

IFA/AFG (Tas. Division) AGM

Minutes of Meeting

3.30 pm, 3 August 2020

(via GoToMeeting on-line and phone-in, due to CV restrictions)

1. **Present:** Martin Moroni (Chair), Jim Wilson, Naomi Will (representing CEO Jacquie Martin), Nigel Calvert, Neville Calvert, Sandra Hetherington, Stephen Rymer, Peter Bird, Tony Stonjek, Robin Dickson, Jay Fowler, Stephen Walker, Nick Martyn, Greg Dutkowski, Simon Cook, Peter Volker, Bruce Williams, Gordon McCutchan, Greg Unwin

(NB. Please advise if any errors or omissions. Could phone caller 02 please indicate their identity, for the record)

1. **Apologies:** Bryan Hayes, Penny Wells, Alex Tabor, Stephen Clarke, Clive Woolridge, Hans Drielsma AM, Des King, Graham Wilkinson, Darren Davis.

2. **Minutes of last meeting** (IFA/AFG Tas. AGM 090819, circulated).
Endorsed (T. Stonjek /S. Rymer).

3. **Chair's Report 2019/2020** (Martin Moroni) Attached as Appendix

4. **Nomination and election of committee members 2020/21**

Existing committee members have renominated (unless they advised otherwise):

Martin Moroni, Jim Wilson, Alex Tabor, Nigel Calvert, Neville Calvert, Robin Dickson, Jay Fowler, Des King, Stephen Rymer, Tony Syonjek, Stephen Walker, Clive Woolridge, Greg Unwin

New nomination received 30.7.2020, Mr Nick Martyn, professional forester
(Technical Forest Services)

Resolved: Each of the above Committee members plus Nick Martyn were elected unopposed to the Tas. Division Committee for the 2020/21 year. Mr Martyn was welcomed to the committee and thanked for his interest in nominating.

Acknowledgement Tony Cannon: After many years of significant long-term contribution to AFG (including as AFG National President and Director, Life Member AFG/IFA and Chair and Committee member (Tasmania Branch), now IFA, Tony Cannon has decided to step down from the Tas. Division committee. The committee wishes to thank Tony for his dedication and professionalism in this role and wishes him and his family the very best for the future.

5. Nomination / Election of office bearers 2020/21 (unopposed)

Chair: Martin Moroni

Deputy Chair: Jim Wilson

Secretary: Greg Unwin

6. General Business

7.1 Martin reported on Board and National Office update, incl. latest member survey results and generally positive feedback, member response to new name for the merged IFA/AFG organisation as a highly regarded, science-based, independent body representing forestry professionals and growers

7.2 2021 National Conference Summary of progress (Jim Wilson, Convenor)

Conference proposed for Launceston, Tas. in October 2021

Conference theme: *Your forests, Our Future*

Conference Committee: Jim Wilson (Chair), Jacquie Martin (CEO), Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra, Kevin Harding, Suzette Weeding, Rohan Reid, Bill Jackson, Peter Volker, Jinglan Wang, Jay Fowler.

Conference venue proposed for Country Club Casino, Launceston

7.3 Regional Field Day, Dr Tim Wardlaw, Tahune area, southern forests: Deferred until later in the year or early next year, depending on social distancing restrictions.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Greg Unwin
Secretary
10 August 2020

Appendix

Chair Report, IFA/AFG (Tas.) Division 2019/2020

Martin Moroni

Pres. /Chair, IFA/AFG Tas. Division

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When the IFA and AFG merged the two Tasmanian committees combined, retaining IFA and AFG C-Chairs and Co-Secretaries and a large combined committee. The collegial and open approach continued to the 2019 AGM when the new committee retained a large proportion of the two combined agencies previous committee members, with representatives of both agencies in elected roles. It has been a pleasure to work with the combined committee who handled the merger so professionally and respectfully and for the good consideration/representation given to IFA/AFG members from each merged agency. The AGM coincided with the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Productivity Network (TFFPN) awards night where the IFA/AFG Tasmanian committee co-ordinated nominations and judging for the TFFPN Tree Farmer of The Year Award, based on the AFG criteria.

The largest task for the Tasmanian committee during the past year was to support and assisted the National office to host the IFA/AFG 2021 Conference in Tasmania. The Tasmanian committee provided thorough feedback to the national office, including suggestions for dates, field days, topics and speakers. Deputy Chair of the Tasmanian IFA/AFG Committee, Jim Wilson was selected to chair the conference steering committee that comprises other Tasmanian IFA members and participants from the national office. Meetings are underway for what is expected to be a great post-Covid-19 meeting and we look forward to seeing IFA/AFG members from around the country in Tasmania next year.

Collaboration with the forest industry has been achieved through collaboration with the TFFPN in disseminating information and coordinating events. The Tasmanian IFA division provided comment on the annual review of the PFT Levy Rate, Supported the implementation of the Tasmanian Good Neighbour Protocol, and provided input into the Forest Safety Code Review, and supported two forest managers during certification processes. The IFA committee also facilitated connections and information sharing among members on several matters members raised with the committee.

I would like to thank the support from PFT for making their offices available for IFA/AFG meetings pre pandemic and IFA National Office for assisting with subsequent virtual meetings. Thanks to Jacquie Martin, Bob Gordon and Peter Volker for interactions with the national office, especially around organising the 2021 Conference and for providing a way for the regions to input into the national program and for organising webinars and media releases so useful to the forestry sector especially during the pandemic. Thanks to interstate members for providing input on matters relevant to Tasmania, such as Kevin Tolhurst and Jerry Vanclay for their article on bushfires and harvesting that was published in Tasmanian

papers. I would also like to thank Jim Wilson for his assistance as Deputy Chair and Greg Unwin for his assistance as Secretary, a role he has held within the IFA and AFG for 20 years now. Thanks also to all committee members for their robust input to committee meetings, for advice, input and assistance getting things done.

We look forward to catching up with members face to face soon, hopefully at a field day late this year, conditions permitting.

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