

**Minutes of the AGM of the Fungal Network of New Zealand held at the Golden Shears
Restaurant, Masterton, 7.45pm, 10 May 2007**

Present: David Orlovich (President), Peter Buchanan (Vice President), Petra White (Secretary), Paula Wilkie (Treasurer), Jerry Cooper (Councillor), Helen Bichan, Tod Ramsfield, Barbara Paulus, Susan Hansard, Patrick Leonard, Lynette Fischer, Ross Beaver, Julia Russell, Michael Pilkington, David Ratkowsky, Genevieve Gates, Shannan Mortimer, Chris Peterson, Jan Griffin, Fran Kell, Ross Muir, Pauline Muir, Shaun Pennycook, Aidan O'Donnell, Tegan Garland, Di Batchelor, Malcolm Greenway, Bill Fairweather, Innes Ritchie, Helen Greenep, Chris Orlovich. 32 people.

Apologies: Geoff Ridley, Peter Johnston, Shirley Kerr, Don Horne, Gwen Horne.

Minutes of the previous AGM: Moved as true and correct. Ross Muir/Innes Ritchie.

Matters Arising: None.

President's Report:

David Orlovich thanked all attendees at the fungal foray for making this such a rewarding and enjoyable foray. In particular the foray event co-ordinator, Barbara Paulus did a great job of all the organization, which is a huge task and one which has made the foray run smoothly. He also acknowledged the invaluable help of Paula Wilkie with accounts and registrations, and Di Batchelor for providing local support and facilitating generous support from the local community.

He acknowledged the large amount of work that Jerry Cooper has done on the TFBIS project to database the foray records. This has given a new focus and purpose to the foray, as evidenced by the sharp increase in the number of records over the last couple of years. Shaun Pennycook has done a wonderful job of keyboarding all the collections at the forays, and made great porridge too!

He thanked Clive Shirley and Barbara Paulus for maintenance of the FUNNZ website.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Paula Wilkie. She thanked Ross Muir for the recommendation of Bob Banks as auditor. Accounts moved to be accepted. Pat Leonard/Lynette Fischer.

Election of Officers:

It was moved that the existing councillors remain. Ross Beaver/ Tegan Garland:

President – David Orlovich
Vice President – Peter Buchanan
Treasurer – Paula Wilkie
Secretary – Petra White
Councillor – Geoff Ridley
Councillor – Jerry Cooper

Moved that Barbara Paulus elected to the council with a view of taking over the treasurer role next year. Helen Greenep/Fran Kell.

After a discussion it was decided that elections are for a 12 month term. Bob Banks was confirmed as

auditor.

Moved that Ross Beaver, David Orlovich, Paula Wilkie and Peter Buchanan be confirmed as signatories for the following year. Helen Bichan/Malcolm Greenway.

Moved that \$1000 petty cash be available for incidental expenditure during the year. Ross Beaver/Barbara Paulus.

General Business:

Membership of FUNNZ – David Orlovich explained that FUNNZ was applying for Charitable Trust status and that the existing scheme regarding subs was that members got a 10% discount on the Foray fee. It was confirmed by the meeting that this would continue to be the case for the next Foray.

Membership fee – It was moved that the subs be set at \$15 waged and \$10 unwaged. Lynette Fischer/Susan Hansard.

Location of next Foray – David Orlovich suggested there be a talk on the night of arrival regarding the Foray area and suggested sites to foray in, things to look for or focus on, etc. Suggestions for the next Foray included East Cape, Waikato (Pirongia Lodge), Manawatu and Dunedin. It was left to the Council to determine the location. After a discussion it was decided that the five day Foray was not too long and that people were happy with the Colloquium being held in the middle of the week.

Honorary Life Membership – The following motion was moved (Ross Beaver/Jerry Cooper):

- 1 That the Society (FUNNZ) establish a special class of membership to be called Honorary Life Member.
- 2 Election to Honorary Life Membership shall recognise significant and substantial contributions to field mycology in New Zealand and/or to FUNNZ over a number of years.
- 3 Nominations of Honorary Life Membership shall be tabled at a general meeting of the Society by a nominator and seconder and voted on by members.
- 4 Membership fees of Honorary Life Membership shall be waived.

Honorary Life Membership Nominations:

Moved that Peter Buchanan be a Honorary Life Member for promoting publicity for fungi. Ross Beaver/ Shaun Pennycook.

Moved that Egon Horak be a Honorary Life Member. His knowledge and keys are invaluable for our forays. Shaun Pennycook/Ross Beaver.

Moved that Don Horne be a Honorary Life Member for taking all the group photos, publishing books and highlighting fungi through photography. Ross Beaver/Peter Buchanan.

The President will write a letter to recipients of Honorary Life Membership.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.