

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Moths and Butterflies of NZ Trust
to be held on Sunday, 22 March, 1.30pm, at 3 Morpeth Place and on line**

Present: Anthony Appleton-Tattersall, Amanda Barber, Karen Belt, Fiona Camberun, Allison Croft (Nelson), Helen Goile, Corin Haines, Alison Harwood, Catherine Hatfield, Mary Hayek-Williams, Jacqui Knight, Marilyn Little, Vanessa McDonald, Maurice Mehlhopt (chair), Francois Meyer, Lynda Mountfort, Dianne Rice, Hugh Smith, Carol Stensness and Margaret Topzand.

Appointment of Chair for the meeting

It was agreed that Maurice would chair the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Jan Abernethy, Stan Baker, Lynn Cadenhead, Peter Davidson, Kim Dolman, Chris Horne, Terry Knight, Olwen Mason, Carlene McLean, Francois Meyer, Lynda Mountfort, Ron and Mary Pincott, Val Pollard, Janice Swanwick, Raewyn Vogel and Lorna Webb. It was MOVED Maurice and SECONDED Hugh that these be accepted. CARRIED

2. Minutes of AGM, Sunday, 17 March 2019

The minutes had been circulated as well as posted on the Trust's website. It was MOVED Carol and SECONDED Maurice that these be taken as read. CARRIED
Maurice MOVED that they be taken as a true and correct record. Carol SECONDED CARRIED

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Trustees' Report

The report from the trustees for the last year's activities had been on the website and it was MOVED Hugh SECONDED Corin that it be taken as read. CARRIED
It was MOVED Corin SECONDED Hugh that it be accepted. CARRIED

5. Forest Ringlet Project Update

This report had been on the website and it was MOVED Hugh SECONDED Corin that it be taken as read.
A grant from Lotto had made this project possible. Hugh mentioned that because the permits had been late in coming, and the season had been extremely poor, that the MBNZT was approaching the Department of Affairs (Lottery) for an extension so that the project would run into a second summer.
It was MOVED Hugh SECONDED Corin that the report be accepted. CARRIED

6. Audited Accounts for 2018-19

The financial accounts were posted on the Trust's website. It was MOVED Corin SECONDED Marilyn that these be taken as read. CARRIED
There was no discussion. It was MOVED Marilyn SECONDED Alison that they be accepted. CARRIED

7. Auditor's Report

The report had also been posted on the Trust's website. It was MOVED Marilyn SECONDED Carol that it be taken as read. CARRIED
It was MOVED Corin SECONDED Carol that the auditor's report be accepted. CARRIED

8. Budget for 2020-21

The budget for the next financial year, beginning in July 2020, was on the website. It was MOVED Corin SECONDED Maurice that it be accepted. CARRIED

9. Annual Subscriptions for 2020-21

The trustees had decided that there should be no increase in subscriptions as they had been increased in the previous financial year. The subscriptions were \$35 for those who want to read their magazine on line, and \$45 for those who receive the magazine in the mail. Maurice pointed out that there had been

discussion over the year about eliminating the printed edition but it had been agreed that at this point in time we would retain the print version.

It was MOVED Dianne SECONDED Alison that these be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Election of Members of the Board

According to the Trust Deed the two longest serving trustees would retire each year and they were Maurice Mehlhopt and Hugh Smith. Both had offered to stand for another term.

Jacqui MOVED that Maurice and Hugh be reappointed to the Board. This was SECONDED by Corin. CARRIED

Maurice added that the Board is keen to have wider representation and greater diversity in the team, and anyone who wanted to discuss this opportunity should contact him by email.

11. Reappointment of Secretary

Jacqui has been serving as our secretary since the inception of the trust in 2005, and lately our Community Liaison Facilitator. Maurice moved a vote of thanks and also MOVED her reappointment. SECONDED Marilyn. CARRIED

12. Reappointment of Treasurer

Carol Stensness had been serving as treasurer for over ten years and did an amazing job as well as great support for Jacqui. Maurice MOVED her reappointment. SECONDED Jacqui. CARRIED

13. Reappointment of Legal Advisor

Maurice MOVED the reappointment of Richard Wood as our legal advisor. SECONDED Jacqui. CARRIED

14. Reappointment of Auditor

Our financial accounts are audited by Hartnell Grond in Kaitaia. This is a legal requirement under our trust deed. This firm has provided excellent service at a competitive cost for some years. Maurice MOVED their reappointment. SECONDED Anthony. CARRIED

15. General Business

Allison was concerned at how much damage was being done by wasps to the monarch population in her garden. Jacqui explained that the social wasps throughout the summer harvested protein (monarch eggs and larvae) to feed the juvenile wasps. However, the juvenile wasps should soon be old enough to feed themselves and at that point all of the social wasps would change to a diet of nectar – at which point it should be possible to get another generation of monarchs through before the weather got too cold and the day length too short.

Helen added that she takes monarch eggs inside to protect them from the wasps. Jacqui commented that the Facebook group had been set up by the MBNZT for people who had too many or no caterpillars, so they could make contact with others in a reverse situation nearby.

Dianne said that on the Kapiti Coast the wasps were no longer harvesting the monarch caterpillars. She also mentioned that Neighbourly is a very good network for people wanting to adopt caterpillars or looking for swan plants.

16. Vote of Thanks

Maurice moved a vote of thanks to those people who had brought the AGM together today – and especially those in Wellington who worked hard to bring the meeting to Wellington. He added that it was a shame that the real meeting had had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 but we were hopeful things would have returned to normal next year.

Jacqui has promised to share her presentation in Wellington in the near future. The support of our members is much appreciated and also that of our sponsors who have helped us over the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 2.03pm.