

**Minutes of the AGM of the Fungal Network of New Zealand held at the Riverton RSA,
7.15pm, 9 May 2012**

Present: David Orlovich (President), Peter Buchanan (Vice President), Petra White (Secretary), Bevan Weir (Treasurer – via Skype), Shirley Kerr (Councillor), Jerry Cooper (Councillor), Lawre Taylor, Peter Johnston, Maj Padamsee, Nitish Anand, Shaun Pennycook, Max Crowe, Andy Nilsen, Toni Atkinson, Roy Halling, Stuart Bell, Suli Teasdale, Tom Davies, Peter Riddick, Jan Riddick. 20 people.

Apologies: Paula Wilkie (Councillor), Wanda Daly, Karen Hocksbergen, Eric McKenzie, Ian Hall, Don and Gwen Horne.

Minutes of the previous AGM: Moved as true and correct subject to some spelling changes. Lawre Taylor / Maj Padamsee.

Matters Arising: Lawre Taylor asked whether we had advertised forays with Botanical Societies and Forest and Bird. We had not but it was thought to be a good suggestion (e.g. F&B's E-letter).

President's Report: Presented by David. He said this foray was low in numbers due to the late organising of it. He thanked Bevan for all the work he did despite having a new child to look after. He thanked other committee members for their work during the year.

Treasurer's report: Presented by David Orlovich reading via Skype with Bevan Weir answering questions. This was Bevan's first year as Treasurer, and unfortunately he underestimated the complexity of the accounting system, so full audited accounts were not yet available. He apologised that he didn't get it ready for this meeting. The previous Treasurer started the move of FUNNZ accounts from ASB to KiwiBank. This has been very successful and the payment approval system works well. Asking that people pay their fees prior to the foray has also worked very well and he thought this practice should be compulsory except for extenuating circumstances such as international visitors. He has moved all of the account documents to a secure dropbox folder, so that council members can get instant updates and collaborate on documents. This worked well for the 2012 Foray. The FUNNZ accounts as 28 February 2012 stand at \$12,242.77 in the KiwiBank cheque account. Accounts to be audited by Bob Banks next week.

Moved that the accounts be accepted. Lawre Taylor/Jerry Cooper.

Election of Officers: All the previous committee all agreed to stand again and no election was needed. Moved Tom Davies/Peter Buchanan that the current committee be accepted for a second year:

President – David Orlovich
Vice President – Peter Buchanan
Treasurer – Bevan Weir
Secretary – Petra White
Councillor – Jerry Cooper
Councillor – Paula Wilkie
Councillor – Shirley Kerr

Auditor/Reviewer: Shirley said that Bob Banks, the current auditor, is old and retired and suggested that we get a new auditor for next year.

Moved that the committee review and accept the auditor's (Bob Banks) reviewing of the accounts. Shaun Pennycook/Maj Padamsee.

Moved that the Council be authorised to find another reviewer before the next AGM. Lawre Taylor/Max Crowe.

Moved that Bob Banks be authorised as Reviewer in the meantime. Shirley Kerr/Peter Buchanan.

Webmaster's Report: Presented by David Orlovitch reading via Skype with Bevan Weir answering questions. Last year at the AGM Bevan was given the mandate to investigate options for a new FUNNZ website. He did so and on approval of the council moved to a new webhost and rebuilt the website. The new webhost is openhost.co.nz with an annual cost of \$96.46. This has given us complete independence from Landcare Research, which has allowed Bevan to build a new website using the "Drupal" content management system. Practically this means that the website uses modern technology, is much easier to update, and all FUNNZ members can contribute through a login system. From 1 Jan 2012 to 30 April 2012, we had 737 unique visitors and 3226 page views. The website has 15 users signed up. Our Facebook page has 60 "likes". He welcomes any feedback on the website and has already made many changes based on feedback. One major task yet to be completed is moving the collections database online.

There was a round of applause for Bevan's work on the website.

General Business:

Interaction of Schools – Peter Buchanan suggested we could do something with schools during a foray.

Location of next Foray – Peter Buchanan suggested Northland and East Cape for the next foray. Shirley Kerr said Matawai was a good option; she went there on the bryophyte workshop. It is half way between Opotiki and East Cape.

Moved that the Council be given power to get on with deciding where the next foray was to be held. Lawre Taylor/Toni Atkinson.

Moved that the Council take account of climate and local knowledge in deciding on foray timing. Toni Atkinson/Tom Davies.

Location of 28th Fungal Foray – There was some discussion of the 2014 Foray. Kaikoura was suggested last year. This needs to be looked at 2 years in advance.

Moved that Council investigate holding the 2014 foray in Kaikoura. Jerry Cooper/ Toni Atkinson.

Fungimap – Peter Buchanan suggested we stage a joint FUNNZ/Fungimap foray. He also suggested staging workshops as Fungimap do (we have done this in the past on occasion).

New people – Shirley Kerr suggested we need to offer help to new people who do not have the experience of others (fungi identification, etc.).

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.