

DRAFT MINUTES



VNZI AGM

Name:	Vegetables NZ
Date:	Thursday, 8 August 2024
Time:	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (NZST)
Location:	Navigation Homes Stadium, 21 Stadium Drive, Pukekohe, Auckland
Committee Members:	John Murphy (Committee Chair), Allen Lim, Bobby Lowe, Brendan Balle, Jay Clarke, Kiran Hari, Nick Pollock
Attendees:	Andrew Bristol, Antony Heywood, Heidi Hitchman
Apologies:	Cam Lewis

1. Annual General Meeting

1.1 Welcome & Chair's Introduction

The Chair, John Murphy welcome everyone to the 2024 Vegetables NZ Incorporated Annual General Meeting in person and online.

John introduced the Board, advised the Health & Safety of the venue and reminded everyone to complete the registration form to note their attendance.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from:

- Simon Wilcox
- Simon Watson
- Bharat Jivan
- John Clark
- Brendan Balle
- Cam Lewis
- Mark O'Connor
- Andrew Kenny
- Mike Arnold



Acceptance of the Apologies

The Apologies were **accepted**.

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

1.3 Obituaries

A moments silence was held for:

- Alan Noble

John Murphy spoke about Alan Note and acknowledge what Alan did for growers and the industry. Alan was smart, well intentioned and always had the grower at heart. Alan will be sadly missed.

1.4 Life Membership Awards

VNZI Life Memberships were awarded to:

- Geoff Lewis
- Mark O'Connor

1.5 Chairs Report



Acceptance of the Chairs Report

The Chairs Report for 2023/24 year was **accepted**.

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

1.6 Chief Executive's Report



Chief Executive's Report for the Annual General Meeting The

Chief Executive's Report for the 2023/24 Year was **accepted**.

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

1.7 2023/24 Annual Accounts

2. 2024 Remits

2.1 REMIT 1 - 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes



That: The draft Minutes of the Vegetable NZ Annual General Meeting...

That: The draft Minutes of the Vegetable NZ Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd August 2023 were **accepted** as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Gareth Holder

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.2 REMIT 2 - Chairs Report



Acceptance of the 2024 Chairs Report

That: the Chair's Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 as published in the 2024 Vegetables NZ Annual Report, be **accepted**.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Andre de Bruin

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.3 REMIT 3 - Acceptance of the Audited Annual Accounts to 31 March 2024

VNZI General Manager, Antony Heywood and Lucy Haberfield (HortNZ. - GM Corporate Services) spoke to the annual accounts presented.



Acceptance of the Audited Annual Accounts to 31 March 2024

That: the audited Vegetables NZ financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 be **adopted**.

Moved: Colin Fong / **Seconded:** Bobby Lowe

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.4 REMIT 4 - Commodity Levy rate for 2023/24



Commodity Levy for the incoming year.

That: the commodity levy rate for Fresh Vegetables for the incoming levy year remain at 0.30% for domestic sales and 00.20% for export sales (FOB)

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Doug Nilsson

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.5 REMIT 5 - VNZI Biosecurity Levy 2023/24



Acceptance of the Biosecurity Levy Rate

That: the Biosecurity Levy rate for fresh vegetables domestic and export sale for the coming biosecurity levy year remain at 0.05%

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Mike Parker

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.6 REMIT 6 - 2024/25 Budget Approval



2024/25 Budget Approval

That: Vegetables NZ budget for the year ended 31 March 2025, include in the 2024 Vegetables NZ Annual Report be **endorsed**.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Kirit Makan

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.7 REMIT 7 - Appointment of the Auditor



Appointment of Auditors for 2024/25 Financial Year

That: BDO Wellington be appointed as the auditors for the 2024/25 financial year.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Gareth Holder

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024

Outcome: Approved

2.8 REMIT 8 - Constitution & Rules Review Acceptance



VNZI Constitution & Rules changes

That: that clause 6.1 (a) of the VN Inc. Constitution & Rules be deleted and replaced with the amended clause 6.1(a) as set out in the AGM Pack and that definition of Director in Clause 1.1 of the VNZ Inc. Constitution and Rules be updated as per attached.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Frank Hickmott

That: clauses 6.2(a) and (b) of the VNZ Inc Constitution & Rules be deleted and replaced with the amended clauses (6.2 (a), (b) and C as set out in the attached document, with existing clauses 6.2 (c), (d), (e) (f) and (g) renumbered as clauses 6.2 (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h).

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Robert Lindsay

That: clauses 6.3 to 6.6 and clause 8.4 of the VNZ Inc. Constitution & Rules be amended as set out in the attached.

Moved: VNZI Board / **Seconded:** Leanne Roberts

Decision Date: 8 Aug 2024
Outcome: Approved

3. Election of Officers

3.1 VNZI Director Election

Kiran Hari, John Murphy and Warwick Simpson were up for re-election. Kiran Hari did not seek re-election.

The Election was adjudicated by Lucy Haberfield (HortNZ)

John Murphy & Warwick Simpson were re-elected to the VNZ Inc Board and Emma Lees was elected.

The Chair, John Murphy thanked Kiran Hari for this contribution and time on the VNZ Inc. Board.

3.2 Future Director Announcement

The Chair, John Murphy thanked Bobby Lowe who has been the VNZ Inc. Future Director for the past 12 months, noting his growth in the role over the last 12-months.

The 2024/25 Future Director position received three applications. Congratulations to Jasmin Franklin who was the successful applicant.

4. Industry Awards 2024

4.1 Industry Awards

Industry Awards

Industry Service Awards:

- Lex Dillon
- Graham Walker (Miriam Hall accepted on Graham's behalf)

Industry Merit Award:

- Doug Nilsson

5. General Business

5.1 General Business

Asparagus Council:

The NZ Asparagus Council joined Vegetables NZ Inc. in the form of Cam Lewis. VNZ Inc is delighted that Asparagus is a part of VNZ Inc.

Vegetables Collaboration:

The Chair, John Murphy provided an update noting that:

- the project is moving ahead
- consideration being given to a stronger collaboration between product groups.
- VNZ Inc. is deterred to work better with other product groups.
- Further updates will be provided as conversations progress.

Crop Advisory Groups (CAGs):

- These groups are responsive to growers
- Feedback gets taken to the VNZ Inc Board for decisions
- Used to drive inputs for members

GE:

- Falls under the HortNZ remit
- In a views gathering stage
- No clear mandate from growers yet
- Grower views to the communicated to Leanne Roberts (HortNZ)
- HortNZ proactively working with the Government but needs grower input

WorkSafe Consultation:

- Consultation is underway. Growers to connect in with Eve at HortNZ Policy with their feedback/evidence. Antony Heywood to circulate information to growers.

6. Board Meeting Post AGM

6.1 Election of Board Positions

Board Only Election of Officers

The VNZI Board held a meeting following the AGM. 5.50pm-6.00pm

Present: Emma Lees, Nick Pollock, Allan Lim, Warwick Simpson, Jay Clarke, Rob Lindsay, Jasmine Franklin, John Murphy.

Apologies: Brendan Balle & Simon Watson were an apology.

Election of Chair:

The outgoing VNZI Vice-Chair Allen Lim called for nominations for Chair.

John Murphy was nominated by X

This was seconded by X

There being no alternative nominations, John Murphy was elected as Chair of VNZI for the 2024-2025 year.

Election of Vice Chair:

Allen Lim then called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Nick Pollock nominated Warwick Simpson, which was seconded by Jay Clarke.

There were no other nominations, and as such Warwick Simpson was elected Vice Chair for the 2024-2025 year.

Director Remuneration:

It was noted after the AGM that we did not cover remuneration. Constitutionally this should have been brought to the AGM. We will need to hold a Special General Meeting online for this oversight.

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: VNZI - 24 Sept 2024, 9:30 am

Signature: _____

Date: _____