

Olives New Zealand
Minutes Synopsis of Executive Meeting
Saturday 19th March 2016
Carterton Events Centre, Carterton
12 noon – 1pm

1. Present

Andrew Taylor (President), Craig Leaf-Wright (Vice President, Treasurer) Tricia Noble-Beasley, Niall Holland, John Dunlop, Bob Marshall, Gayle Sheridan

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes of the February Meeting

Matters Arising

Phenomenal Phenols Paper (and AGM Presentation)

It was agreed that more explanation was required in the April newsletter so that members understood that polyphenol testing would be available in 2016 but at an additional cost.

Also that there would be an indication of the polyphenols with the intensity rating shown on the Certification certificate.

It was apparent that people at the AGM were unaware of the difference between Modern Olives and DPI and why Olives NZ worked with the latter. It would be explained in the newsletter that Olives NZ has traditionally aligned itself with IOC although New Zealand was not a member. The DPI Oil Testing Service laboratory and organoleptic panel were both accredited by IOC whereas Modern Olives was privately owned.

4. Financial Report

The AGM discussion on funding and particularly membership fees was very positive. The Treasurer would work on implications of a potential new membership fee structure and the impact of losing non-active members.

5. Executive Officer Report

Gayle spoke to selected topics within her report because of time constraints.

Certification

Bearing in mind the clear message about user pays, a review of not charging for certified oil transfers is required. Whilst it may be reasonable not to charge grower members for this service, associate members should be charged. The 2016 Certification will be updated accordingly for the Executive to sign off at the April meeting.

Japan Export Pilot

The documentation had been finalised for sign off by the Executive. It was ready for distribution to members after Gayle has a meeting with Export NZ in case there was some funding assistance available.

The Japan Export Pilot Letter of Intent was approved for distribution to members.

Due to time constraints the meeting was declared closed at 1pm.

NEXT MEETING - 21 April (teleconference)