

Minutes of the NAAE Biennial General Meeting 14th Jan 2010

Meeting opened at 8.20am.

Present and Apologies – as per the attendance book.

1. Roll call of states

QLD - Y	NSW - N	Vic - Y
Tas - N	SA - Y	WA - N
NT - N	ACT - Y	

2. Minutes of the last BGM were read and confirmed

Moved – Tony Heading

Seconded – Graham Harris

3. Business Arising from the minutes

- Ready ration Software – Followed up by Carolyn Johnson
- California trip – looking promising.

4. Correspondence – inwards

- 14/5/08 – Ben Hubbard (Julia Gillard's office) – informing us of the establishment of Skills Australia.
- 26/08/08 – Elissa Savage – (Consumer and Business Affairs) – advising of forms for the registration of NAAE.
- 30/03/09 – Linsay McNeill – advising AEAWA is now defunct, but he is happy to act as a point of contact.
- 02/04/09 – Quote from BizBoost for website options

Correspondence –outwards

- 29/02/08 – Letter to Julia Gillard re concern about increasing shortages of personnel with Ag skills and qualifications.
- 29/12/08 – Tony Burke (Min for Ag. Fish and Forestry) – re support for PIEF

Correspondence – inward and outward correspondence endorsed

Moved – Tony Heading

Seconded – Anthony Jokantas

5. Business Arising From Correspondence - Nil.

6. President's Report – see attached

7. Treasurers Report – see attached.

8. State Reports

NSW - see attached

SA – see attached

Vic - see attached

Qld

9. **Election Of Office Bearers** – all positions were declared vacant and Anthony Jokantus acted as chair.

- President – **Nigel Grant** – Nom. Phil Roberts / Sec. Caroline Johnson
- Vice-President – **Graham Harris** – Nom. Tony Butler / Sec. Nicolette Westerhof
- Secretary – John Agnew – Nom. Caroline Johnson / Sec. Carl Chirgwin
- Treasurer – Phil Roberts – Nom. Jok Jokantus / Sec. May Darwin
- Publications Officer – Carl Chirgwin – Nom. Jok Jokantus / Sec. Nicolette Westerhof.

10. General Business

- Signing of cheques for NAAE – Proposed that the principal of Coomandook A.S. (Lesley Murray) be the 2nd signatory on NAAE cheques for the term of Phil's tenure. Moved – Phil Roberts Sec – May Darwin.
- Concern from Tony Butler – NSW about our lack of direct representation on the PIEF Board. “ That NAAE proceed to establish an ‘Ex Officio’ position on the PIEF board for the current NAAE president or his/her representative” Moved Tony Butler / Seconded Carl Chirgwin Passed
- The PIEF Workshop on Feb 25 – 26 was discussed and attendance encouraged.
- Carl Chirgwin stated that the proceedings of the conference will be published on a disk.
- Proposed that we accept the quote from BizBoost to update the website such that we can continually update it ourselves.
- Rowland Clarke – Proposed that we explore linkages with the UK association – Bill Graham to assist with this.
- Andrew Thompson – extended an invitation to attendees to the NZ HATA conference in April 2011 (April 18th – April 21st in Telford)
- Proposed that Andrew Thompson on behalf of HATA investigates the feasibility of a joint National Conference involving Australia and NZ for 2014. (A NZ delegation would bring a proposal to our 2012 conference for discussion and possible approval)
- That the next conference be held in SA in 2012.
- Moved that the executive produce a position paper of the place of Agriculture in the National Curriculum. Moved Lorraine Tran / Sec Phil Roberts Passed