

NZPPI
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 2023
28.03.2023, Online via Zoom

WELCOME

Meeting opened at 1.30pm

C Scott presented an opening address and welcomed members.

Present - Online (14 Members)

Cliff Scott, ((Growing Spectrum) **Chair**), Matthew Dolan (CE), Hayley Young (minutes), Kirsty Fyfe (NZPPI) Mark Wilson (Lifetech Laboratories), Daniel Mahony (Waimea), Marie Taylor (Plant Hawke's Bay), Kara Beaumont (Ardmore), Lana Hope (Native Garden Nursery) Mark McRae (Container Nurseries), Sis Johnston (The Gorge Nursery), Les Anstis (Naturally Native), Andrew Tayler (Rainbow Park), Geoff Thorpe (Riversun), Nick Hoskins (Riversun), John Perry (Southern Woods), Stephen Burton (Annton), Peter Tayler (Life Member)

It is noted that the notice period required for an SGM is 14 days. The SGM notice and remits were presented to Members on 15th March, which is 13 days of notice. It is noted this shorter notice period is outside the Constitution. This will be addressed at the start of the meeting.

Proxies held by the chair – Cliff Scott

- *Tony Ho – Full Bloom Nursery*
- *Matthew Bailey – Kings Plant Barn*
- *Grant Williams – Palm Garden*
- *Anthony Washington – The little big tree company*
- *Mike Cato- Icon Trees*

Proxies held by Marie Taylor

- *Heath Worsfold – Rural Design*

The quorum of 20 plant producer members is reached.

Constitutional Changes

The Chair states the business to be dealt with today is restricted to the proposals presented in the meeting notice.

Remits will be passed by a majority vote, as confirmed by the Chair.

Meeting notice timeframe:

Chair: Move to propose that we continue with the meeting, noting that the notice period was 13 days.

Second: Sis Johnston

- Les Anstis opposes the continuation of the meeting, stating that it is unconstitutional.
- M Dolan explains that NZPPI has sought legal advice and the lawyer made it clear that if it is presented, and voted upon that the members wish to go ahead by a majority vote, it is still able to proceed.
- **Vote** by show of hands to continue the meeting.

Clear majority in voting to proceed on 13-day discrepancy (versus 14 days)

CARRIED.

Resolution One:

Chair: *"I move that resolution one: **That the proposed changes to Classes of Members (4.2) and Board Composition (10.1) are adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Second: Marie Taylor

- S Johnston asks the motive behind realigning the sectors.
- M Dolan explains that it comes from feedback, and from the desire to create more evenly sized sectors.
- S Johnston questions if NZPPI can see any downfalls in the process.
- L Anstis has a problem with the structure, potentially setting the Board up to be taken over by one person. Questions the risks to NZPPI. Saying that vacancies on the board would mean the chair could appoint two people and have control by having hung votes but as the chair they have the casting vote.
- L Anstis is challenged by S Johnston saying that the whole constitution is set up to benefit large players anyway.
- Lana Hope questions whether the re grouping of sectors would mean that revegetation could be represented by forestry.
- M Dolan explains that it is a possibility, but it still requires a nomination and a vote.

Accept the motion – SHOW OF HANDS 18 **FOR** (including proxies)

CARRIED.

Resolution Two:

Chair: *"I move that resolution two: **That the proposed changes to Membership (5.3) are adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Seconder: Peter Tayler

Accept the motion – 19 votes **FOR** (including Proxies)

CARRIED

Resolution Three:

Chair: *"I move that resolution three: **That the proposed changes to Membership (8.1) & (8.1 a) are adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Seconder: Sis Johnston

- Geoff Thorpe states that this could enable people to still vote in AGM if they have already paid their fees.
- M Dolan states that this resolution is to just put a stake in the ground to have a clear beginning and end for membership processes
- G Thorpe states that the solution seems to be making things more complex, G Thorpe requests an amendment on the proposal; membership ceases as soon as resignation note is received, and any membership fees received will not be refunded.
- C Scott states that due to the nature of the SGM there will be no amendments to resolutions.
- Les Anstis argues that due process requires a vote on the amendment.
- C Scott says that there may be other implications to the amendment

Resolution WITHDRAWN

Resolution Four:

Chair: *"I move that resolution four: **That the proposed changes to: a. Remuneration (10.4) is adopted. b. Transitional Board (11) is adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Seconder: Peter Tayler

Accept the motion – 19 votes **FOR** (including Proxies)

CARRIED.

Resolution Five:

Chair: *"I move that resolution five: **That the proposed changes to: a. Election of Sector Board Members and Elected Producer Members (12. c) are adopted. b. Subscriptions (35) are adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Seconder: Marie Taylor

Accept the motion – 18 votes **FOR** (including Proxies)

CARRIED.

Resolution Six:

Chair: *"I move that resolution six: **That the proposed changes to (43), (44) & (49) are adopted.** Do we have a seconder?"*

Seconder: Daniel Mahony

- ***It is noted by Steve Burton here, that there is a spelling error in dissolutions should be 'objectives' not 'objects'.***

Accept the motion – 18 votes **FOR** (including Proxies)

CARRIED.

Meeting closed at 2.31 pm.

Minutes signed as a true and correct record:

Chair: _____

Date: _____