

OLIVES NEW ZEALAND
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024
7PM, ZOOM

Present

Tricia Noble-Beasley (Vice President), Geoff Crawford, Chris Moore, Hamilton McConachy, Andrew Priddle Neil Smith, Ray Gregory, Emma Glover

Tricia welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies - Craig Leaf-Wright (President), Charles Chinaiyah (Treasurer)

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Read as true and correct.

MOTION: Approval of November 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Moved by Tricia Second by Geoff

Approved by all present. Carried.

3. Financials – February 2024

Presented by Emma.

Deposits have been paid for Jetpark judging and Rydges Wellington – Awards and Conference. Accounts are produced as 15th Feb, showing which calculated % of budget for month, throwing EO Fees actual vs budgeted.

As reports were sent as the 15th February the Executive agreed to approve them, but they were not comparable actual vs budget.

MOTION: Approval of the February 2024 Financials moved by Chris, second by Geoff, all present agreed.

4. General Business

a. Branch Updates

- Kapiti – The AGM is going to be held via Zoom on the 6th March. No face-to-face meetings have been held. The crops are looking good.
- Hawke's Bay – mixed crops. In December and January there was more rain than forecast – Geoff has noticed a small amount of disease in the grove. Need the forecast El Nino conditions to carry through to harvest. Potential new member, keen to get involved, but Hawke's Bay has a declining membership. Branch AGM 19th Feb.
- Canterbury – It is too early to determine Canterbury crops. Robinsons Bay a little bit behind due to Neil's pruning. AGM on Sunday 25th Feb.
- Nelson – invite to Marlborough to join for a meeting, no committee so no AGM. Very dry, crops down on last year, lots of trees with no fruit, so could be bi-annual year.
- Wairarapa – crop overall down, but every grove is different some reasonable, some patchy. AGM Sunday 18th Feb. Talking to a new prospect, buying a grove and planning to plant 6

hectares of olives. Ruakokoputuna has new owners, but no one has talked and not sure what his plan is.

b. AGM

- Constitution Update

The updated Incorporated Society's Act requires ONZ to re-register as an Incorporated Society. Part of the registration is to submit an updated Constitution including changes. This document needs to be ratified at the AGM. The current ONZ Constitution and the new one generated by constitution builder on the Incorporated Societies website are quite different in layout and format. While aligning them, we need to also make sure the document reflects how we are currently operating. i.e. the Exec approves the budget, sets the membership subs, EO approves new applications.

Once completed Emma to ask a lawyer to check in on ONZ behalf.

- Treasurer

There has been a nomination for the President and Vice-President, however there was no nomination for the Treasurer. Because nominations have closed, we will require someone to stand 'from the floor' at the AGM. In order to have the role filled the Executive are to think about someone to approach and raise it at the upcoming branch AGM's and Emma to put into the next Newsletter.

c. MPI Proposed Food Act Levies Submissions

This is another tax to be put onto small goods producers by an organisation operating with inefficiencies. Submissions are due by Friday 15th March.

Motion: ONZ make a submission and suggest growers do the same. ONZ provide members with key points to base their submission on, moved by Tricia, second Geoff. All agree

d. Testing for ONZ Certification - Tricia has been asked by members why ONZ does not get the certification testing for EVOO done by a NZ lab rather than sending it to Australia. Currently there is not a lab in NZ certified by the IOC. We also do not have a sensory panel in New Zealand. The sensory panel was disbursed due to the ongoing costs of keeping people qualified. It is not just the cost of achieving IOC certification, but the demand for a lab's ongoing costs of retaining your IOC certification.

e. Industry Levy – Chris is leading the subcommittee as per the discussion in December to look at income generating ideas around the Olive industry not just from members. The group has started work and got a couple of ideas. A paper will be put together for discussion.

f. Membership Structure Changes – to be discussed at AGM's (ONZ and branch) can the Exec please read and give feedback to the EO. Geoff and Emma worked on the final document submitted. The major change from previous discussions is the ability for a Small Grove to buy-into getting their oil certificated and enter the awards.

5. **Executive Officer Report**

Emma tabled her report as sent to the Executive.

Points of discussion were:

a. ONZ NZ Database – has a limited life and ONZ will be required to operate an online CRM once Microsoft Office suite become online programs only.

b. International Olive Oil Awards – some of the NZ EVOO Awards top winning oils have sold out. For those with oil left ONZ will offer to send to the Olive Japan Awards in May.

c. 2024 Processors Course

- due to Pablo's tight turn around the course is set as 1 day theory and a ½ day practical. Neil suggested the end section of the theory day has a lot of chemistry, which for many that are attending is not applicable. Emma to mention this to Pablo.

- The budget submitted needs to be approved as was not set as final in the ONZ 2024 budget.

MOTION: To approve the budget for the 2024 Processors Practises course and set the registration fee at \$475 p/person (including GST) with a break even at 25 attendees, was made by Tricia, second by Chris, all present in favour.

- Neil suggested holding an in person Executive Meeting after the Processing Course. Unfortunately, Geoff, Chris and Ray were not attending, Tricia can attend if need be. Will review.
- d. EVOO Awards Judges – in order to stay true to the integrity of the NZ EVOO Awards the Exec agree that we only use the 6 qualified judges available for the awards, and not 2 sensory panel judges connected to Auckland University which AOA used last year. It will mean that the 6 judges will need to taste $\frac{3}{4}$ of the oils entered each.
- e. Conference Topics
- World of Olive Oil Pressing – an understanding of Best Practise processing for growers and sellers.
 - as part of the weekend gauge interest to hold a grove site visit in Kapiti (get train, then mini van to grove) on Sunday morning. If that is the case have an EVOO tasting as part of the conference, rather than Sunday morning.

6. Grove Management – Spray program communication

- Manzate every 3 weeks all by itself or your organic equivalent.
- Possibly Northland start considering the withholding period of 28 days pre-Harvest.
- Reminder coming up to leaf testing at this time. Leaf testing shows what nutrients your trees are needing.
- Ask Horti Centre Representative for advice.

Meeting closed 8.33pm