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Minutes of Willunga Farmers Market Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20 September 2017
The 1839 – 27 High Street
Willunga

Meeting opened at **7:00pm** by Pip Forrester, Chairperson

Present: Ben Heath, Brendan Lineage, Bronwyn Busbridge, David & Julie Cavanagh, Dean Rowe, Di Bickford, Dudley Corbett, Bernard Thomson, Geri Malone, Harry Harrison, Hazel Wainwright, Anthony "Honest" Lange, Jen Hannah, Jenni Mitton, Julian Salter, Lena Janzen, Liz Packer, Marg Bennett, Markus Evele, Mem Thorne, Michael Davies, Pip Forrester, Richard Bennett, Rosie Knott, Steve Scown, Sue Adam, Tamara Piec, Yvette van Berkel, Anna Howard, Stuart McPherson, Ashley Bowyer, Linda Corbett.
Guest speakers: Michael Taylor and Kelly Wadewitz

Welcome: The Chair gave thanks to all Board members, attending market members attending, Christina from The 1839 and Hazel Wainwright

Apologies: Amanda Fleming, Ange Harrison, Glenn Fitzpatrick, Hani Mouneimne, Jake Fowler, Mike Lewis, Pam Jensen, Steve Ashley, Tom Blaney, Kerry McNeil, Geoff Hayter and Tess Sapia

Minutes of AGM 21 September 2016 accepted as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Ben Heath Seconded: Steve Scown
All in favour

Chairperson's report: See attached. Tabled.

Treasurer's report: See attached. Tabled.
Hazel Wainwright moved that we accept the auditor's report.
Seconded: Jenn Hanna All in favour

General Manager's Report:

- Jenni Mitton thanked the Board members, staff and market members for attending the AGM and gave a thank you to the Board, Richard Bennett, Linda Corbett, Julian Salter, Jake Fowler and Steve Ashley for their assistance
- Jenni summarised the highlights and the projects the market has been involved with in the past 12 months.
- Willunga Farmers Market also received grants from the City of Onkaparinga for signage and an Environment Grant to reduce waste and the introduction of the BiobiNs
- A special mention was made and thanks given to the volunteers who assist at the WFM Information Desk on Saturday mornings
- Jenni thanked the members and stallholders for their understanding and that everybody is looking forward to the completion of the "Streetscape" in Spring
- Jenni confirmed that Wilmark Awards will be held at Penny's Hill Winery on 16 November 2017

Board Nominees Presentations:

Brief introductions by board nominees:

Stallholder Nominees:

Mike Davies - Fleurieu Pasture Eggs – retracted his nomination on the evening

Ben Heath from Najobe Beef was appointed as the Stallholder Board Member

Community Nominees:

The following nominees gave a brief introduction of themselves for the position of Community Board member:

Yvette van Berkel

Vicky Osland

Liz Packer

Voting took place and returning officers retired to tally the votes

Guest Presentations:

Michael Taylor - Primordia Mushrooms:

Michael thanked the Board and all the members for their support and gave an introduction to his academic work and studies of fungi. It was during his studies that his interest grew in the culture and growing of mushrooms. He applied for the Young Farmers Scholarship and was successful in receiving this award. Michael is continuing to build up his mushroom farm and now sells his products at the WFM on Saturday mornings. He specialises in the king oyster, white and blue mushrooms and the Lion's mane mushrooms.

Kelly Wadewitz – Peats Soil / BiobiN Technologies:

Kelly gave a very interesting talk explaining the BiobiN Technology and the environmental benefits of BiobiNs. Working with the Willunga Farmers Market, the small BiobiNs lined with compostable bags are now placed around the Willunga township and have been met with a very positive response by the community.

Returning officers tabled the voting results which the members noted were as follows:

Elected to Community Member Positions:

Yvette van Berkel

Vicky Osland

Pip Forrester welcomed the incoming Board Members and thanked outgoing Board members Liz Packer and Bronwyn Busbridge, for their contribution to the Board

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

The next board meeting with the new Board members was scheduled for **Wed 18 October 2017, 6:00pm at the WFM Offices.**

Chairperson: PIP FORRESTER

Signature: _____