

**NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY Inc.**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUIDE HALL, MT HUTTON**  
**ON SATURDAY 11th AUGUST 2007.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Max Smider (Chairman), Erika Smider, Wayne Hohol, Geoff Farris, Bob Nieass, Liz Weiss, Greg Hawke, David Wood, Samantha Wood, Peter Coulton, Bob Felton, Bev Grover, Margaret Vale, Ann Miller, June Rush, Chris Gray, Denise Peters, Winifred Hager, Maurice Hager, Liz Geatches, Jan Shephard, Doris NG, Jean Wild, Joy Downey, Tom Davies, Ken Phillips, Vic Bell, Judith Bell, Margaret Smith, Paul Blain, Christine Heffernan, Mick Applebee, Gloria Applebee Janet Edwards, Penny Davis, Margaret Mountford, Lorne Henry, Jan Shepard, Bev Wakeling, Graham Wilson, Sandra Blair, Kelsey Hart, Robert Flanagan, Jerry Cassidy, Jean Pestel, Shane Scott, Vivian Allen, Brad Hayne, Jessica Romani, Frances Dick, Wayne Dick.

**WELCOME**

President Max welcomed all to the 2007 Annual General Meeting and declared it open at 11.00am.

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received

**Item 1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

RESOLVED on a motion by Peter Coulton and David wood that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 12th August 2006, having been circulated amongst the members of the club is confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Item 2 REPORTS**

**2.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Max reviewed the past year's activities, his report included:

- Happy with the position the Club is in, core members and influx of new members
- Praise for the committee and their efforts.
- Summarised the activities and events that the committee has organised for members in the past year.
- Thanked members for supporting events and activities and hopes future events are as well supported.
- Appreciation given to Geoff Farris for care taking the Newsletter and Shane Scott for taking on the Editor's role.

Max concluded by stating he would not nominate for re-election and wished the incoming committee success for the future.

**2.2 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer summarised the financial Statement and stated that the Club was in a healthy financial position. Wayne thanked all the members who supported him during his term as Treasurer. Wayne stated that he would not stand for re-election and offered his support to the new Treasurer.

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		\$3968.69
Income	\$14673.81	
Expenditure	\$16337.57	
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		\$2107.93

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Financial Report be accepted.

Geoff Farris/David Wood

### **2.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The secretary thanked the president, committee and club members for their support and stated that it has been an interesting four years. Erika stated that the committee has always tried to make members welcome and tried to create a friendly atmosphere. Erika has decided not to stand for re-election and wished the incoming committee well.

### **Item 3 RECEIPT & CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL STATEMENT**

The Statement pursuant to Section 26(6) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 was read to the meeting by the Public Officer, Peter Coulton.

**RESOLVED** that Max Smider & Greg Hawke be authorised to sign the "Certificate by Members of the Committee".

### **Item 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All Committee positions were declared vacant and Bob Nieass acted as chairman and returning Officer for elections to fill those positions.

**PRESIDENT:** No written nominations were received for the position of President.

The chairman called for nominations from the floor. David Wood was nominated by Erika Smider and seconded by Peter Coulton. There were no further nominations and David Wood was declared elected.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** No written nominations were received for the position of Vice President

The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Max Smider was nominated by Peter Coulton and seconded by Geoff Farris. There were no further nominations and Max Smider was declared elected.

**SECRETARY:** No written nomination was received for the position of Secretary. The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Geoff Farris was nominated by Bev Wakeling and seconded by Jan Shephard. There were no further nominations and Geoff Farris was declared elected.

**TREASURER:** No written nominations were received for the position of Treasurer.

The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Graham Wilson was nominated by Geoff Farris and seconded by David Wood. There were no further nominations and Graham Wilson was declared elected.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER:** No written nominations were received for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Wayne Hohol was nominated but declined, No further nominations were received and the position was left vacant.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** No written nominations were received for the position of Newsletter Editor. The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Shane Scott was nominated by Max Smider and seconded by Jan Shephard There were no further nominations and Shane Scott was declared elected.

**LIBRARIAN:** No written nominations were received for the position of Librarian.

The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Bev Wakeling was nominated by Peter Coulton and seconded by Jan Shephard. There were no further nominations and Bev Wakeling was declared elected.

**HONORARY TUTOR:** No written nominations were received for the position of Honorary Tutor. The chairman called for nominations from the floor. Bob Felton, Bob Flanagan, Liz Weiss and Jean Pestel were nominated but all declined. No further nominations were received and the position was left vacant.

**Five COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** No written nomination were received for the position of Committee Members. The chairman called for nominations from the floor and the following people were elected to the five Committee positions

Greg Hawke  
Jan Shephard  
Erika Smider  
Penny Davis  
Lorne Henry

**AABC Representative:**

No written nominations were received for the position of AABC representative. The chairman called for nominations from the floor. The following members were nominated:

David Wood- Nominated by Peter Coulton  
Shane Scott- Nominated by Bev Wakeling

There were no further nominations and David Wood and Shane Scott were declared elected.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

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