

OLIVES NEW ZEALAND
MINUTES SYNOPSIS OF EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012
7PM – 7.45PM

1. Present

Andrew Taylor (President), John Arthur (Vice President), John Dunlop, Bob Marshall, Allan Frazer, Chris Moore, Gayle Sheridan (Executive Officer)

2. Apologies

David Walshaw, Craig Leaf-Wright

3. Minutes of the August Meeting

The minutes are approved as accurate and complete.

Move Allan Seconded Chris Carried

4. Financial Report

The Financial Report prepared by the Treasurer for August had been circulated.
The Annual Accounts are due back from the Auditor and no issues identified.

5. Executive Officer Report

Membership now is 170 with 24 members yet to pay their current subscription.

Certification – some issues had been identified which would need to be incorporated into the 2013 rules.

1. Where the blend certified is not the final blend being bottled or put forward for Olives NZ awards because changes have been made to ratios or oils used. Any change in ratios or oils used in a blend requires the new blend to be certified.
2. Request to increase the volume from that stated on the certification request form. This must be supported by a copy of the record/invoice from the processor to show either the quantity that was pressed or the volume of oil produced.
3. Change in batch number. This must be supported by a copy of the record from the processor that shows the batch number.
4. Backward integration is where an oil is taken from a certified blend to sell as a single varietal or to be put forward of Olives NZ Awards. This requires the single varietal to be certified.

If someone wanted to blend single varietals that had been each certified, this is OK but details must be provided to Olives NZ in advance for approval and labels provided.

Oils which had failed to be classified as EVOO all failed sensory and a couple also chemical. The defects were mainly Fusty/Muddy or Rancid, probably caused by frosted fruit. There was also a couple of Heated/Burnt. Andrew said the latter could have been caused through heat caused by excessive leave content.

It was noted that several regions were particularly down on 2011 certification figures.

Awards – the final tally of entries was 44 which would result in a loss of approx \$5,000.

Annual General Meeting – 40 postal votes had been received for the Presidential election and there could be that many again at the AGM.

6. General Business

Resignation – Roger Armstrong

The Nelson Branch would be having its AGM on 26 September so a successor to Roger would be appointed.

New Members

The following new members were noted:

Viut & Di Chadwick	Old Hautere Road	Kapiti
Jared Gulian & CJ Cudby	Moon over Martinborough	Wairarapa
Russell and Angel Derecourt	Number 53 Olive Estate	Auckland

Moon over Martinborough has a blog site detailing their experiences in becoming olive growers in New Zealand and that they had also sent their first shipment off to the USA.

Food and Wine Show

Chris commented that Lusatori were exhibiting at the Food and Wine Show along with Pukara Olive Estate, an Australian olive grove. Lusatori had been featured in The Press accordingly. Pukara had also been at Wellington and Auckland.