

New Zealand Society of Animal Production

Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date : 6 November 2024
Meeting Time : 5.30pm
Meeting Place : Zoom Oamaru Opera House

ATTENDEES: Nick Sneddon (Chair); Dave Scobie; Rene Corner-Thomas; Ajmal Khan; John Booker; Abigail Jones; Jason Archer; Tricia Johnson; Sue MoCord; Jamie Ward; Omar Al-Marashdeh; Jessica Douie; Ying Ying Chin; Jacqui Peers-Adams; Fern Booker; Racheal Bryant; Steve Davis, Nicola Schreurs and Pauline Penketh

APOLOGIES: Paul Kenyon; Dawn Dalley

MINUTES : Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 21 February 2024 were approved *Nick Sneddon/Rene Corner-Thomas*

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Meeting our objectives:

- To provide an organization to bring about active collaboration among those involved in the science of producing food, fibre and other products from livestock
- To provide an annual meeting for members which will encourage both inter- and intradisciplinary exchange and discussion of findings
- To assist young people in a manner which develops an interest in the science of food and fibre production
- To provide visions for the future of animal production in New Zealand
- To promote the value of science in the development of animal production
- To take such action as may be deemed necessary to foster improvement in animal production

- Falling paper numbers:
 - 2011 – 80 Papers published
 - 2022 – 18 Abstracts submitted
 - 2023 - 15 Articles in NZJAR , 7 Short Communications
 - 2024 – 16 Articles in NZJAR, 7 Short Communications

- Challenging times
 - Covid Saga
 - 4th online AGM
 - Decision on next conference
 - Falling memberships – checking statuses

- Committee Member Vacancies
 - Falling numbers of willing committee volunteers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Election of Officers (2024-2026)

Nominations for the following positions required

- President - Ajmal Khan
- Vice President – Nick Sneddon
- Newsletter – Omar Al-Marashdeh
- Publication Manager – Ying Ying chin
- Website Manager – Tricia Johnson
- Conference Organiser -
- Student Rep – Shannon Ruddy
- Farmer Reps – John Booker/Mark Illston
- Administrator – Pauline Penketh

AWARDS

- Awards in 2023
 - McMeekan Memorial Award - Rachael Bryant
 - Sir Arthur Ward Award – Wendy Bain
 - Young Member Award – Jordan Clarke
 - Lincoln University Centennial Award –
 - NZSAP Jubilee University Awards - Tayla Hurley (MU) and Sam O’Neill (LU)
 - NZSAP Innovation Award (Science and Technology) – not awarded
 - Living Legend Address – Not Awarded
 - Life Member Award – Not Awarded
 - Technician Award – Not Awarded

Approved

TREASURERS REPORT:

The audited financial report was not available for this meeting. It was moved that when that report is available from the auditors it be accepted.

Nick Sneddon/Jamie Ward

Going forward:

- Need to strategically think about society
- Should / could funds be used strategically to meet current needs
- Solve cashflow – 30 year history of falling subs – declining revenue stream – probably now at “rock bottom”
- Current practice has a finite life until “on hand” cash reserves are exhausted – then what?

Membership:

- Active memberships (paid up): 85 Full, 14 Student, 12 Life
 - (Feb 2024, 31 Full, 4 student, 12 Life)
- Expired memberships: 30 Full, 8 Student
 - Active memberships are up on last year (72)
- Need to keep up with membership reminders

EDITOR’S REPORT:

Recent changes:

- Full paper were published with NZJAR
- All papers will be available on the website either NZSAP or via NZJAR

- NZJAR is very happy with the arrangement we have and the quality of the papers submitted

Reviewing:

- My thanks to reviewers – especially those who were prompt
 - The Society depends upon the generosity of reviewers to give their time
 - Reviewers are suggested by the committee
 - Best reviewers provide positive and negative feedback
 - Most do an excellent job
 - If you are likely to do little or nothing and do it late please decline the request EARLY and perhaps suggest an alternative name
 - Members of the committee (editorial board) quickly pre-view all papers before they are sent to the editor: you may get your paper sent back to you if the standard is poor!

Moved that the Editor’s Report be approved.

Nick Sneddon/Jamie Ward

PUBLICATIONS REPORT:

Occasional Publications:

Current Publications and costs (excl GST)

Reproduction Management	\$43.38
Pasture and Supplements	\$43.48
Managing Minerals	\$43.48
Animal Welfare	\$43.48
Meat Production	\$43.48
Lab and Gumboots	\$21.74

Moved that the Publication Report be accepted

Nick Sneddon/Jamie Ward

CONFERENCE UPDATE:

The November 2024 conference was held in Oamaru

Current decision is to join with Grasslands in Hamilton in 2025. Tell us if otherwise desired.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

McMeekan Award Gallery

A motion was received that the incoming committee investigate and actions re-siting the McMeekan Award gallery to a more dignified and public location from it’s current position next to the ladies toilet at the McMeekan Centre, Ruakura.

S Davis/Rene Corner-Thomas

Motion agreed to

WCGALP

A motion was received to set aside travel awards funds for the 2025 year to award for students interested in travelling to WCGALP in USA in 2026,

Jason Archer/Jamie Ward

Motion agreed to

Changes to Incorporated Societies legislation

The following from the Society’s Accountant, Mr Finn Ogle

Until recently, Incorporated Societies have been governed by legislation from 1908. There is now a new **Incorporated Societies Act 2022**, under which all existing societies must re-register within a certain timeframe, i.e. by **April 2026**.

- The 2022 Act and 2023 Regulations set out what your constitution must contain and includes different mandatory provisions than the 1908 Act.
- There will not be a lot of functional difference from how NZ SAP does things currently - so the main thing is the reregistration process itself, then some slight changes to the financial reporting requirements etc ongoing.

What you need to do

- In the next 18 months, NZ SAP will need to either re-register, or wind up/merge with another organisation
- Re-registering requires or **creating a new (or amended) constitution** which complies with the new legislation.

Constitution writing is generally the work of lawyers, however it requires someone familiar with the organisation to drive the process. This could be organised by the Executive Secretary with a law firm, in which case minimal input is required from me. However, I have found with a few clients that I am well placed to drive the process - being familiar with the client organisation and then able to get down to the nitty gritty of what is required by the lawyers, as well as the consultation process with the client.

The government has provided a Constitution Builder tool to help with compliance with the new Act – the link is below. Recently I used this to form a draft constitution tailored to a particular client, then it went to some lawyers at Tomkins Wake in Hamilton who I have a good working relationship with to complete the process, and overall it worked efficiently and well.

At the same time, I realised NZ SAP has considered winding up at times recently, and may decide to take that route. In that case, it would be worth pursuing soon as these things can take time to materialise.

From my end, **please let me know if you would like more information for me to manage the process**, I can look more closely at the specifics and provide some costings.

I do recommend that the above information is discussed at the upcoming conference.

<https://is-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/law-changes-for-societies/key-changes/>
<https://is-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/help-centre/starting-an-incorporated-society/constitution-builder-tool/>

Action: It was agreed that a new and/or amended constitution needs to be undertaken in time to re-register as an Incorporated Society by April 2026 and that a sub-committee of the incoming management committee be set up to drive this initiative

Nick Sneddon/John Booker

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.28pm



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Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Sneddon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Sneddon
President
Date 21/11/2024