

TASMANIAN WEED SOCIETY

MINUTES OF AGM MARCH 18TH 2009

Meeting opened at 12.10 pm

1. **Welcome** by Elizabeth Schrammeyer

2. Present

Anthea Fergusson, David Lane, Elizabeth Schrammeyer, Jon Marsden-Smedley, Matthew Baker, Peter McGlone, Roy Skabo, Sue Hinton, Sue Jennings, Bob Tyson, Penny Tyson, Dick Burns, Karen Stewart, Sue Drake, Tania Stadler, Di Harris, Margie Jenkin, Brendan Green, Paul Frater, Jarrah Vercoe, John Davies, Graeme Raphael, Tony Roberts, Ian Champion, Glenn Szalman, Peter Franklin, Michael Askey-Doran, Michael Rowland, Anne Booth, Jean Taylor, John Hamilton, Matthew Bartlett.

2. Apologies

Greg Stewart, Sandy Leighton, Greg Taylor

3. Minutes of 2008 AGM

Copies of the minutes of the 2008 AGM were distributed.

Motion: That the 2008 minutes be received as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: P. McGlone **Seconded:** M. Baker

Accepted: All

4. President's Report for 2009

Report was presented by Elizabeth Schrammeyer. (Copy attached)

5. Treasurer's Report

Report was distributed by Sue Hinton. Total funds as at \$

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Sue Hinton **Seconded:** David Lane

Accepted: All

7. Election of Office bearers

Role	Bearer	Nominated	Seconded
President	No nominations		
Vice President	Peter McGlone	M Baker	E Schrammeyer
Past President	Elizabeth Schrammeyer		
Secretary (minutes)	Roy Skabo	D Lane	P McGlone
Secretary (correspondence)	Jean Taylor	R Skabo	M Baker
Treasurer	Sue Hinton	M Baker	P McGlone
Newsletter (Editor)	Matt Baker	P McGlone	A Ferguson
Newsletter	Greg Taylor	volunteered	
Newsletter	Greg Stewart	volunteered	
NW Rep.	Greg Taylor	volunteered	
NE Rep	David Lane	volunteered	
Southern Rep	Sandy Leighton	volunteered	
Public Officer	Sue Hinton	M Baker	P McGlone

CAWS delegate	TBA		
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8. Other Business

PMc thanked outgoing president, Elizabeth Schrammeyer, for her outstanding efforts over the past year.

Elizabeth circulated copies of the draft program for the 2009-2010 year and spoke about it for a few minutes.

9. Next executive meeting

To be organised by email.

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm

Seminar series

Thought-provoking, informative and amusing talks were given by Don Watson and Prof. Jamie Kirkpatrick.

Don's talk touched upon subjects including the death of public language, Anzac Day and a scheme of national service in which participants would be given the chance to do useful work for the community including getting rid of weeds.

Jamie described some research done by his students, linking gardens, domestic pets and local government regulations to the spread of weeds.

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Presidents Report 1/3/08 – 29/2/2009

We've had a fantastic year. After turning up at the 2008 AGM I put my hand up for president. At our first executive meeting I found out what I'd got myself in for – but we decided to go ahead with a conference that year anyway.

2nd Tasmanian Weed Conference

This fantastic event, with 120 attendees, took pretty much the whole year to organise. And we're still not completely finished. The proceedings are still to come, and Sue and I still have to check and finalise the budget.

Wattle ID Day

We assisted financially a wattle identification day held in the south and organised by our southern rep, Sandy Leighton. This was made up of half a day inside, learning to use a key, and then half a day outside keying out wattles. The other regional reps indicated their enthusiasm for holding something similar in their regions.

Finances

When Sue and I put our hands up last year, I don't think we quite realised the extent of the shambles the finances were in. But we did manage to sort it out enough that the audit for 2007-2008 is now completed – although we were almost shut down as an Incorporated Association. Sue has promised to put her hand up again for treasurer to make sure that the finances are completely sorted out through the next year.

We have also looked at ways to improve our finances, and especially our ability to publish our fabulous magazine! To that end we have written to Minister Llewellyn, asking if we might be eligible for administrative assistance as is the Tasmanian Conservation Trust, the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association and the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council. We are yet to receive a reply.

Work Program

We also decided as a Committee that it would be wise to develop a 'budget' or program for the following year or two, to ensure that we target our spending. A working group, Sandy L, Peter M and I developed a draft, which we can discuss later in this AGM if we have time, and if deemed appropriate.

To assist in deciding on activities for the year, and direction for the society we sent a questionnaire out with the membership form and have received 17 back, and which still need to be 'analysed'.

Website dilemma

We have been planning, and slowly preparing, an update of the website. But unfortunately, with extraordinarily bad timing, our web'host' has moved the website to

another server and we need the password for the domain name to be able to fix access problems. But who knows this password?

IOU's

Due to my workload over the last month, I have not been able to complete what I had wanted to for this AGM. I will complete the following activities asap, and hand them over to the new president and/or secretary.

- Finalise conference budget (check attendance etc)
- Review of conference planning procedure – to assist with the next one
- Proceedings – help Matt with producing these
- Organise files and folders: electronic and paper

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Treasurers Report 1/3/08 –2/03/09

Commonwealth Cheque Account (as at 01/03/08)			\$3,650.85
Credits (01/03/08 – 2/3/09)			\$22,585.13
Interest		\$45.13	
Memberships		\$2,270.00	
Conference Sponsorship		\$8,530.00	
Conference Registrations		\$11,740.00	
Debits (01/03/08 – 2/3/09)			\$17,593.08
	000228	\$235.00	
Ross reading Room Hire	000229	\$33.00	
Newsletter	000230	\$94.56	
Australia Post – post box rent	000231	\$128.00	
Redback Web Design	000232	\$164.55	
Print Applied – newsletter	000233	\$440.00	
Australia Post – mail newsletter	000234	\$69.00	
Print Applied – newsletter and conference reg. forms	000235	\$550.00	
Australia Post – mail newsletter	000236	\$62.00	
Landcare membership	000237	\$55.00	
Launceston City Council – late fee reimbursement	000238	\$20.00	
ARM late fee reimbursement			
Redback Design	000239	\$20.00	
Davies Brothers – advertising conference	000240	\$37.50	
	000241	\$997.08	
CAWSS membership			
Penny Royal – Tim Low accommodation (conference)	000242	\$110.00	
Print Applied – conference program	000243	\$196.00	
McDermott Coaches	000244	\$253.00	
Allabout Catering			
Loongana Print – TWS banner	000245	\$2420.00	
Dudley Billing	000246	\$950.00	
Environmental & Biological	000247	\$415.80	

Tim Low	000257	\$509.50	
DPIW Private Prop Cons Program	000258	\$150.00	
Doherty's meeting Ross	000259	\$183.50	
Tas Landcare – Conf reg reim	000260	\$100.00	
Print Applied Technology	000261	\$660.00	
Postage Newsletter – M.Baker	000262	\$168.21	
Commonwealth Cheque Account (as at 2/3/09)			\$8,642.90
Cash			
Received at Conference		\$100.00	
Cash Payment Conference		\$50.00	
Gift bags conference		\$12.00	\$38.00
Cash on hand (2/3/09)			
Term Deposit as at 2/3/09			\$14,653.71
Re-invested until 26/03/09			
Total funds as at 02/03/09			\$ 23,334.61

