



**New Zealand Society for Parasitology  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 21 October 2020  
Distinction Hotel, Palmerston North**

**Attendees**

Bill Pomroy, Saleh Umair, Charlotte Boucher, Alex Chambers, Cathryn Christie, Tania Waghorn, Ash Keown, Andrew Dowling, David Heath, Allen Heath, Trevor Rudman, Chris Miller, Kiliana Bekelaar, Ken Lawrence, Luis Coruline, Richard Shaw, Gina de Nicolo, Paul Hughes, David Seifert, Kathryn McRae, Victoria Chapman, Christian Sauermann, Heather Simpson,

**Apologies**

Clive Bingham, Dave Leathwick, Anthony Oswald, Ian Scott, Paul Mason, Dave Cole

**The meeting was opened at 4:30pm**

**Previous Minutes**

President Cathryn Christie moved that the minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM (circulated via email) be accepted as an accurate record.

Proposer – Christian Sauermann

Second – Allan Health

**Matters arising**

None.

**Correspondence**

Inward

- Newsletters (and requests for content from NZSP) from the Royal Society.
- Membership enquiries
- Conference and PAD enquiries

Outward

- Membership newsletters
- Conference and PAD information



### **Presidents Report**

Outgoing President Cathryn Christie presented the President's Report (Refer Appendix 1).

It was moved that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved – Victoria Chapman

Seconded – Christian Sauermann

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tania Waghorn presented the Treasurer's Report (Refer Appendix 2)

Subs down for 2018/19 membership year – mostly due to refunds from cancelled conference in 2018.

Approximately \$4000 of payments not received from unpaid conference registrations and sponsorship. Members expressed support for the committee to pursue unpaid dues.

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved – Tania Waghorn

Seconded – Victoria Chapman

### **Notices of motion**

None.

### **Election of Officers**

Cathryn Christie nominated Ash Keown as President.

Ash Keown nominated Emma Poole as Vice-President.

Tania Waghorn nominated Saleh Umair as Secretary.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

Tania Waghorn continues as Treasurer.

Officer positions unanimously agreed by attendees.

### **Next Conference**

Venues proposed include Taupo, Rotorua, Napier, Wellington, Palmerston North.



No volunteers for organizing committee came forward.  
Committee will work on a plan for conference.

### **General business**

#### **Life membership nominations**

It was moved that Paul Mason be awarded Life Membership of the New Zealand Society for Parasitology.

Proposed – Cathryn Christie

Seconded - Saleh

It was moved that Bill Pomroy be awarded Life Membership of the New Zealand Society for Parasitology.

Moved – Cathryn Christie

Seconded – Christian Sauermann

No other general business.

**Meeting closed at 4:58pm**



## **Appendix I**

### **Presidents Report 2020 for New Zealand Society for Parasitology 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Palmerston North October 2020**

Welcome to the AGM of the New Zealand Society for Parasitology, held here in Palmerston North. The Society has 55 delegates attending this year's conference, and we thank all in attendance now for staying on for this AGM. Our conference committee of the two Ian's have done a stellar job. 2020 has been an interesting year, to say the least! I feel that we are lucky to all be here considering the country was in full lockdown in April. The NZSP committee had a bit of a difficult decision on our hand whether to go ahead or not, I'm grateful for our decision not to – nothing beats face to face interaction in my eyes.

Yesterday's Parasite Advisory Day held at Awapuni was a great success with 31 attendees, a reduced number from our record 74 last year in Dunedin but as Simon alluded to, a good number for lively discussion. 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 wider membership.

Nik Palevich stepped down this winter from the Secretary position – many thanks to Nik for his stint on the committee. Ash Keown has ably taken the reins since then - we appreciate your input Ash. Saleh Umair has very kindly offered to return to the Secretary role. I have nominated Ash to replace me as President and Ash has nominated Emma Poole (nee Dangen) to replace him as Vice President. Emma, alongside another member, Camille Flack, has also joined the Wormwise committee so a congratulations to them both, that committee will be chaired by a new member of the NZSP, Dan Brier. The NZSP executive would like to extend our thanks to Simon Marshall for his time and energy as Wormwise chair over the last few years.

Luckily for us, both Tania Waghorn and David Siefert have agreed to stay on in their roles as Treasurer and Newsletter producer – many thanks to you both for the past year's efforts. As I am at the end of my 3 years as president I've been reflecting on my own interest in parasitology – like most people dealing with ruminants I started out with the mindset of 'how best to kill these little pests' and as my knowledge has grown, so has my mindset. Parasites, as you all well know, have been around



for millions of years and have evolved in so many clever ways to survive. I never cease to be amazed by what they do to complete their lifecycles and live on. Unfortunately they have an incredibly negative image in society – they deserve more respect than hostility. It is good to see that our advisors in the field realise that we must learn to live with them and manage them, that we will never win by trying to obliterate them. Thanks to Colin McKay for introducing me to the Society, I'll be taking a year or so out to deal with my own little parasite who will be arriving in January. (Don't tell Mum I called him that!)

We had no student travel grant requests this year due to the lack of university travel. Our social media presence on Facebook is managed by Tania and I encourage you to follow us on Twitter @society\_nz, we retweet any interesting global parasitology news.

Last but not least a big thanks to our generous sponsors: Elanco, Gribbles Veterinary, PGGWrightson. Your support is appreciated, as is the support of the employers of the committee (AgResearch, NZVA/Fonterra and Atkinsons) for enabling us to do our committee work.

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

Cathryn Peacocke  
NZSP President



## Appendix 2

### **New Zealand Society for Parasitology**

#### **Statement of receipts and payments 01 July 2019 - 30 June 2020**

|                                    |                           |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Opening balances</b>            | <b>Operating Account</b>  | \$14,213.54        |                    |
|                                    | <b>Conference account</b> | \$12,010.37        |                    |
|                                    | <b>Term deposit</b>       | \$19,578.74        |                    |
|                                    |                           |                    | <b>\$45,802.65</b> |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>             |                           |                    |                    |
| subscriptions                      |                           | \$300.00           |                    |
| Sponsorship for conference and PAD |                           | \$2,025.00         |                    |
| conference registrations           |                           | \$13,420.00        |                    |
| Interest on term deposit           |                           | \$673.62           |                    |
| Interest on main account           |                           | \$9.17             |                    |
| <b>Total income</b>                |                           | <b>\$16,427.79</b> |                    |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>             |                           |                    |                    |
| Student sponsorship Conference     |                           | \$500.00           |                    |
| Speaker airfares etc               |                           | \$812.30           |                    |
| Tags and chocolates AGM wine etc   |                           | \$591.34           |                    |
| PAD venue                          |                           | \$172.50           |                    |
| speaker gifts                      |                           | \$225.90           |                    |
| printery                           |                           | \$362.74           |                    |
| Whisky                             |                           | \$109.00           |                    |
| Venue and food                     |                           | \$5,801.00         |                    |
| dinner                             |                           | \$4,667.50         |                    |
| PAD food                           |                           | \$2,127.50         |                    |
| Conf organisers gifts              |                           | \$170.98           |                    |
| Pad Printing and Bus               |                           | \$437.89           |                    |
| Royal society fees                 |                           | \$650.00           |                    |
| Audit fees                         |                           | \$632.50           |                    |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>           |                           | <b>\$17,261.15</b> |                    |
| <b>Closing balance</b>             |                           |                    | <b>\$44,969.29</b> |
|                                    | <b>Operating Account</b>  | \$16,195.21        |                    |
|                                    | <b>Conference account</b> | \$8,521.72         |                    |
|                                    | <b>Term deposit</b>       | \$20,252.36        |                    |
|                                    | matures 4 Sept 2020       |                    |                    |

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