

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Moths and Butterflies
of NZ Trust held on Sunday, 20 March, 1.30pm, on-line

Present: Noel Austin, Mark Bateman, Carol Dennis, Mary Grant, Jacqui Knight (Secretary), Elayne Martin, Maurice Mehlhopt (Chair), Angela Moon-Jones, Margaret Newcombe, Kathy Prentice, Janet Pribble, Pete Sebborn, Heather Shingles, Hugh Smith, Carol Stensness and Martin Visser.

and observers: Sara Dykman, Susan Ham, Aashna Rahi, and Bridget Velvin.

Apologies

These were received from Claire Bibby, Kathryn McIntyre, Val Pollard, Margaret Topzand and Chrissie Ward. It was MOVED Margaret Newcombe SECONDED Angela Moon-Jones that the apologies be accepted. CARRIED

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These have been circulated and had also been posted on the website. It was MOVED Heather Shingles SECONDED Margaret Newcombe that they be taken as read and a true and correct record. CARRIED

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Trustees' Report

The Trustees' Report has been on the website and so you should have had an opportunity to review this. It was MOVED Heather Shingles SECONDED Margaret Newcombe that it be accepted. CARRIED

There was no discussion. Some members stated that they would read it after the meeting.

Forest Ringlet Project Update

Hugh commented that it was a year full of frustration trying to locate the butterfly in his area whether it be COVID, predators, although we had limited success. But there was an opportunity to take one pupa through to maturity. It was MOVED Margaret Newcombe SECONDED Heather Shingles that the Forest Ringlet Project Update be accepted. CARRIED

Audited Accounts for 2020-21

The accounts for the previous financial year had been on the website and it was MOVED Janet Pribble SECONDED Mark Bateman that these be accepted. CARRIED

Auditor's Report

It was MOVED Heather Shingles SECONDED Mark Bateman that this be accepted. CARRIED
There was no discussion.

Budget for 2022-23

The budget had been on the website for some weeks and it was MOVED Martin Visser SECONDED Mark Bateman that it be accepted. CARRIED

Annual Subscriptions for 2022-23

The trustees had decided that there was no need to increase the subscriptions at this time.

Election of Members of the Board

It was MOVED Jacqui Knight SECONDED Martin Visser that Hugh Smith and Maurice Mehlhopt be reappointed as trustees CARRIED

The Chairman reminded members that the Board is always open to have wider representation and greater diversity in the team, and that anyone interested could contact Jacqui or himself.

Reappointment of Secretary

It was MOVED Margaret Newcombe SECONDED Martin Visser that Jacqui be reappointed Secretary.

CARRIED

She was thanked for her good work in steering the MBNZT and ensuring projects were in the best interests of the mission and vision.

Reappointment of Treasurer

It was MOVED Angela Moon-Jones SECONDED Jacqui Knight that Carol be reappointed Treasurer. CARRIED

The Chairman mentioned the thorough and efficient work done by Carol, and her efforts were a credit to the organisation.

Reappointment of Legal Advisor

It was MOVED Jacqui Knight SECONDED Martin Visser that Richard Wood be reappointed as our legal advisor.

CARRIED

The Chairman commented that it was important to have a legal advisor in the team although he had not been required to give any legal advice throughout the years.

Reappointment of Auditor

The Chairman mentioned that it was a legal requirement under our trust deed to have our books audited each year. Hartnell Grond in Kaitia had provided an excellent service at a competitive cost. It was MOVED Carol Stensness SECONDED Martin Visser that Hartnell Grond be reappointed as our auditors. CARRIED

General Business

Angela Moon-Jones spoke about the Copper Butterfly Project. The MBNZT trustees had previously resolved that the MBNZT endorses the project, as described by Angela Moon-Jones, in principle, and will support her efforts to raise funds to complete the analysis to create a DNA genealogical tree of the NZ copper butterfly fauna to resolve the ongoing confusion over species.

Vote of Thanks

In closing, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to those people who brought the AGM together today, as well as to those who had attended. As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 1.56pm.

A presentation from Sara Dykman followed.