

LandWISE 2017 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Opened

2:30 PM Wednesday 24 May 2017

Havelock North Function Centre

Present

In person

John Evans – Chair

Dereck Ferguson, Matthew Flowerday, Mike Flynn, Neville Gillespie, Gary Graham, Dean Griffin, Allister Holmes, Adrian Hunt, Andrew Hutchinson, Kenneth Irons, Adam Jory, Oliver Knowles, Chris Lamert, Taylor Leabourn, Bridget Margerison, Gordon McPhail, Sarah Newton, Tom Nicolle, Nick Pollock, Nick Reed, Peter Schaare, Bruce Searle, John Seymour, Shane Smith, Kai Tegels, John van der Linden, Simon Wilcox, Scott Wilcox, Blair Wilcox, Roger Williams, Shane Wood, Stephen Wrigley, Anna Anderson, Jeff Cooke, Graeme Jackson, Brian Ward, Josh Harlen, Chris Thorman, Fenton Hazelwood, Mark Redshaw, Brendan Powell, James Powrie

In attendance: Dan Bloomer (LandWISE Manager) plus other conference delegates

Matters resolved

All items for resolution had been circulated by email to all financial members.

1. New Chair

John Evans was introduced as the new LandWISE Board Chair and gave a brief summary of his farming activities. He had previously been introduced in the LandWISE Newsletter.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes from the 2016 Special General Meeting had been circulated and were taken as read. A brief synopsis was given.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record (Brendan Powell/Bruce Searle Passed: Unanimous)

3. Annual accounts

The Accountant's report and outcome of 2016 review of accounts were summarised. It was noted that an extensive checking of previous years' accounts found to include an accrual error that rolled through several years unnoticed. This was corrected for the 2017 accounts. The cash transactions and GST etc. have always been correct.

The 2017 accounts showed a small profit.

Motion: That the annual accounts and accountant's report be accepted. (Mark Burgess/Simon Wilcox Passed: Unanimous)

4. Review of Board and Constitution

Board size and structure

The Board has been discussing its size and structure for some years. In early 2017 it was resolved to put a motion to the membership at the AGM to reduce the size. It was felt that LandWISE should remain farmer focused and to that end the Board should have a majority of active farmer members.

Accordingly a motion was drafted and circulated to the membership in early May via the LandWISE newsletter.

Motion: That the Board reduce to five members with at least three Board members being practising farmers or growers. (Mark Burgess/Bruce Searle Passed: Unanimous)

Constitution

On the passing of the motion to change the Board size and structure a further motion was put to enable the Constitutional changes required.

Motion: That the Membership grant authority to the Board to negotiate with the Companies Office (Societies) such changes to the constitution as are required to effect the change in Board structure. (Mark Burgess/Bruce Searle Passed: Unanimous)

While it was being revised, it was deemed timely to review other aspects, correct numberings, clarify membership and more explicitly recognise the significance of agri-technologies as a key area of focus. The proposed revisions had previously been circulated to members via the newsletter and were available on the LandWISE Website.

Motion: That the Membership grant authority to the Board to negotiate with the Companies Office (Societies) such other changes to the constitution as proposed in the circulated Revised Constitution. (Mark Burgess/Bruce Searle Passed: Unanimous)

5. New Board members elected

The proposed Constitution sets Board composition as at least three (3) active farmers and up to two others with a total of five (5) members.

John Evans, Simon Wilcox and John van der Linden (the three practising farmers) and Mark Burgess are within their elected three year terms and remain as Board members.

Paul Munro, Bruce Searle, Brendan Powell, Mark Redshaw, Andrew Dawson stated their wish to stand down. Stuart Dykes had a change of circumstance and did not take up his appointment after the 2016 SGM.

One position was vacant.

Nominees

Only one nomination had been received prior to the AGM which duly filled the vacancy

Motion: That Oliver Knowles (Ballance AgriNutrients) be confirmed as elected to the Board. (Mark Redshaw/Matt Flowerday Passed: Unanimous)

6. Annual subscriptions set

The new Board will need to consider subscriptions as part of funding extended LandWISE roles. Subscriptions for 2017-2018 are now due. Note that the SGM determined we will no longer offer one free membership per organisation when two or more people belong.

Motion: That membership be \$100 per member for the July 2017 - June 2018 subscription year. (Mark Burgess/Bruce Searle Passed: Unanimous)

Manager's Report

Dan gave a summary of LandWISE activities during the year including major projects, his involvement with PAANZ, Sprout and SPAA, Hugh Ritchie's presentation to SPAA and Dan's study trip to Australia and Europe (not funded by LandWISE).

Meeting Closed

3:00 PM Wednesday 24 May 2017