

MINUTES

Executive meeting, teleconference.

Thursday 9th December 2010
9:00am WA SDT



1. Present.

Sandy Lloyd (SL) – President
Trevor James (TJ) – Vice President, NZ
Alex Douglas (AD) – Secretary/Treasurer
Rex Stanton (RS) – NSW
Warwick Felton (WF) - NSW
Steve Walker (SW) - Qld
Aaron Maxwell (AM) – WA
Catherine Borger (CB) - WA
Kerry Harrington (KH) – NZ
Ian Popay (IP) - NZ
Michael Hansford (MH) –Vic
Ian Faithful (IF) – Vic
Jonah Gouldthorpe (JG) - Tas
Marty Bower (MB) - Tas
Rachel Melland (RM) – SA

2. Apologies.

Dorean Erhart (DE) – Qld
Michael Widderick (MW) – Qld
Anna-Marie Penna (AMP) - WA

3. Additions/Alterations to the agenda.

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7.3 Presentation of CAWS medals.

9.4 CSIRO request to host 17th AWC papers (authored by CSIRO staff) on their website (TJ).

RM apologized to RS for not having sent him the numbers for the 23rd APWSS – approx 300 but she will check.

4. Adoption of the minutes from 28 September 2010.

There were no changes required to the minutes.

Motion # 12/10 01. CB moved that the minutes be accepted.
Seconded by IP. Unanimously accepted.

5. Presidents Report.

The 17th AWC was the first since changing to an Australasian conference and the first to be held in New Zealand. It was a great success. The NZ committee was very well organized particularly 3 weeks after a major earthquake. SL congratulated TJ, KH and IP plus the many others involved in the organization.

6. Secretary Treasurer Report.

Correspondence In

Letter received from NSW regarding matters discussed prior to last meeting.
Travel report received from Josh Noble (on-ground weed worker).

Action AD to send to John Kean for upload to website.

Correspondence Out

Travel award recipients' reminded that they need to provide a report following travel.

Finances

Invoices still need to be sent out to all societies for membership.

Action Delegates to advise AD of member numbers as at 1st July so that invoices can be generated.

A reconciliation has not been completed for this meeting (attached to these minutes) however still very much in the black and have been receiving regular repayments from the Richardson's from the sales of poison books.
Treasurers/Sec stipend has been paid.

In future there may need to be more than one report as the roles are being separated for Treasurer and Secretary. It will speed things up if reports are circulated prior to the meetings.

Formation of a working group to address the discussions started in Christchurch. Most of these issues will be covered as the constitution is worked through and if not will be addressed as they arise.

7. Business arising from the minutes.

7.1. National newsletter

Has not been progressed. SL has requested 1 quote to be provided to her. Kathryn Batchelor is not able to progress this item but not in the workforce at present – initial quotes in the original paper but nothing since.

Action SL to source a quote from Therese Sayers and Rita Retano.

7.2. Changes to the CAWS constitution

TJ and SL volunteered to be on the sub-committee also MW and RS. Possibly also AMP but SL will follow-up with her.

Working group to meet out of session to progress changes.

Separation of secretary and the treasurer.

KH has volunteered to be minutes secretary during the meeting.

Have option to separate the two roles in the new constitution.

Motion #12/10 02 KH to be the minute secretary, AD to continue as Treasurer and TJ to deal with processing correspondence and compiling agenda etc.

Moved TJ, seconded SL. Unanimous, motion carried.

7.3. CAWS medals

Two medals presented.

Jack Crow presented with his medal at the 17th AW conference dinner.

Jim Pratley presented with his medal at a NSW AGM. RS has sent a brief outline to John Kean to be put up on the CAWS website.

Also a photo of the new medal has been sent to John Kean as a new one was struck this year.

Action IP to send photos etc of Jack Crow receiving his medal to John Kean for addition to the website.

SL commented that the CAWS medal is our way of recognizing the achievements of our colleagues. Weeds are low on the agenda of many groups and it is up to us to praise our fellows.

8. Reports from Member Societies.

The reports from member societies are compiled in a separate document circulated with these minutes.

8.1. Report from SA

RM presented the SA report.

AGM held on 26/11/10 and most of the positions are still vacant – President and Treasurer (RM will help out as VP). Secretary is Shauna Potter, Newsletter Ed. is Heidi Hodge. Plus some new people onto the committee.

Made a submission (in person) to Invasive species inquiry by SA govt. Good interest and feed back.

Newsletter has gone well this year and the PPQ weed management soc. page going well also.

8.2. Report from Vic

MH tabled Vic report.

18th AWC website is active and the links have been circulated to many groups and individuals.

8.3. Report from NSW

NSW report was circulated with the Agenda. WF talked to the report.

8.4. Report from WA

AM tabled the report from WA.

8.5. Report from NZ

TJ tabled the report from NZ.

17th AWC looks to be making a profit in the region of \$20,000.

8.6. Report from Tas

MB tabled the Tas report.

8.7. Report from Qld

SW presented the report from Qld.

9. General Business.

9.1. CAWS orator for 23rd APWSS

Two recommendations from the agenda paper circulated.

1. That CAWS endorse this opportunity for good publicity for CAWS and,
2. Approve up to \$6,000 be paid on receipts to fund Dr Di Tomaso's visit.

NSW raised the point that speaker sponsorship packages (Keynote or Plenary) for this conference are in the region of \$1500.

SL suggested that CAWS pay his airfare and accommodation – the airfares are now cheaper than when the agenda paper was written.

There is the opportunity to have CAWS orators at non-CAWS hosted conferences (according to our policies).

TJ this is for a CAWS orator and not a normal conference speaker so may not come under their sponsorship banner.

Costs could be considerably lower now (in region of \$3-4,000).

We can be more specific about what the money will cover.

Action SW to contact Eventcorp and get the detailed costs as soon as possible.

TJ suggests that the proposal be accepted in principle and then hold an email discussion and vote when a full current itemization of the budget is available.

Can be publicised as the CAWS orator – point raised that when a potential CAWS orator is discussed that members of CAWS should be included in the discussion.

Motion #12/10 03. That name Dr Joe Di Tomaso (University of California) as CAWS orator for the 23rd Asia Pacific Weed Science Society conference.

Moved SL, seconded SW. Objection RS, no abstaining. Majority in favor.

Motion #12/10 04. That we support in principle the visit of Dr Joe Di Tomaso, as CAWS orator subject to the amount and itinerary being circulated and approved, in next two weeks, by an email vote.

Moved SL, seconded SW, Objection IF

Further discussion on the wording of this motion and a dollar limit was included (up to \$4,000) and delegates reminded that they will have the power to veto the funding during the email voting process.

Motion #12/10 04a. That we support in principle the visit of Dr Joe Di Tomaso, as CAWS orator subject to the amount (airfares and accommodation up to \$4,000) and itinerary being circulated and approved, in next two weeks, by an email vote.

Moved SL, seconded SW, Objection RS, Abstaining WF. Majority in favor

9.2 Additives and Adjuvants workshop.

Pilot workshop will be held in Perth in September 2011, supported by the WSWA. If successful then this will be the first in a series through out the asia pacific region.

Unlikely that CAWS will be approached for funding (at state level and in conjunction with the member society).

9.3 Working group proposal

It is likely that the issues raised will be dealt with during the alteration/update of the constitution. Any issues that are not dealt with will be targeted individually.

9.4 CSIRO request to list 17th AW conference papers on the CSIRO website.

Where joint authors or authors are from CSIRO, CSIRO would like to list these papers on their website. This is not a problem as the papers are freely available from our website. Good PR for CAWS to be cooperative here.

Action RM to send TJ email regarding the current status of the Strategic Plan.

CV of delegates to be included on the website.

CAWS policy papers are included on the website.

Action AD to send TJ delegate CV's that are already on record.

Action AD to send TJ latest delegate contacts for upload to the website.

Other correspondence to be sent to the 'Secretary' via the website. Treasurer will have a separate contact link.

Normally under the constitution SL would be good-byed as the past president but we will lose her background knowledge.

Motion #12/10 05. That Sandy Lloyd be accepted back to the committee as an observer but this speaking not voting rights.

Moved TJ, seconded SW. All in favor.

In future could include the position of Immediate Past President in the constitution, further discussion required here.

TJ thanked SL for two years as President of the Council.

10. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday 3rd March 9am WAST.