

BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE AUSTRALIA LTD.
Board Meeting teleconference held 1 July 2010 7.30pm

Present – Ray Unger, Chairman, Carolyn Ditchfield, vice Chairman, Hugh Lovel, Shane Joyce, Cheryl Kemp, John Priestley, Louise Skidmore Secretary, (Ross McDonald, Treasurer – absent)

Minutes of meeting Melbourne University, 26 June 2010, 4:15pm-5:15pm.

Amended. Delete sentence re Rod Dixon in *New Business*.

Moved as amended by Hugh Lovel, seconded Shane Joyce, Carried.

Correspondence

In: Spark Helmore – agreement for OH&S review work

Sparke Helmore – (not presented. Possibly with Ross McDonald \$10K invoice for Advice acct)

Out: Standards Australia re removal of U Spranz as representative on FT-032

Registrar, Bellingen Courthouse, re withdrawal of action against Hamish Mackay

Ian Cuming re termination of secretary position

WHK re change in office bearers ASIC form 484

Broadcast email to members plus appx 300 sent by post.

Arising from correspondence:

LS to obtain detailed copy of invoiced work from Sparke Helmore re \$10K account.

Shane Joyce to provide copy of Sparke Helmore work to date on OH&S policy.

Standards Australia advised that the position on FT-032 is 'awaiting nomination'

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Meeting reconvened at 08:00 2 July 2010

1. Office issues - staffing, Worker's compensation (undisclosed – privacy)

Enter caretaker mode

2. Legal issues – Hamish

Legal issues are terminated.

Secretary to compose a summary of events and satisfactory conclusion.

3. Farm Ready funding - strict guidelines, sure we are eligible to apply

New Resource manual – Anton previously responsible for FarmReady endorsement

(Get a copy of old and new electronically to each Board Member for review.)

Cheryl gave overall review of differences between both edition, which was not great, the new version includes climate change section which was included to assist with FarmReady endorsement for training courses. Major difference is that the new manual is a 'Book' and not a 'How to' manual. Print run is 2000 copies. Suggestion to review for reprint.

Louise to follow up with FarmReady.

4. Audit of assets - how do we get horns back from SA etc

That we notify Ulli Spranz and Ian Cuming that we want the 5,000 and 2,000 horns and the sausage machine to fill them either returned and the shipping bills, both ways, paid or the merchandise paid for and the shipping bills from BAA to Victoria and South Australia paid.

Moved Hugh Lovel.....Seconded: John Priestley

Horn value is \$7 each. Some horns are not good quality.

- ? is there a Board decision to move horns. Shane Joyce will review minutes.

- Suggestion to allow US & IC to keep 1/3 of BD500 and return the horns to BAA.

- proposal that horns be left in place until lifted and that an agreement letter to Spranz & Cuming – include assessed amount (kilos) Alan paid \$100/month for horns at his property. BAA will offer to pay freight. Keep 1/3 of 500 in payment of burial.

Motion:

That BAA notify Ulli Spranz and Ian Cuming that the 5,000 and 2,000 horns and the sausage machine to fill them are to be returned, BAA will pay freight, that the lifting be monitored by a person appointed by the Board a payment of 1/3 of the quantity of BD500 be given to U Spranz and I Cuming in payment for the burial.

Moved Hugh Lovel.....Seconded: John Priestley Carried

5. Audit of biodynamic preparations and BD500
Cheryl has asked Alan Johnstone to do an audit providing quantities for each.

6. Treasurer - Ross McDonald - is he aware of the financial position of the company?

That Carolyn Ditchfield contact Ted Clarke with a view to conduct a forensic audit of the accounts for the fiscal year to date.

MovedHugh Lovel Seconded Ray Unger.....Carried

That Ross McDonald be asked to immediately provide all records, invoices, receipts and materials pertaining to his position as BAA Treasurer for a forensic audit ordered by the Board to the BAA Secretary for forwarding to the forensic auditor.

Moved Hugh Lovel.....Seconded: John Priestley

7. Workshops - do we need a sub-committee (Judi has jotted down some ideas)
- Shabari entered the meeting for this discussion.
 - Bring John Priestley back into BAA workshop circuit for coming year to revisit all John's 2009 workshop locations
 - Appoint a sub-committee to pursue both workshops and events.
 - Who should teach workshops? Check the 'Train the Trainer' attendees.
 - Shane Joyce will recommend young members for committee.

Motion:

That the Board appoint a sub-committee comprising Cheryl Kemp, Shabari Bird and other BAA members to reinvigorate and redesign training and events for the coming year, first report back to Board in two weeks.

Moved: Carolyn Ditchfield Seconded: Ray Unger

8. Finances - how do we increase income and reduce costs
- Fiscal audit revelations will be critical
 - Individual Board members to put together ideas in dot point form, send to Secretary who will distribute to Board.
 - Face-to-face 2 day meeting before the end of July

John Priestley left the meeting at 9.22am

9. Website
- Updating and a members' only section.
 - Integral with increasing income and reducing costs
 - All current pages to be made up to date
 - Secretary to update centre of pages
 - Imperative that in future will need to include a shopping cart
 - Request members to indicate if they are willing to present or host workshop during the year so we can start a data base for workshops.

10. Reconciliation with members

Motion:

That a letter is sent to Hugh Lovel, Hamish Mackay, John Priestley, Dorothy Priestley, Brett Sanders, Shabari Bird apologizing for the actions of the previous Board and reversing their membership termination notices.

Moved: Shane Joyce.....Seconded: Carolyn Ditchfield Carried

Meeting closed 10:20am