

# Franklin Beekeepers Club

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 April 2017 at the Cowshed Apiary

Meeting opened 10:45am

**Present:** There were 64 people present

**Apologies:** Tony Hamblyn, Don MacLeod, Marion Jones, Bernadine Vester, Julie Ashford

**Minutes of the last meeting:** These were read by Graham Dyche and passed as a true record of the previous meeting.

Moved: Martyn Brown

Seconded: Dianne Maber      **Passed**

### Matters Arising:

Graham Dyche spoke about a meeting with Wesley College's Ross Taylor, Barry Shuker and Chris Johnston. FBC were represented by Graham, Greg Harrington and Joan Leitch.

We were told that the special housing area programme has meant the development has progressed faster than expected. This means that we will only have another 6-18 months tenancy in the cow shed premises until we need to find a new venue.

Graham mentioned that it was a shame we have only been able to have 4 seasons of use from the honey room. However, he said that Wesley had been very generous, allowing us to use the facility rent-free.

There are some alternative sites on Sim Rd, and the new committee would be entrusted to explore the options. No information is yet available on a permanent site in the subdivision.

### President's Report

Graham Dyche gave his farewell report, outlining the activities of the year and talking about the changes to the club in his 4 year term as President. This was accepted (Greg Harrington/Katharina Muller)      Passed.

### Hivemaster's Report

Graham Dyche gave a Hivemasters Report. This year has been a poor one for honey, but the hives are doing well both at the cowshed and Sim Rd apiary sites.      Accepted (Peter Maber/ Peter Smith)

### Treasurer's Report

Kate Jackson read her report. The club is in a healthy financial position, with a closing balance of \$15,827.36.

This year's expenses included another extractor and software for managing membership. There were queries about jars, and it was explained that this was a timing issue. The printing costs were for posters and banners, used for displays. The report was accepted.      (Joan Leitch/Martyn Brown).

## **Election of Officers**

Graham Dyché turned the meeting over to Greg Harrington. Greg mentioned that to vote, or be elected, you must be a current financial member. The following appointments were made, with no challenges:

President:	Greg Harrington	(Andrew Daken)
Vice President:	Sue Tetley	
Secretary:	Joan Leitch	
Treasurer:	Kate Jackson	
Hivemaster:	Martyn Brown	(Greg Harrington/Ross Jackson)
Committee:	Victoria Fray	
	Grant Tetley	
	Julie Ashford	
	Andrew Daken	
	Tania Brown	
	Ross Jackson	

Greg put out a plea to club members to help with this transition. Bob Kitcher, Peter Schloots and Grant Kennerley offered their assistance.

## **General Business**

There was much discussion about the impending move. Greg said he would put out a questionnaire to members to get feedback. Included in the suggestions was asking members to contribute to a building fund, and seeking funding from charitable organisations. A fundraising committee was suggested. The golf club was mentioned as a possible site for meetings, and the Pukekohe Lions Club may help with the clean-up and fundraising.

The meeting closed at 11:20.

## **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Honey Competition Results:**

The honey competition was judged this year by one of the club's Life Members, Peter Biland, assisted by Greg Young. He urged members to make sure that the honey was clean on top, and presented in the standard jars. Wax samples should be clean and the correct weight.

First, and winner of 'The Big Sting', was Rachel Long

Second: Alan and Laureen Harris

Third: Elise Murphy