

MINUTES

Teleconference

**Thursday 18 September 2008
1.30 PM EST (Australia)**



1. Present.

Ian Popay (IP) - NZ
Sandy Lloyd (SL) – Vice President
Trevor James (TJ) - NZ
John Virtue (JV) – President
Rachel Melland (RM) – SA
Dennis Gannaway (DG) –Secretary / Treasurer
Michael Widderick (MW) – QLD
Rex Stanton (RS) – NSW
Warrick Felton (WF) - NSW
Ian Faithful (IF) – Vic
Elizabeth Schrammeyer – (Tas.)
Doug Bickerton (DB) – SA
Daniel Joubert (DJ) – Vic
Michael Hansford (MH) -Vic

2. Apologies.

Aaron Maxwell (AM) – WA
Katherine Batchelor – WA
Matthew Baker (MB) - TAS
Steve Walker (SW) – Qld
Alice Beilby (AB) – NT

3. Additional agenda items.

Agenda Item 9.5 (DJ). Confirmation of arrangements for hosting the 2012 18th AWC.

Agenda item 9.6 (SL). CAWS sponsorship of an orator for the International Restoration conference to be held in Perth in 2009.

4. Adoption of Minutes from meeting held 20 May 2008 Cairns.

Remove reference of the WA attendance of the Garden Expo (Item 8.4) This points refers to SA's involvement not WA's.

Motion # 09/08 01. SL moved that the minutes be accepted with amendments.
Seconded by RM. Unanimously accepted.

5. Presidents Report.

JV tabled the President's report for the period May 2008 to September 2008. Copy of the report circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting.

Additional Items reported.

- John Keen (?) developed of the NZ Plant Protection Societies website has agreed to undertake the webpage development and management of the CAWS website on an hourly fee basis.
- 1500 – 1800 papers from past conferences have been digitised and will make up the bulk of websites content.
- JC represented CAWS at the national Biosecurity and Quarantine review during public hearing in Adelaide. This was in addition to the written submission provided to the review.

Motion # 09/08 02. JV moved that the report be accepted. Seconded SL Unanimously accepted.

6. Secretary / treasurers Report.

6.1 Presentation of Financial Reports.

DG tabled Treasurer's report for the period 1st July 2008 to 04 Sept 2008 reflecting current bank balances of the cheque and investment accounts. The report was circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting. Major expense items were the cost of teleconferences (\$1117.00) and the Student Awards (\$6000.00).

Motion # 09/08 03. DG moved that the report be accepted. Seconded MW. Unanimously accepted.

6.2 Secretary's report.

DG reported that there were no issues that are hindering the running of CAWS at present. Correspondence sent and received listed on accompanying report.

Motion # 09/08 04. DG moved that the Secretary's report be accepted as tabled. Seconded DB. Unanimously accepted.

7. Business arising from previous minutes.

- 7.1. DG to circulate copy of Croplife to members. – Action DG to circulate copy.
- 7.2. 16th AWC organising committee to develop a final report and circulate to CAWS Executive. – Action MW to circulate report to CAWS executive on completion.
- 7.3. JV to write to NZ Plant Protection Society confirming that the profit share agreement between CAWS and the individual societies, on monies made from the weed conferences, still applied irrespective on financial assistance offered by CAWS. The letter will also offer financial assistance in the future should the NZ Plant Protection Society require it. - Done

- 7.4. States willing to host a talk by Dr Warwick to contact Rex Stanton. NSW Society to contact DG to make arrangements for funds transfer. – A discussion highlighted a breakdown in communication between the Societies which resulted in the visiting speaker not being made accessible to all. It was felt that as CAWS was a sponsor of the visit this constituted an unfair allocation of funds. It was agreed that a standard procedure be developed which outlines a course of action to be followed by CAWS members to avoid a reoccurrence of this nature. Action – JV to develop a standard procedure for State society access to international visitors whose travel is sponsored by CAWS.
- 7.5. JV to make necessary changes to Constitution re clarification of “Terms of Office”. - Done
- 7.6. CAWS members to forward ideas for the future of CAWS to DG. A compilation will be circulated to all members for comment. – No comments received to date – Ongoing

8. Reports from member Societies.

8.1 South Australian Report.

Report tabled by RM. Circulated prior to the meeting.

8.2 Victoria.

Report tabled by MH. Circulated prior to meeting.

8.3 New South Wales.

Report tabled RS. Circulated prior to meeting.

8.4 Western Australia.

Report presented by SL

- Society preparing a stand for the ABC Gardening Expo to be held in October.
- The presenter of the Weed Wise Nursery Award, usually the Minister for Agriculture, is unknown at this point due to the recent state elections. An alternative presenter, possibly a TV personality, is being sought.
- The trophy is being updated.
- CAWS nursery certificate required for the winner.

8.5 New Zealand.

Report tabled by IP. Circulated prior to the meeting.

8.4 Tasmania.

Report tabled by ES. Circulated prior to the meeting.

8.5 Queensland.

Report tabled by WS, Circulated prior to the meeting.

8.6 Northern Territory

No report tabled.

9. General Business

9.1 Student Travel awards. JV reported that the two winners of the student travel award have received their letters of congratulation and cheques. Three applications were received from students but no applications from young scientists despite the award being advertised at the 16th AWC. It was agreed that the closing date for next years awards would remain the 30th May. All CAWS delegates were asked to remind possible award candidates to submit applications for 2009.

9.2 Announcement of the winner of the Annual Weed Wise Nursery award – JV tabled paper. Circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed that the Tasmanian entrant, while not the winner, should be highly commended for their efforts in any State or National Press release developed. Action – SL to develop media release

9.3 CAWS website redevelopment – verbal report. (Some details covered in the Presidents Report). JV reported that John Keen (?) has expressed an interest in taking on the web developed and web master role. Budget will remain at the \$11000.00 mark as discussed in previous meetings. NSW reported that they had engaged a consultant to redevelop their website.

9.4 Proposal of PPQ subscription as a component of Member Society membership – JV tabled paper. Circulated prior to meeting. Concerns were raised that the inclusion of the PPQ would inflate annual membership costs from approximately \$30 to \$80 per annum. The subscribers through the societies would enjoy a 25% discount off normal price. Societies would be responsible for distribution of copies to their members. The publisher has agreed to include a page within PPQ for exclusive use by weeds societies. The point was raised that Victoria had attempted this before with limited success. The administration relating to who was entitled to a copy is complex. It was suggested that the subscription be incorporated in all memberships or none at all. Actions – Societies to canvas members on this issue.

9.5 18th AWC Conference. – Verbal report. DJ requested clarity on the Northern Territories representatives undertaking to make a final decision on hosting the of the 18th AWC within a year of the Cairns meeting. This question is pertinent given that the NT society has as yet not been formed. There was

general concern that the NT would not be in a position to develop the administrative structures for the society and conference arrangements within the time frame set. As no NT representative was present at the meeting JV undertook to approach the NT representatives for clarity on the issue. Action – JV to contact NT CAWS representative.

9.6 International restoration Conference – Perth. SL advised the meeting of the 19th International Restoration Conference to be held in Perth next year. Suggested that CAWS may sponsor a keynote speaker for the conference. Action – SL to develop and circulate a discussion paper for the next meeting.

11. Next meeting.

Teleconference: 11th December 2008. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (Aus.)

Meeting closed 3.00 pm

President.....____/____/2008