

IFA/AFG Tas. Division
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING

5.30 pm, Friday 10 September 2021 at Albert Hall, Launceston.

- 1. Present:** Bryan Hayes, Tony Stonjek, Stephen Clarke, Robin Dickson, Jim Wilson, Therese Taylor, Jay Fowler, Clive Woolridge, Ben Roberts, Bob Gordon, Brodie Frost, Elise Frost, Aidan Flanagan, Stephen Rymer, Nick Martyn, Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra, Molly Daskey-Willis, Greg Unwin (Chair, on behalf of Martin Moroni).

[Our apology to members who tried unsuccessfully to log-in on-line using Zoom. Contrary to the best of plans, at the time of the meeting we were not able to gain internet connection at the meeting venue in Albert Hall.]

- 2. Apologies:** Peter Bird, Jarrod Burn, Simon Cook
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM** (3 Aug. 2020). Tabled as circulated.
- 4. Chair's Report 2020/21 (Martin Moroni).** Attached Appendix 1.
- 5. Nomination of committee members 2021/22**

Existing committee members are deemed to have renominated unless they advised otherwise. (See Appendix for List of Committee members.) Martin Moroni and Clive Woolridge stepped down from the committee following much dedicated years of service as Chair/Secretary and committee member respectively. (Item 7.3 refers.)

The meeting welcomed **Brodie Frost** and **Jarrod Burn** as nominated, to join the Tas. Division committee. (Nominated by Stephen Rymer)

- 6. Nomination / Election of office bearers 2020/21**

Chair

Molly Daskey-Willis accepted the nomination to Chair of the IFA/AFG Tasmania Division. (Nominated by Jim Wilson)

Deputy Chair

Nick Martyn volunteered nomination to the position.

The meeting gratefully acknowledges the commitment and dedication of Jim Wilson in this position during the past two years.

Secretary

(Unfilled, position remains open to interested nominees)

7. General Business

7.1 Plantation Insurance

Bob Gordon (Pres.) provided a brief update on present IFA/AFG negotiations and developments in achieving best access and availability of plantation insurance cover, on behalf of members. With tightening trends in availability of underwriting insurers internationally, IFA/AFG has engaged the services of PSC Insurance Brokers as partner to assist members to secure Plantation Insurance. Members seeking Plantation Insurance should make contact with PSC with a view to IFA/AFG obtaining best cover outcomes and prices for the future.

7.2 Draft Fire Management Plan, Tas. Wilderness World Heritage Area

IFA/AFG has been invited to comment on the draft TWWHA Fire Management Plan released 9 September 2021. The committee will need to seek input and respond to this request, in discussion with national office.

7.3 Motions of appreciation

The meeting unanimously supported motions of acknowledgement and a vote of thanks for the leadership, dedication and service of **Martin Moroni** (retiring Chair IFA/AFG (Tas.) and Past Secretary, and **Clive Woolridge** (committee member) during the past several years. Their many significant contributions have included overseeing and managing the consolidation of merged IFA/AFG entities in the one organisation in Tasmania, also the mentoring and encouragement of members and active support of their interests on behalf of the Division and nationally.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm, followed by the TFFPN annual meeting scheduled for 6.00 pm.

IFA/AFG (Tas. Division) thanks **Therese Taylor** of TFFPN and the Tas. Timber Awards committee for enabling our AGM to align with this venue and time, also **Naomi Will**, **Andrea Diem** and **Romany Broadrib** for their willing assistance with meeting arrangements and communications.

IFA/AFG (Tas. Division) also thanks **Private Forests Tasmania** for continuing support in the interests of growers and members, including the use of the meeting room and attached communications for our regular committee meetings.

Greg Unwin
Secretary
IFA/AFG (Tas. Division)

APPENDIX 1.

Chair's Annual Report 2020/2021

IFA/AFG (Tasmania Division)

The IFA/AFG Tasmanian committee continues with a good mixture of members from both the previous IFA and AFG entities. The committee continued to meet in person and virtually to maintain social distancing and assist with the management of COVID-19, undertaking the first virtual AGM before being able to meet in person again at the Private Forests Tasmania (PFT)/Tree Alliance Prospect offices. It has been a pleasure to work with the professional and respectful committee for the good of members.

At the 2020 AGM we welcome Nick Martyn to the committee. During the year the committee invited PFT/Tree Alliance to maintain its long presence on committee of the IFA and were delighted with the nomination of Molly Daskey-Willis from PFT/Tree Alliance to the committee. We thank retiring committee member Tony Cannon for their service to the combined IFA/AFG committee and to the AFG Committee prior to the merger. Tony retired from the IFA/AFG committee after a significant long-term contribution including as AFG National President and Director, and Chair and Committee member of AFG Tasmania Branch. Tony was ultimately recognised with Life Membership of IFA/AFG.

One of the largest tasks for the Tasmanian committee during the past year was to support and assist the National office to host the 2021 IFA/AFG Conference in Tasmania by providing two committee members to join the 2021 National Conference organising committee. Thank you, Jim Wilson, chair of the conference steering committee and Jay Fowler, for your contributions. We also thank the Tasmanian members and interstate members of the IFA/AFG who are contributing to the success of the event: Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra, Kevin Harding, Suzette Weeding, Rowan Reid, Bill Jackson, Peter Volker, and Jinglan Wang.

Two events were held during the year that brought members together, a field day at the WARRA long term experimental site in November 2020 and an informal trivia night in March 2021.

A fire themed field day was held at the Warra Supersite and Tahune Airwalk in southern Tasmania on Saturday 21 November 2020. In 2019, the Rivereaux Fire burned through the Warra Supersite and Tahune Airwalk. Data describing the actual fire was recorded by the Warra Supersite's instrumentation that included a flux tower. A wide range of expertise from within and outside the forest industry described the Rivereaux fire, the uniqueness of the Tasmanian wet forest system and explored the ramifications for fire and carbon management in these forests. Twenty people attended the field day that was well received and informative. More details can be found in the Feb/March 2021 edition of the Forester.

Tas. Division participated in an informal Tree-Via evening at Gunners Arms Hotel in Launceston on Friday evening of 19 March 2021. Thanks to Jim Wilson for his role as Quizmaster Supremo, and to committee members for their support and attendance.

Collaboration with the forest industry has been achieved through disseminating information and coordinating events. The Tasmanian IFA/AFG division contributed professionally to the annual review of the PFT Levy Rate, contributed to the Forest Fire Management Committee and Bushfire Royal Commission, and supported a local forest management company during certification processes. IFA/AFG Tasmanian committee encourages those seeking certification to consider adding the IFA/AFG to their certification stakeholder lists enabling expert review and letters of support for high standards of forest management common to Tasmania. The IFA committee also facilitated connections and information sharing among members on several matters members raised with the committee, including the need to find effective strategies and incentives to encourage growers to invest in continuing establishment (and re-establishment) of private forests. Dr. Martin Moroni contributed to Australian Forests and Timber News in the April 2021 edition via Round Table Q. and A. on the role of private forest management in greenhouse gas mitigation and carbon management, representing the IFA/AFG.

I would like to thank PFT/Tree Alliance for making their offices available for IFA/AFG meetings in Launceston and Hobart 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, including assistance with virtual meetings.

I would also like to thank Jim Wilson for his assistance as Deputy Chair and Greg Unwin for his assistance as Secretary, a role Greg has now held with IFA/AFG for 21 years. Thanks also to all committee members for their robust input to committee meetings, for advice, input and assistance in getting things done.

Martin Moroni

Committee Chair IFA/AFG (Tas.)

APPENDIX 2:

Tasmania Division IFA/AFG

Executive Committee Members 2020/2021

IFA/AFG Tas. Committee @ September 2021

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