

NZSP AGM 2019

4.10 pm 23rd October at Dunedin venues, Dunedin

Attendees

Victoria Chapman, Tania Waghorn, Cathryn Christie, David Heath, Paul Mason, David Seifert, Ian Scott, Trevor Rudman, Bill Pomroy, Sean Daly, Paul Hughes, Tony Rhodes, Helen Manly, Greg Mirams, Robert Poulin, Mark Anderson, Camille Peterson, Ian Sutherland, Richards Sides, Gina deNicolo, Kathryn McRae, Lawrie McMurtry, Andrew Dowling.

Apologies

Dallas Bishop, Geoff de Lisle, Abi Chase, Rob Nottingham, Mark Vickers, Bernad Mariadass, Laryssa Howe, Dave Leathwick, Chris Miller, Kiliana Bekelaar, Charlotte Bouchet, Christian Sauermann, Alex Chambers. Nik Palevich, Dave Cole, Ash Keown, Robin McAnulty

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

Moved – Cathryn Christie

Seconded – David Siefert

Matters arising

nil.

Correspondence

Inwards

- Newsletters from the Royal Society.
- Membership enquiries

Outwards

- information for members
- newsletters

Moved – Cathryn Christie

Seconded – Andrew Dowling

Presidents Report

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The president's report was accepted.

Moved – Paul Hughes

Seconded – Victoria Chapman

Treasurer's Report

Tania Waghorn presented the reviewed accounts report.

Accounts look healthy

Moved – Paul Mason

Seconded – Victoria Chapman

Tania moved that we set up internet banking for the society as Cheques will soon not be available to use. It will also make international payments much easier.

Moved – Tony Rhodes

Seconded – Victoria Chapman

Tony Rhodes moved that we close the Westpac account and consolidate all our accounts with ASB at the treasurer's convenience.

Moved – Paul Mason

Seconded – Lawrie McMurtry

Election of Officers

All current committee members were willing to stand again and there were no other nominations from the floor

President - Cathryn Christie

Vice President – Ash Keown

Treasurer - Tania Waghorn

Secretary – Nik Palevich

All members approved by “aye”

Next Conference

Next conference will be held in Palmerston North. A committee of volunteers comprised of Ian Scott and Tony Rhodes and Ian Sutherland will decide the dates and venue.

Meeting closed at 5.07pm

Appendix I

Presidents Report NZSP AGM October 2019

Welcome fellow parasitology enthusiasts, to the AGM of the New Zealand Society for Parasitology, here in Dunedin. The Society has 56 delegates attending this year's conference, and we thank all in attendance now for staying on for this AGM. I'm embarrassed to say it is my first time to this fair city but it won't be the last. Our conference committee of Paul and Victoria have done a stellar job. Yesterday's Parasite Advisory Day held at Invermay was a great success with 74 attendees. Clive Bingham, Victoria Chapman, Andrew Dowling and Simon Marshall are the committee which organize this day – I would like to thank you all for your time and energy as I feel the PAD day really raises awareness of the Society and helps to increase our membership.

Our committee consisting of Tania Waghorn, Nik Palevich, Ash Keown and myself meet regularly by teleconference and Tania has done her usual thorough work with the books, enabling us to present a healthy set of accounts. Nik and Ash send their apologies, Nik has an excellent excuse in that his wife is due with their first child. In our last newsletter there was a poster of Nik's work on Haemonchus exsheathment DNA which looked like very interesting science. A big thanks to David Siefert for putting our newsletters out and making them look good – the recent article about an acarocide being used for crop resistance was a great example of parasites being on the 'good side'!

Ash and I have been working on increasing the veterinary membership of the Society and with Ash leaving clinical practice and joining the NZVA, he has been instrumental in advertising and promoting both the Society and the PAD day to our NZ veterinarians. The good news is that our membership is sitting at 130 now, up from 112 last year and 89 the year before that. I encourage you to come to the committee if you would like to nominate any of our members for a Royal Society Fellowship – the applications close in February and require some putting together.

Once again the Society has provided travel grants to students attending this year's conference, the committee approved all 3 requests received. Our social media presence on Facebook is managed by Tania and we are on the cusp of a Twitter account as it seems this is where some of the more interesting parasitology news globally is shared these days. I personally would like to see stronger links between the Society and extension groups if possible, for example Wormwise.

Olivia Macpherson handed over the day to day running of the website to me earlier in the year, once again we would like to acknowledge Olivia's contribution to this and thank her for her time. All feedback welcome, it is my first attempt at administrating a website so I am learning as I go. On a personal note I finish with Vetora next Friday after 11 years and am starting with Atkinson's & Associates in Piopio on the 4th November. My new email address is on the website!

A special mention to Paul Mason for taking all the registrations for the conference and putting the programme together, a big job! Also to Tania for taking the money and printing the proceedings. Last but not least a big thanks to our generous sponsors: Elanco, Alleva, Gribbles Veterinary, PGGWrightson and Techion. Your support is appreciated, as is the support of the employers of the committee (AgResearch, NZVA & Vetora) for enabling us to do our NZSP work.

I now ask if there are any questions, and ask that the President's report be accepted

Cathryn Christie
President NZSP