

John Wilson provided an update of the progress of the relocation of the Melbourne Market.

ACTION: Michael Aumann to provide John Wilson with a list of issues concerning the new Melbourne Market. DEADLINE: 15 July 2013

ACTION: John Wilson to relay VCA issues with new Melbourne Market to the Vic Agriculture Minister and the Minister for Major Projects. DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

- 4.7. M Aumann to contact Landmark re venue for General meeting (COMPLETED)
4.8. Committee to comment regarding changes to website (COMPLETED)
The Committee agreed that the website is looking dated and amateurish. Kath Boast advised that FGVL is following up with DEPI HIN regarding an industry model website and can do the same for VCA.

ACTION: Kath Boast to contact DEPI regarding quote for a new website for VCA DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1.1. Trading Result

The trading result for the month ending 31st May 2013 was a deficit of \$6.7 K, which brought the period to date result to a surplus of \$26K.

5.1.2. Balance Sheet

Total VCA assets at 31st May 2013 were \$90K and total liabilities were \$3K resulting in net equity of \$87K. The association has sufficient funds to meet its debts as and when they fall due.

5.1.3. Receivables

Debtors, at 31st May 2013, totalled \$11.2K. Debtors, older than 90 days, amounted to \$5.3K which represents 47% of the total.

MOTION: That the financial report for the period to 31st May 2013 be accepted.

MOVED: K. Gaudion

SECONDED: M. Rouget

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1. CGA AGM

6.1.1. Motion to CGA AGM

MOTION: That the CGA return to an Annual Conference in conjunction with AGM and Levy Payers Meeting

MOVED: M. Aumann

SECONDED: S. Pickworth

CARRIED

6.1.2. VCA Delegates

Ken Gaudion, Michael Rouget & Stuart Pickworth will be delegates, Stuart will have the voting rights.

6.1.3. State Representatives

Stuart Pickworth will remain as the Victorian representative until VCA has their AGM

ACTION: Kath Boast to advise CGA of VCA decisions regarding CGA AGM before required deadlines. DEADLINE: 7 July 2013

6.2. Cherry Production Levies

Discussed in 4.5

6.3. VCA AGM

Not discussed

6.4. VCA General Meeting

The Committee agreed to host a General Meeting on Friday 12 July at Landmark, Wandin North.

ACTION: Michael Aumann to contact Landmark regarding meeting room availability. DEADLINE: 7 July 2013

ACTION: Kath Boast to advise members of VCA General Meeting. DEADLINE: 7 July 2013

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Inwards – Marion Rak 6 June 2013 – Membership Fee

The Committee agreed to accept Marion Rak’s membership payment of \$150 but advise her that the minimum rate would apply for 2014.

ACTION: Kath Boast to write to Marion Rak regarding membership fees. DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

7.2. Inwards – Chris Tuck 6 June 2013 – Membership Fee

The Committee agreed to accept Chris Tuck’s membership at the base level.

ACTION: Kath Boast to write to Chris regarding membership fees. DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

MOTION: That the VCA accept the amounts paid by Marion Rak and Chris Tuck as membership paid in full for 2013.

MOVED: A. Jones

SECONDED:

S. Pickworth

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Alison Jones brought up the issue of negative feedback concerning the VCA, there were no definitive concerns that could be resolved.

ACTION: Alison Jones to obtain more information concerning negative feedback on VCA from Graham Sebire. DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

8.2. Association Rules

Kath Boast advised that Rules for Associations have changed and that the VCA has until November to incorporate their rules into the new mandatory rules.

ACTION: Kath Boast & Ken Gaudion to work on the new Rules for Associations. DEADLINE: 31 July 2013

9. NEXT MEETING

After General Meeting on Friday 12 July

10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.30 pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Ken Gaudion
President

Date: _____