



Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 29th of September, 2021 at Merredin Community Resource Centre, Conference Room, Merredin.

Chairperson: Steve Palm.

1. Opening of Meeting: 10.40am.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

- a. Attendance:** Steve Palm, Gary Coumbe, Mal Willis, Jim Sullivan, Ron Burro, Stuart Putt, Garrick Yandle, Scott Stirrat, Adrian Chesson, Dean Sinclair, Tom Mulcahy, Stuart McEwan, Jamie Taylor, Nathan Richards, Linda Vernon, Lisa O’Neill.
- b. Apologies:** Len Armstrong, Gary Guerini, Rick Wilson, Mia Davies, Cyril Smith.

Disclosure of Interests:

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

Steve Palm – Chairperson noted that Lisa O’Neill the Executive Officer was his daughter.

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a.** Meeting held 1st of October 2020, at DPIRD Conference Room, Merredin.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 1st of October 2020 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** Nil.

5. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a.** 2020/21 Financial position presented.

Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate and that the Audit Partners Australia Audit of the EWBG’s 2020/21 financials were tabled at the meeting to the members.

***Moved: S. Putt. Seconded: J. Sullivan.
Carried.***



6. Appointment of Auditor

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group appoint Audit Partners Australia as the auditors for 2021/22 fiscal year.

**Moved: J. Sullivan. Seconded: R. Burro.
Carried.**

7. Setting of Membership Fee

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's will set a membership fee of \$100 for 2021/22 for the eleven-member Shire's of the group.

**Moved: S. Putt. Seconded: S. Stirrat.
Carried.**

8. Correspondence:

- a. Inward/Outward Correspondence

Motion:

That all correspondence presented be considered and accepted.

**Moved: L. O'Neill. Seconded: G. Coumbe.
Carried.**

9. **Chairs Report** – presented by Steve Palm. Included in the 2020/21 Annual Report.

10. Agenda Items

- a. **DPIRD update-** provided via Michael Britton (Office of RBG's) through zoom. Update on Strengthening Community Action to Manage Declared Pests and the recent RBG Forum in Perth.
- b. **LPMT (Dogger) Update**

LPMT's Stuart McEwan, Jamie Taylor and Nathan Richards outline current control activities. Outlining that through the winter the fence was hard to access due to the large amounts of water around. Wild Dog activity has been quiet, especially after the aerial bait.

Action: LPMT's to provide photos of areas of fence that need maintenance.

The EWBG thanked the LPMT's for their continued hard work. Also want to outline how much of a great impact the EWBG have had on the environment, in particular the increased number of birds and small mammals in the area due to fox, cat and wild dog control efforts of the EWBG LPMT's.



c. DBCA Update- Adrian Chesson

As per DBCA LPMT report provided to the EWBG. DBCA Restricted Product (RP) Permits to be extended for another 12 months.

d. Operational Plan – Lisa O’Neill

Operational Plan to be submitted to DPIRD by December 30, 2021. Committee of Management to meet and finalise early December.

e. Neighbouring RBG: Linda Vernon – Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (CWBA)

Linda provided a presentation on the CWBA and their current Declared Pest Management Plan.

11. General Business

a. OHS - Understanding the NEW Work Health & Safety Act (WA) 2020.

Motion:

That the EWBG will engage with a HR Consultant to implement a Work Health Policy and Procedure Plan for the EWBG.

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

12. Next Meeting: Committee of Management December 2021.

13. Close of Meeting: 12.54pm.