

NZ Macadamia Society AGM 2015-06-21

Held at Ruakaka Surf Club

11.30

PRESENT

ColinMcLeod,Duncan&Bev Worthington,Carl&Storm Murphy,David & ,Christina Clee,Tom & Sylvienne McClelland, Virginia Warren,Tony & Dianne Nichols, Robert & Mark Jan,John Bronx,Ilko& Elle Scheepens,Donna Hardie,Richard Ward, Jacqui McGrath,

APPLOGIES

Nick & Jan King,Jeff Cleghorn,Susan Burgess,Vanessa Hayes,Sue Vouse,Graeme Dempsey, Sue Gallagher, Ian Ferguson

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes distributed at the meeting and read out by David.

Accepted by the meeting as true and correct

Moved Sylvienne/Jacqui

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Matters arising

No matters arising

Correspondence

Bev Worthington has been fielding phone call inquiries as she was still on the website which has been corrected.

Correspondence out

Nil

Presidents Report

It's been very quiet following last years meeting, but the exec are moving forward and very excited about the possibilities raised by Jenny's research into the GVB parasitic wasp. Whether we have a society to move forward depends on the reaction of those present to Jenny's research so far and her presentation to the meeting

Moved David/Virginia

Treasures Report

Presented to the meeting by Colin Macleod

Accepted by the meeting

Moved tom/Donna

Area rep reports

We don't have any area reps at the moment, but Bev and Duncan Worthington are going to have a field day at there property in Whangarei.

Website

Sylvienne was thanked for all the work she put into the website.

Carl is working on the website as the technology is very outdated and the support is, in Denmark he has been struggling with communicating with them so is going to get back to us with a quote from other companies if he doesn't have any joy with the current one.

There were heated discussions on whether the website should have a members only section for research with all other areas open to the public. But no motion was tabled. A motion was passed for Carl to decide which website company would be more efficient.

Moved Jacqui/Virginia

Election of officers

Currently elected officers offered to stand again if the mood of the meeting was to remain a society and move forward. Discussion demonstrated that to be the mood of the society. All present wished for the society to move forward.

There were no nominations added to the current members

President David Clee

Treasurer Colin McLeod

Secretary Jacqui McGrath

Member at large for the website Carl Murphy

General business

Jenny Dymock presented a very interesting insight into the parasitic wasp and is going to send a proposal to the society as to what her next research step will be. She believes the next practical step would be to capture wasps, which is most likely to be successful in late summer and autumn, then transfer the wasps to a spray free orchard i.e. an environment with plentiful GVB, to see if the wasp increase in numbers there. If the wasp was successful that would raise the prospect of further harvesting of the wasp and transfer to other sites. There was nothing more to report on the Guava moth except for a neem oil experiment that is very labour intensive.

Bev proposed a motion that we will make available to Jenny up to \$10,000.00 for the years research

2nd Tom

Sylvienne discussed her milk bottle trap to collect and monitor the Guava moth.

Membership fees were discussed and a motion was moved that the fees would stay the same but we will offer a \$30 early payment discount. Which would extend to two months after the invoice went out.

Tom/Carl

Mac Acc

David brought up the matter of Mac Acc. For the information of those present who were not familiar with the Macadamia Accreditation programme he pointed out that the society had learned several years ago that the MPI was going to set rules for all areas of primary production. It had been made clear that the MPI would prefer to follow established guidelines from each association, but in the absence of such guidelines would set its own rules. Previous execs had done a great deal of work and had produced the Mac Acc. David felt it was only a matter of time until the MPI got round to us and that we should be prepared.

Carl stated MPI had recently approached Top Notch to work on these matters
Carl is going to put the Mac Acc information on the website.

Guest Jenny Dymock was asked to remain after her presentation about the current status of the GVB parasitic wasp

The meeting closed at 2.30