



Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Annual General Meeting held Thursday 1st of October, 2020 at DPIRD Conference Room, Merredin.

Chairperson: Stuart Putt.

1. Opening of Meeting:10.00am.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

- a. Attendance:** Steve Palm, Mal Willis, Kim Haywood, Gary Guerini, Ross Della Bosca, Len Armstrong, Dean Sinclair, Jazmin Lindley, Scott Stirrat, Jim Sullivan, Margaret Sullivan, Ron Burro, Kelly Manning, Mia Davies, Darren West, Stuart Putt, Glenice Batchelor, Linda Vernon, Nathan Richards, Jamie Taylor, Cyril Smith and Lisa O'Neill.
- b. Apologies:** Helen Shemeld (COM), Tom Mulcahy (Kondinin) and Mark Crees (COM).

3. Disclosure of Interests:

Steve Palm – next in line for Chairperson noted that Lisa O'Neill the Executive Officer was his daughter.

Jim Sullivan – on the Sheep and Goat Industry Funding Scheme (IFS) Committee.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a.** Meeting held 16th of October 2019, at Merredin CRC, Merredin.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 16th of October 2019 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved: G. Guerini. Seconded: R. Della Bosca.
Carried.***

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** All gates on SBF to be constructed at 4.2m in the future.

6. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a.** 2019/20 Financial position presented.

Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate and that the Byfield's Business Advisors Audit of the EWBG's 2019/20 financials were tabled at the meeting to the members.

***Moved: J. Sullivan. Seconded: M Willis.
Carried.***



- b. 2020/21 Budget Forecast as per Operational Plan.

Action: The Committee of Management will meet prior to the end of December 2020 to endorse the 2020/21 Operation Plan for EWBG.

7. Appointment of Auditor

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group appoint Byfield's Business Advisors as the auditors for 2020/21 fiscal year.

**Moved: R. Burro. Seconded: R. Della Bosca.
Carried.**

8. Setting of Membership Fee

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's will set a membership fee of \$100 for 2020/21 for the eleven member Shire's of the group.

**Moved: J. Sullivan. Seconded: R. Della Bosca.
Carried.**

9. Correspondence:

- a. Inward/Outward Correspondence

Motion:

That all correspondence presented be considered and accepted.

**Moved: L. O'Neill. Seconded: D Sinclair.
Carried.**

10. **Chairs Report** – presented by Stuart Putt. Included in the 2019/20 Annual Report.

11. Change to Constitution

Motion:

That the constitution been changed as per the appendix attached.

**12. Moved: S. Palm. Seconded: R. Della Bosca.
13. Carried.**



14. Election of Office

- a.** Chair – Steve Palm (Mukinbudin)
- b.** Deputy Chair – Scott Stirrat (Narembeen)
- c.** Committee:
 - Jim Sullivan – Nominated by S. Palm, seconded by S. Putt. Accepted.
 - Cyril Smith – Nominated by D. Sinclair, seconded by J. Sullivan. Accepted.
 - Mark Crees – Nominated by M. Willis, seconded by R. Della Bosca. Accepted.
 - Ron Burro – Nominated by J. Sullivan, seconded by D. Sinclair. Accepted.
 - Stuart Putt – Nominated by S. Palm, seconded by G. Guerini. Accepted.
 - Dean Sinclair – Nominated by S Palm, seconded by M. Willis. Accepted.

15. Agenda Items

a. LPMT (Dogger) Update

- i.** Jamie Taylor: stopped trapping due to high activity of tourists. Wild Dog numbers are controlled inside the fence. Stock attacks limited. Working with Nathan and Malcolm closely. Training new LPMT. Aerial baiting late October. Lots of activity on the SBF.
- ii.** Nathan Richards: During the last 12 months progressively making way out from the area - Butlers Corner. Making way east to overlap and work with Frog through Walyahmoning area and in the later months towards the west (Lake Moore) working in with Malcolm Ovans. Ground baiting program I did in December had a significant effect, not just in the immediate areas. The effect appeared to extend out approximately 15-20km into the landholder areas.

b. DBCA Update- Jazmin Linley

RCP Permits are currently being discuss between DPIRD and DBCA.
EWBG have approval to continue aerial bait late October on DBCA land.

c. DPIRD update- Kim Haywood

22,600 landholders will receive a DPR in 2020. DPIRD are working to streamline the process. New DPR guidance manual to be released soon. RBG – DPIRD consultation results facts to be released. DBCA Permits need discussion, DPIRD happy to work on this. Pastoral leases rating locations and RBG receiving fund to be looked into. It was noted that the Wild Dog Action Plan is to be resubmitted by DPIRD. There has been no consultation and discussion with RBGs in regards to the plan.

d. Operational Plan – Lisa O’Neill

Operational Plan to be submitted to DPIRD by December 30, 2020. Committee of Management to meet and finalise.

Cyril Smith entered meeting 11.02am.



e. Declaration Status – Linda Vernon.

DPIRD declaration of Status for Wild Dogs. Supporting change from C3 (Managed) to C2 (Eradicated) inside the SBF. Policy change only, so could be done immediately.

Action: Letter of support for change of declaration of status from EWBG to DPIRD.

16. General Business

- a. Bait testing – Trish Fleming and Tracey Kreplin working with EWBG LPMT. 13 RBG's participating to determine best bait storage option.
- b. Southern Biosecurity Association – SBF research currently underway, will benefit all RBG's.
- c. SBF – trapping along fence is needed as this is how Wild Dogs navigate the fence.
- d. Illegal Travellers on SBF – Executive Officer to continue to follow up with DPIRD, no progress at this point.
- e. Evanston Grid – Wild Dogs are currently walking over the grid, there needs to be a reporting system for a breach of the fence to DPIRD.
- f. Narembeen fox control – Scott Stirrat to ensure Shire of Narembeen are satisfied with their current control of foxes.
- g. 1080 use in the future is important so its vital EWBG promote its importance and ensure understanding to the public.

17. Next Meeting: March 2020 (Date to be allocated).

18. Close of Meeting: 11.41pm.