

Minutes

Northern Region AGM 2024

Held on 25th May 2024 at the Enchanted Café, Tirau.

Present: Neil & Kerri Campbell, Bruce & Denise Taplin, Frith Latham, Lyn & Alan Skilling, Brenda Lowen, Brenda & Ivor Gainsford, Quentin Smith (Guest)

Apologies: Kerry & Donna Tannion, Heather Hobman & Murray Jackson, Mark & Mary-Ann Pruden, Grant Latham, Sue Richards,

- **Approval of minutes of 2023 AGM:**

Proposed: That the minutes be taken as a true and correct record: **Denise Taplin**

Seconded: **Lyn Skilling**

- **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Discussion was held regarding the role of the regional committees and regional reps with the regional reps now being seen more as a conduit between regions and the National council than as they were initially set up purely to even up the geographical content of the National Council. With the shortage of volunteers to take up the regional role's members present tended to think that the regional rep should not be precluded from being on the regional committee. The opportunity is there to change this in the new constitution being developed. The option to have online meetings was also discussed as distance to travel could make it difficult for some members to attend. It was felt that for online meetings to work well there was a need for the membership to be made aware of online meeting etiquette.

President's report: Presented verbally by Alan Skilling, who resigned part way through the year. He advised that nothing happened through the year due to the lack of committee members.

Further discussion by those present confirmed that more planned activities and social events were required to encourage new members. More use could also be made of regional educators and experienced members. It was strongly felt that Northern Region needed to influence members to utilise their fleeces and provide education and opportunities to enable members to sell their fleece. Bruce advised that to enable this to happen National Council would be looking to simplify the budgeting information requirements to assist regional committees to access finance

to make it easier to have events/ workshops/ social get togethers.

- **Financial report:**

Proposed: That the Financial Report be accepted as a true and correct record with the understanding that there could be a change to the amount of capitation received if there is a discrepancy in the number of Northern Region members calculated.

Proposed: Bruce Taplin

Seconded: Frith Latham

Correspondence: None received

- **Election of NR Committee members:**

No members have been nominated. A further meeting has been arranged by those present to enable further discussion.

- **General Business:**

Lyn & Alan Skilling brought up the option of the Northern Region purchasing portable pens for use at events/ workshops/ shows rather than hiring pens. They had sourced some – 2.2w x 1.1h with vertical bars for \$56 + Gst discounted for purchase of more than 20.

Alan is to come back after further research regarding transportation and storage of the gates

A further meeting is to be held at the home of Brenda Lowen, 5/957 Taotaoroa Road, Karapiro at 11am on Sunday 16th June to further discuss forming of a new Northern Region Committee to include some members that were unable to be present at the AGM. Those attending please bring a plate of finger friendly food for lunch.

Meeting Closed at 3.15pm