

Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting of Victorian Cherry Association ("VCA") held at Mont De Lancey 71a Wellington Road, Wandin North, Victoria, on Thursday 17 October 2013

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

Minute Secretary: J. Goodwill

1. PRESENT

P. Foster, M. Chapman, S. Chapman, T. Holmes, A. Jones, T. Jones, M. Aumann, J. Learmouth, F. Trouw, M. Rouget, S. Rouget, C. Tuck, B. Martin, N. Martin, K. Gaudion, G. Riseborough, S. Riseborough, C. Bolton, D. Sibley, A. Johnson, C. Riseborough, J. Wilson, J. Godwill, V. Gregoire, P. Measham, L. Pogmore.

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 2013 annual meeting of Victoria Cherry Association and called for apologies.

3. APOLOGIES

V. Vigliaturo, T. Rak, M. Rak, V. Leng, S. Boughey, M. Wynne, S. Pickworth, Y. Fames, R. Stanic, G. Bliss, A. Corbett, A. Smith, C. Turnbull, G. Sabire, M. Sabire.

4. MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

The minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting held on 26th October 2013 had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

MOVED: T. Jones
SECONDED: S. Chapman
MOTION: "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. K. Gaudion presented the 2013 Presidents Report which is included in the 2013 VCA Annual Report.

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

MOVED: K. Gaudion
SECONDED: M. Rouget
MOTION: "That the 2013 President's Report be accepted."
CARRIED

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. J. Wilson presented the 2013 VCA Secretary Report, which is included in the 2013 VCA Annual Report. The president called for questions regarding the Secretary report. There were no questions regarding the Secretary report.

MOVED: J. Wilson
SECONDED: S. Riseborough
MOTION: "That the 2013 Secretary's Report be accepted."
CARRIED

7. TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. J. Wilson, on behalf of the treasurer Mr. C Turnbull, presented the audited financial report for the year ending 30 September 2013. 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: A. Jones
SECONDED: T. Jones
MOTION: "That the 2013 Treasurer's Report be accepted."
CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The President declared all committee positions and the positions of president, vice-president and treasurer on the VCA Committee of Management vacant and requested the Secretary to conduct the election of office bearers.

The secretary called for nominations for the position of President.

8.1 President:

Alison Jones *Nominated by M. Rouget, seconded by S. Chapman.*
Elected.

A. Jones joined the podium as President Elect. She thanked the members for their endorsement and advised that she would set improved communication as an industry goal and she invited not to hesitate to make contact if they have an issue. K. Gaudion continued as chairman of the VCA AGM and requested the Secretary to conduct the election of the remaining office bearers.

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Vice -President.

8.2 Vice-President:

Michael Aumann *Nominated by A. Jones seconded by M. Rouget.*
Elected.

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Treasurer and confirmed that C. Turnbull his willingness to accept a nomination in abstentia.

8.3 Treasurer:

Christian Turnbull *Nominated by K. Gaudion seconded by M. Aumann*
Elected.

The Secretary called for nominations for the positions of Committee Members and confirmed that A. Smith and A. Corbett had advised their willingness to accept a nomination in abstentia. The Secretary advised that the VCA Articles of Association set the number of non-executive committee members at a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5).

8.4 Committee Members:

Andrew Smith *Nominated by M. Aumann seconded by G. Riseborough*
Elected
Michael Rouget *Nominated by M. Aumann seconded by G. Riseborough*
Elected
Stephen Chapman *Nominated by M. Aumann seconded by G. Riseborough*
Elected
Andrew Corbett *Nominated by M. Aumann seconded by G. Riseborough*
Elected
Glenn Riseborough *Nominated by S. Chapman seconded by T. Jones*
Elected

9. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

MOVED: S. Chapman
SECONDED: M. Aumann
MOTION: "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."

CARRIED

10. SETTING OF PRESIDENTS HONORARIUM

The Chairman called for discussion regarding the President's honorarium.

MOVED: M. Rouget
SECONDED: S. Chapman
MOTION: "That the honorarium for the President of the VCA for 2013/2014 be set at five thousand dollars (\$5000)."
CARRIED

11. VCA REPRESENTATIVE FOR HAL CHERRY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of VCA representative on the Horticulture Australia Limited Industry Advisory Committee. He further advised that A. Smith currently filled the role and had advised his willingness to accept a nomination in absentia.

Andrew Smith *Nominated by K. Gaudion seconded by F. Trow*
Stephen Riseborough *Nominated by T. Jones seconded by M. Rouget.*

The Chairman asked the Secretary to conduct a ballot. The ballot was duly conducted by a show of hands with only one representative of each member business entitled to vote.

Stephen Riseborough was elected as the VCA representative on the Horticulture Australia Limited Industry Advisory Committee.

12. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHERRY GROWERS OF AUSTRALIA EXECUTIVE

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of VCA representative on the Cherry Growers Australia Executive.

MOVED: M. Aumann
SECONDED: M. Rouget
MOTION: "That Alison Jones be appointed as the VCA representative on the Cherry Growers Australia Executive."
CARRIED

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOVED: C. Tuck
SECONDED: M. Rouget
MOTION: "That Metzke and Allen be appointed Auditors for the VCA for 2013-2014."
CARRIED

14. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE

The members discussed quanta of membership subscriptions.

MOVED: C. Tuck
SECONDED: M. Rouget
MOTION: "That VCA membership subscription rates be adjusted by the Victorian Consumer Price Index and then rounded up to the nearest ten dollars."
CARRIED

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 CGA Report

The members viewed the MS PowerPoint presentation provided by CGA.

15.2 Levy Update

The chairman provided an update on the levy review process.

15.3 Integrated Marketing Program *(Guest presentation)*

Guest Speaker, Louise Pogmore, made an informative presentation of the marketing work that is being done on behalf of the cherry industry.

15.4 Victorian Promotions

A. Jones provided an overview of the planned promotion for the 2013/14 season in Victoria.

15.5 Cherry Industry Development Program *(Guest presentation)*

Guest Speaker, Penny Measham, made an informative presentation of the research and development work that is being done on behalf of the cherry industry.

15.6 Cherry Harvest Trail Brochure

The Secretary advised that the Cherry Harvest Trail brochure is in the process of being distributed. Supplies of the brochures were available after the AGM for participating members.

15.7 VCA Website

The chairman advised that the VCA website is under review.

15.8 VCA Conference

The chairman advised that the 2014 VCA post-harvest conference is yet to be determined.

15.9 Season Outlook

Members were canvassed about the progress of the 2013/14 crop. The crop is patch and significantly down on 2012/13.

15.10 Export Working Group

M. Rouget and T. Jones provided members with an update of the progress of the Export Working Group.

16. CLOSE MEETING

The Chairman thanked all present for attending the VCA AGM and expressed gratitude to all who had given support during his year and president and then closed the meeting at 3.30 pm.