



Minutes for the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 18th of October, 2022 at Merredin Community Resource Centre Conference Room.

Chairperson: Steve Palm.

1. Opening of Meeting: 10.01am.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

- a. Attendance:** Ron Burro, Mark Crees, Ross Della Bosca, Scott Stirrat, Steve Hunt, Steve Palm, Peter Barnes, Gary Guerini, Romolo Patroni, Jim Sullivan, Stuart McEwan, Daniel Hay-Hendiy, Tom Mulcahy, Dean Sinclair, Jason Davis, Lisa O'Neill.
- b. Apologies:** Kelly Manning, Mia Davies, Melissa Price, Darren West, Adrian Chesson, Cyril Smith, Stuart Putt, Linda Vernon, Len Armstrong, Jamie Taylor, Glenice Batchelor, David Burton.

3. Disclosure of Interests:

Steve Palm – current 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 17th of March 2022, at Merredin CRC, Merredin.
- b.** Meeting held 29th of September 2021, at Merredin CRC, Merredin.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 29th of September 2021 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved: J. Sullivan. Seconded: G. Guerini.
Carried.***

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 17th of March 2022 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved: R. Patroni. Seconded: P. Barnes.
Carried.***

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** Processworx Update
- b.** DBCA RP Permits extended until Dec 31st, 2022.

6. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a.** 2021/2022 Audited Financials presented.



Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate and that the Audit Partners Australia Audit of the EWBG's 2021/2022 financials were tabled at the meeting to the members.

**Moved: T. Mulcahy. Seconded: M. Crees.
Carried.**

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

Action: The Committee of Management will meet prior to the end of December 2022 to endorse the 2023/24 Operation Plan for EWBG.

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's bank account is any 2 to sign and held at Bankwest. The following members are authorised by the members to operate the group's Bankwest bank accounts Scott Stirrat (Chairman) – Narembeen Shire and Jason Davis (Deputy Chairman) Nungarin Shire.

**Moved: S. Palm. Seconded: R. Burro.
Carried.**

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group transfer \$60,000 from the transaction account to term deposit.

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

7. Appointment of Auditor

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group appoint Audit Partners Australia as the auditors for 2022/23 fiscal year.

**Moved: R. Burro Seconded: S. Hunt.
Carried.**

8. Setting of Membership Fee

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's will set a membership fee of \$100 for 2022/23 for the eleven member Shire's of the group.

**Moved: M. Crees. Seconded: S. Palm.
Carried.**



9. Chairs Report

Motion:

That the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's Chairpersons report was presented by Steve Palm and included in the 2021-2022 Annual report.

**Moved: M. Crees. Seconded: S. Stirrat.
Carried.**

10. Election of Office

- a. Chair – Scott Stirrat (Narembeen)
- b. Deputy Chair – Jason Davis (Nungarin)
- c. Committee:
 - Dean Sinclair – Nominated by T. Mulcahy, seconded by S. Stirrat. Accepted.
 - Jim Sullivan – Nominated by R. Burro, seconded by S. Palm. Accepted.
 - Mark Crees – Nominated by R. Della Bosca, seconded by S. Palm. Accepted.
 - Steve Hunt – Nominated by S. Palm, seconded by R. Burro. Accepted.
 - Ron Burro – Nominated by R. Della Bosca, seconded by G. Guerini. Accepted.
 - Steve Palm – Nominated by S. Stirrat, seconded by M. Crees . Accepted.

11. Agenda Items

- a. **LPMT (Dogger) Update: provided by Stuart McEwan.**
- b. **DBCA Update- provided by Lisa O'Neill on behalf of Adrian Chesson.**
 - i. MOU to be finalised in the next week. EWBG to receive funds from DBCA to continue LPMT Operations in the northern area of EWBG's prescribed area.
- c. **DPIRD update- provided by Lisa O'Neill on behalf of Michael Britton.**
 - i. DPR notices were successfully sent out to ~22,000 ratepayers across the State in September.
 - ii. DPIRD has commenced reviewing all RBG Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements.
 - iii. DPIRD has commenced working with some RBGs in relation to total budgets for 2023/24 and what rate may be required to fulfil those expectations.
 - iv. A SmartyGrants working group will be formed in the near future (comprising a few selected RBGs) to develop a new system for applying for a Declared Pest Rate which will likely replace the need for RBGs to submit a full Operational Plan to DPIRD (an Ops Plan would still be required for community consultation/information).
 - v. Synergies Consulting are continuing the process of reviewing the RBG model and the BAM Act review panel continues its work on behalf of the Minister (see notes from last email update).



d. DPIRD Research Scientist Update – Tracey Kreplin.

e. Operational Plan

- i. Operational Plan to be submitted to DPIRD by December 30, 2022. Committee of Management to meet and finalise.

12. General Business

- a. All SBF maintenance and other issues, including illegal travellers to be reported to Sue Connell via EWBG Executive Officer - Lisa O'Neill.

13. Next Meeting: March 2023 (TBC).

14. Close of Meeting: 11.35am.