

Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting of Victorian Cherry Association ("VCA") held at 2 Brookes Bar (Lilydale Estate) 45 Davros Court, Seville, Victoria, on Friday 26 October 2012

The meeting commenced at 10.35 pm.

Minute Secretary: K. Boast

1. PRESENT

Stuart Pickworth, Trevor Holmes, Graeme Watters, Meryl Watters, Jamie Watters, Carolyn, Watters, Chris Tuck, , Kevin Chapman, Tracy Chapman, Steve Chapman, Gordon Chapman, Dwayne Johnson, Phil Rafferty, Mark Rhodes, Adrian Utter, Steve Vigliaturo, John Vigliaturo, Michael Rouget, Tony Rak, Marion Rak, Alan Smith, Andrew Smith, Tony Siciliano, Alison Jones, Tim Jones, Graeme Stephenson, Dennis Dickson, Roland Rak, Ken Gaudion, Steven Boyce, John Learmonth, Glen Riseborough, Craig Boulton, Andrew Corbett, Gavin Corbett, Chris Turnbull

John Wilson [FGVL], Kath Boast [FGVL], Julie Godwill [FGVL]

Sam Yeo [guest]

The president opened the meeting and asked the secretary to confirm that a quorum was in attendance. The secretary advised the meeting that he had inspected the attendance register and determined that a quorum for a general meeting in accordance with the Association Rules was in attendance.

2. WELCOME

In opening the meeting, the President welcomed members and guests to the 2012 annual meeting of Victoria Cherry Association and called for apologies.

3. APOLOGIES

Stephen Riseborough, Mark Chapman, Simon Rouget, Alex Turnbull and Graham Stiles.

4. MINUTES OF 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting held on 21st of October 2011 had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

MOVED: Chris Tuck , **SECONDED:** Michael Rouget , that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. S. Pickworth presented the 2011 Presidents Report which is included in the 2011 VCA Annual Report.

The president called for questions regarding the president's report. There were no questions regarding the president's report.

The president moved noted his appreciation of the dedication and hard work performed by Chris Tuck in his role of Treasurer for the VCA.

MOVED: Steve Chapman **SECONDED:** Stephen Riseborough, that the 2012 President's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. J. Wilson presented the 2012 VCA Secretary Report, which is included in the 2012 VCA Annual Report. The president called for questions regarding the Secretary report. There were no questions regarding the Secretary report.

MOVED: Michael Rouget **SECONDED:** Alan Smith , that the 2012 Secretary's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

7. TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. C. Tuck presented the audited financial report for the year ending 30 September 2012. Full financial report was made available for inspection by members who wished to do so. The president called for questions regarding the Treasurer's report. There were no questions regarding the Treasurer's report.

MOVED: Alison Jones **SECONDED:** John Vigliaturo , that the 2012 Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

7. NOTICE OF MOTION: VCA AMENDMENT PROPOSITION

The following is a notice of motion to amend the rules of the Victorian Cherry Association Incorporated;

That clause 3 (1) of the rules of the Victorian Cherry Association Incorporated be amended from its current form of "3 (1) A person who is a grower of cherries applies for and is approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be an Ordinary Member of the Association on payment of the Annual subscription payable under these rule" to

"3 (1) A person who is a either a grower of cherries or a former grower of cherries applies for and is approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be an Ordinary Member of the Association on payment of the Annual subscription payable under these rules."

Purpose:

The current form of clause 3 (1) in its strictest interpretation excludes retiring and former growers from ordinary membership. This amendment will formally permit their inclusion and provide eligibility for them to serve on the VCA Committee.

The argument FOR the motion

Whilst the VCA has been able to maintain sufficient membership of its Committee of Management it has been unable to secure succession for the offices of President and Vice President because of the time commitment required especially during the harvest period. The Committee of Management has therefore explored other options. They considered the appointment of an independent chairperson but determined that the appointment of a former or retired grower as President could be a preferential solution. This amendment accommodates such a solution.

The argument AGAINST the motion

The widening of the definition on ordinary members could dilute the control of the VCA by current growers.

Recommendation of the VCA Committee of Management

The VCA Committee of Management recommends that members vote in favour of the amendment.

No against, motion is carried.

9.. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

President:

Ken Gaudion *Nominated:* Stuart Pickworth *Seconded:* Michael Aumann *Elected*

Vice-President:

Michael Aumann *Nominated:* Michael Rouget *Seconded:* Steve Chapman *Elected*

Treasurer:

Chris Turnbull *Nominated:* Stuart Turnbull *Seconded:* Alison Jones *Elected*

General Committee: (3-5 positions):

S. Pickworth *Nominated:* Michael Rouget *Seconded:* Andrew Smith *Elected*

A. Smith *Nominated:* Steve Chapman *Seconded:* Alison Jones *Elected*

M. Rouget *Nominated:* Stuart Pickworth *Seconded:* Chris Turnbull *Elected*
A. Jones *Nominated:* Steve Chapman *Seconded:* Stephen Riseborough *Elected*

10. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

"That Fruit Growers Victoria Limited be appointed as the Secretariat of the Victorian Cherry Association Inc. with John Wilson in his capacity as General Manager of Fruit Growers Victoria Limited be appointed as Secretary of the Victorian Cherry Association Incorporated."

MOVED : Stuart Pickworth **SECONDED:** Alison Jones, that Fruit Growers Victoria Ltd. be appointed as Secretary.
CARRIED

11. SETTING OF PRESIDENTS HONORARIUM

"That the President of the VCA Honorarium for 2012/2013 be \$5000".

MOVED: Stuart Pickworth **SECONDED:** Stephen Riseborough **CARRIED**

12. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR HAL CHERRY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"That Andrew Smith be appointed as the VCA Representative on the Cherry IAC."

MOVED: Steve Chapman **SECONDED:** Alison Jones **CARRIED**

13. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHERRY GROWERS OF AUSTRALIA EXECUTIVE

"That Stuart Pickworth be appointed as the VCA nominee to the CGA Board of Management."

MOVED: Michael Rouget **SECONDED:** Andrew Smith **CARRIED**

14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

"That Metzke and Allen be appointed Auditors for the VCA for 2012-2013"

MOVED: C. Tuck **SECONDED:** Alison Jones **CARRIED**

15. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE

"The committee recommends to members that subscriptions remain the same as 2011-12 for the coming year."

MOVED: Stuart Pickworth **SECONDED:** Chris Turnbull **CARRIED**

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 16.1 Presentation – Dugald Close, TIA
"Optimising cherry fruit set, crop load, fruit nutrition and size"
- 16.2 CGA Report & HAL report
- 16.3 Queensland Fruit Fly & Export
- 16.4 VCA Promotions
- 16.5 VCA Conference
- 16.6 Cherry Trail Brochure
- 16.7 Presentation – Les Mitchell, Agrisearch
"Stem Retention Project"
- 16.8 Season Outlook

17. CLOSE MEETING

The President, in closing the meeting, thanked all present for their attendance.