



MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 19th March 2023

5pm – 6.05pm

Zoom Meeting

1) Present

Craig Leaf-Wright (Leafyridge Olives), Rob and Tricia Noble-Beasley (Noble Estate), Charles Chinnaiyah (Olea Estate), Diana Crosse (Kapiti Olives), Sally Murrey (Totora Tunnel Olives), Peter Bayliss (Southlea Olives), Nalini and Colin Baruch (Lot Eight), Neil Smith (NS20), Ray and Brenda Gregory (Kakariki Olives), Peter & Ruth Graham (Atutahi), Chris Flynn, Emma Glover

Craig welcomed all to the meeting.

Joined by: Andrew Priddle (Stoneykirk), Chris Penman (Bella Olea), Hamilton and Gayle McConachy (Rata Olives), Chris Moore (Robinson Bay Olives).

2) Apologies

Geoff Crawford (Telegraph Hill), Andrew & Delyth Taylor (Forty Groves), Julie Mays & Werner Seitner (Oliven am Meer Ltd), Anne Marshall & John Pool (Strathview Olives Ltd), Helen & John Meehan (Olivo Ltd), Margaret Edwards, Steve Morris (OJ & SE Morris Partnership), Alan and Anita Blakemore (Longview Olives), John Valentine (Lansdowne Olives), Dave Jennings, Andrew and Hilary Fenemor (Mt Heslington Olives), Niall Holland & Jan Whyte (Old French Road), Linda Smith (Olives on the Hill).

The apologies as received were accepted.

3) Minutes of 2022 AGM

No Matters arising.

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted as complete and accurate.

Moved: Craig Leaf-Wright

Seconded: Charles Chinnaiyah

Carried: by all present

4) President's Report

Craig delivered the 2023 President's Report.

The key points related to:

- 2022 Harvest season was variable for many growers. 25% did not harvest – many of them did not have a spray program which is important to maintain tree health.
- Certification – ONZ continued to use Modern Olives Labs in Australia, it worked well. There was a definite shift towards the medium and intense categories. There were 120k litres certified compared to 136k in 2021.
- NZ EVOO Awards - Conference held in conjunction with Awards in Wellington. The conference was not well attended, the presentations were very interesting. The awards had 152 oils entered, with remote judging. Excellent results. Wairarapa has 43% of all entries and won 63% of gold medals.
- The Industry - Some of largest groves are under threat, being sold and replaced with other crops. Cyclone Gabrielle has caused damaged groves in Northland and Hawke's Bay.

- Harvest - Hawke's Bay the top producing region with 16.7kg/tree down to Central Otago 3.8kg/tree. The National Average was 13.8%. Nearly 6 tonne of table olives was produced.
- 60% of groves now have a spray program, mainly preventing Peacock Spot and Anthracnose.
- Focus Grove finished in 2022. The learnings from the last 6 years have been invaluable. The reports from the project are on the website.
- Two courses were held in 2022 after a few years of not being able to, both courses were full. The processing practices with Pablo Canamasas was in Waipara, it will resume every 2 years. The second was a remotely structured EVOO and Flavoured Oils Tasting by Soumi Maukhopadhyay.
- ONZ members were successful in the 2022 NYIOOC winning 4 golds and 2 silvers. Unfortunately the awards have changed the entry dates for the competition and they now close before our NZ Awards. It is important to maintain international profile therefore we will be entering the Tokyo International Olive Oil Awards known as JOOTA.
- ONZ and members contributed 1,000lt of olive oil to the High Value Nutrition Project (He Rourou Whai Painga), a New Zealand based study on the health benefits of the Mediterranean style diet. There are 200 participants and their whanau involved for a year. Members will be kept updated through the newsletter.
- A new Productivity and Polyphenols project has been submitted to MPI for funding through the Sustainable Food and Fibres Futures. This project aims to characterise polyphenol production in New Zealand EVOO and further improve grove management practices leading to higher productivity.
- Gayle Sheridan the ONZ Office of 15 years retired mid-2022, and was replaced by Emma Glover. Unfortunately Gayle's husband Lionel who was a huge support to her and developed the ONZ database passed away in August.
- In recognition of Gayle's dedication to ONZ and the industry ONZ would like to make her an Honorary Life Member.
- Alan Blackmore had sold and retired as the Canterbury Branch Chairperson, to be replaced by Chris Moore.
- Ray Gregory is standing down as Nelson Branch Chair, currently there is no replacement for him.

In conclusion, Craig thanked the Executive Officers and Executive for their input over the year. The full report is available on the Olives NZ website.

See <https://www.olivesnz.org.nz/category/members-news/minutes/agm-minutes/>

DISCUSSION: Nalini asked why ONZ choose to enter the JOOTA Awards not the JOOP. The JOOTA is organised by the Japan Olive Oil Taster Association, we want to support the country's representative Association.

MOTION: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Craig Leaf-Wright Seconded: Tricia Carried

5) Treasurer's Report

Charles delivered the 2022 Treasurer's Report. Charles noted that the full Auditor's Report is available on the website.

2022 ended with a deficient of \$19,818, \$14,903 more than was budgeted, due to unforeseen circumstances:

- Gayle retired, but had a 2 month handover with Emma which saw an increase of \$9,775 in Executive Officer Costs.
- ONZ contributed \$8,000 towards the costs of oil donated my members to the HVNP project.
- Conference attendees were down, resulting in \$1,300 of the costs not being covered.
- Certification of olive oil was lower than budgeted. With 26% of growers reporting no harvest, and 12% decreased in oil certified.

The deficit is covered by some of the reserve funds. We continue to manage Term Deposits of \$50,000.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Charles Chinnaiyah Seconded: Nalini Baruch Carried All

6) Appointment of Auditor

Although the Auditors – Parkers Business Solutions completed the ONZ EOY Financial report, Charles felt it was not done in a timely matter. He is also unsure what work they are undertaking for the audit. Before he recommends we appoint them again he would like ONZ to look at other options.

MOTION: A review is carried out on auditor options before Parkers Business Solutions be re-appointed for 2024.

Moved: Charles Chinnaiyah Seconded: Rob Noble-Beasley Carried All

7) General Business

a. ONZ become a levied industry

Nalini Baruch would like ONZ to consider becoming a levied industry body. Things to consider:

- As ONZ tries to balance the budget, we might see smaller groves being absorbed by larger groves, therefore losing membership.
- Levied industry gets more recognition from government. Are we missing out on support from the government and funding?
- What is ONZ here for– as an industry or association of members or an industry representative?
- What membership funding or funding from other areas, is levied industry.
- Are we adding an extra cost as it could put off small growers
- A levied industry is a setup that allows you tap into every grove in the country? There are members within the Hobby growers that are smaller, not under NP1 and don't produce oils commercially or only harvest occasionally.
- Only practical if levy is collected by processors, it could only be cents to the dollar.

ONZ to look at other industries who have done it, how and why.

There being no further business, Craig thanked all for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.05pm