

Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc.



Minutes

for the FGT Annual General Meeting (AGM)
held on Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at 11:25am
at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania,
Marievilla Esp., Sandy Bay, TAS 7005.

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1 Present

Andrew Griggs	Janelle Norris	Nick Featherstone
Andrew Hall	Jeff Webster	Nick Griggs
Baden Ribbon	Jeremy Reeve	Nick Owens
Bailey Reeve	John Evans	Nic Hansen
Brent McClintock	Joel Hogan	Nigel Swartz
Chris Chen	John Jeffs	Peta Cenin
Chris Chen	John Jones	Pete Woodhouse
Dale Sweet	John Marshall	Rob Polley
Dane Griggs	Julie Bingley	Robin Dance
Debra Reid	Justin Webster	Sally Bound
Denise Newnham	Kevin Xin	Sally Dakis
Dugald Close	Lachie Allwright	Sam Smee
Glenn Wilde	Leone Cripps	Scott Gordon
Ian Newnham	Linda Griggs	Scott Price
Jackie Goeldner	Marcus Smith	Stuart Griggs
Jake Newnham	Marie Harvey	Tim Morrisby
James Clements	Mick Dugdeon	Tim Reid
James Mathew	Mike Oakford	Tony Doyle
	Neil Polley	Wenda Tan

1.2 Apologies

Howard Hansen

1.4 Observers

Lucy Gregg	(Tasmanian Depart. State Growth)
Wayne Prowse	(Fresh Intelligence Consulting)
Stuart Burgess	(Hort Innovation)
Ian Cover	(Public Officer)
Michael Tarbath	(Secretary)

SECTION 2 – MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Opening Items

Nic noted that FGT staff had received no proxy notifications prior to the meeting, and nominations for the FGT Executive Committee positions were now closed.

2.2 Minutes

MOTION That the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

- FGT AGM Minutes – 1 August 2017

APPENDIX A

Mover: Nic Hansen

Seconded: Ian Newnham

CARRIED

SECTION 3 – REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

FGT continues to a grower-led industry body that organisation in other states admire and look to for leadership. As an organisation, FGT continues to provide representation and support services to growers, and give voice to Tasmanian fruit growers with industry and government bodies at a national and state level. FGT also assists growers to meet the growing national and international food safety certification requirements through its MRL testing service, and has now come on board with National Residue Survey. Growers interested in export opportunities are also able to get FGT staff to assist them with export registrations, and can access information relative about audit scopes, work-plans, extension opportunities and MRL requirements through the FGT website.

2017-18 also marked some major changes for our organisation and our industry, but we have emerged from these stronger and more focused than ever. Today we welcome Stuart Burgess, who will be commencing with FGT as the organisations first CEO in early September. Stuart has been involved with Australian horticulture for over 30 years and has a long connection with the Tasmania's fruit sector. Stuart will be succeeding FGT Business Development Manager Phil Pyke, who has departed FGT after 6 years to pursue other projects.

We also welcome former FGT Business Development manager Lucy Gregg into her new role with Tasmanian Department of State Growth. Lucy will be working as an advisor for Primary Industries Minister the Hon. Sarah Courtney, drawing upon her experience across our fruit industries. We look forward to working closely with Lucy and Minister Courtney in the days to come.

This year the industry faced an extra challenge, with Queensland Fruit Fly incursions detected in Flinders Island, Spreyton and George Town in January and February. Fruit fly has not been the only biosecurity challenge faced by Tasmanian fruit growers this year. Blueberry rust also continues to affect berry growers in the north of the state, and has spread to at least one new property in the last few months. Containment efforts for these issues are ongoing, and FGT continues to help blueberry growers at risk from this disease by providing funding grants for biosecurity-related activities.

With these events unfolding, biosecurity, technology and innovation became the themes for this year's FGT May Conference. This conference had some fantastic speakers and was a great success. We also had growers join us as exhibitors at Asia Fruit Logistica, Food Ex Japan, Dubai World of Perishables and China FVF through a project with Hort Innovation. We are leading more growers to these events this year; speak with Ian or Stuart if you would like to be involved. This is funded through Hort Innovation to assist Tasmanian export-ready fruit growers to attend trade shows across

Asia. Building upon this project, FGT and TIA have also recently finished a project for the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources aimed at helping Australian apple growers identify export markets, navigate Australia's the export systems, and send their fruit in the best quality possible. Through these activities, FGT has demonstrated that it continues to be at the forefront of many issues affecting Tasmania and it's fruit industries. I encourage your ongoing support for the organisation, whose activities remain critical to the continued growth of Tasmania's fruit industries.

- FGT Annual Report 2018 – FGT President's Report

APPENDIX B

3.2 Treasurers Report

John reported that FGT is now in a stable financial operating position, ensuring that the organisation can continue to provide services to industry for the next 3-5 years. Audited Fruit Growers Tasmania financials for year ended 30 June 2018 can be viewed following this report.

Fruit Growers Tasmania continues to perform administrative services on behalf of Cherry Growers Australia Inc. (CGA) on a fee for service basis. This will be the final year of the current Asian Market Project from Hort Innovation. The tireless work of FGT's President has also seen the Tasmanian Government recognize the value of our organisation and we will be working closely with the Department of State Growth, the Department of Primary Industries, Parks and Wildlife and Skills Tasmania to benefit Tasmanian fruit industry.

MOTION That the audited financial report be accepted as a true and accurate record of FGT's financial position for the 2017-2018 financial year.

- FGT Annual Report 2018 – Financial Report

APPENDIX C

Mover: Scott Price **Second:** Nick Featherstone **CARRIED**

MOTION That Crowe-Horwarth be reappointed as auditor for Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc for the 2018-19 Financial period.

Mover: John Evans **Second:** Jeff Webster **CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Election of Executive Committee

Ian advised that four positions on the FGT Executive Committee were up for elections, and nominations had been received for the following positions:

Pome Fruit Representative (1 representative):

- Andrew Scott
- Brent McClintock

Stone Fruit Representatives (3 representatives):

- Brent McClintock
- Ian Newnham
- Nic Hansen
- Sam Riggall

Ian advised that, due to the number of nominations exceeding the number of positions available, a ballot would be held in accordance with the FGT Constitution. Ballot papers were issued to all members present. The results of the ballot were:

- Pome Fruit Representative – Andrew Scott
- Stone Fruit Representative 1 – Nic Hansen
- Stone Fruit Representative 2 – Sam Riggall
- Stone Fruit Representative 3 – Ian Newnham

SECTION 6 – OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 None

Members present at the meeting elected not to raise any other business due to ongoing issues and delays caused by audio-visual equipment, to avoid further delays for the 2018 FGT Southern Tasmanian Export Workshop to begin.

MEETING CLOSED

12:42pm