

NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY Inc.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUIDE HALL, MT HUTTON
ON SATURDAY 12th AUGUST 2006.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Max Smider(Chairman), Erika Smider, Geoff Farris, Greg Hawke, David Wood, Peter Coulton, Graham Wilson, Beverly Wakeling, Bob Felton, Bob Nieass, Samantha Wood, Liz Weiss, Chris Gray, Denise Peters, Winifred Hager, Maurice Hager, Liz Geatches, Robert Flanagan, Jean Wild, Ann Millar, Peter Rauch, Marilyn Swan, Margaret Mountford, KEN Phillips, Penny Davis, Jerry Cassidy, Jessica Romani, Vic Bell, Judith Bell, Margaret Smith, Christine Heffernan, Paul Blain, Doris Ng, Janet Edwards, Joy Downey, Ken Renfrew, Lorne Henry, Pam Thompson, Wayne Dick.

WELCOME

President Max welcomed all to the 2006 Annual General Meeting and declared it open at 11.15am.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Jan Shephard, Judy Bagnall, Michael Carr, Terry Hewitt.

Item 1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLVED on a motion by Peter Coulton and David Wood that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 13th August 2005, having been circulated amongst the members of the club, be confirmed as a true and a correct record of that meeting.

Item 2 REPORTS

2.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Max's report included:

- Thanking the committee for their support and assistance in his transition from Vice President to President.
- Praise for the Tudor Bob Felton and other senior members for assisting and providing information to members at the monthly workshops.
- The club has organised interesting demonstrations utilising local members and guest demonstrators
- Successful bus trips and olive dig.
- Supported the "Treasures of the Orient: promotion at the Hunter Valley Gardens.
- Bonsai tools are available through the club at competitive prices.
- The club's annual Bonsai exhibition (a record number of trees on display)
- Thanked the librarian Bev Wakeling for maintaining the expanding library.
- The club is still attracting new members.
- Praise for the committee and members for supporting the club

In conclusion Max stated that with strong commitment from the committee and members that the club can only go forward.

2.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

The acting Treasurer summarised the financial Statement and stated that the Club was in a healthy financial position. Copies of the Financial Report were distributed to the members present at the meeting and a copy is appended to these Minutes.

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$1240.84
Income	\$14854.59	
Expenditure	\$12334.44	
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		\$3968.69

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Financial Report be accepted.

Geoff Farris/David Wood

2.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary stated that she was half way through her second term, thanking the committee and members for their

support.

The secretary was pleased the club was attracting new members and that the workshops and organised events (bus trip, Christmas party, and 30th anniversary workshop) were well attended.

In conclusion Erika is looking forward to the next 12 months.

3.1 Peter Coulton (vice President), Graham Wilson (committee member and AABC delegate) and David Wood (AABC delegate) were nominated and have been accepted to fill casual vacancies. These members have agreed to hold these positions until the 2007 AGM meeting.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, Chairman Max Smider closed the meeting at 11:45 am.