



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

Minutes of the 2023 NZARES AGM

6th September 2023, 16-17.30 pm

Chair: Nazmun Ratna

Notes: Wei Yang

Attendance: Alan Renwick; Bryan Le; Darran Austin; Femi Olubode; Frank Scrimgeour; Kodrad Winarn; Maksym Polyakov; Meike Guenther; Milould Lacheeb; Peter Tozer; Wiji Tri Wilugeng; Xiance Sang; Yvonne Matthews; Zack Dorner.

Agenda 2023 NZARES AGM

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
Moved And Accepted
2. Matters arising from 2022 minutes
None
3. President's Report
 - a. Nazmun
 - Femi: Waikato Council did not sponsor
 - Moved by Nazmun, Peter seconded it.
 - b. AARES Conference Report, presented by Prof. Alan Renwick
 - Summary of the 2023 AARES conference
 - Part of the surplus will come back to us
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The committee is in a good financial position following previous years of net profit and building of cash reserves.
 - b. Yvonne's Treasurer report was considered and accepted. (Moved by Frank, Seconded by Ross).
 - c. Discussion around re-evaluating investment options:
 - Katie: Reevaluating the investment – where to go / where the investment sits. Structure of the incorporate society – how to do that;

- Nazmun: if we want to make a change, how do we do that, Is there any help we can get? – we have to sort out the processes to do it.
- Femi: guide on the investment?
- Katie: small subcommittee to work on revising how much we keep in investment – put it in motion; put it forward as something formal.
- Yvonne: propose to increase the amount in scholarship.

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2023-24

- a. President-elect – nomination (Nazmun failed twice)

Frank: Has anyone talked to Wellington?

Meike nominated Zack (Zack said no)

Action: put on hold

- b. Secretary – Wei is not in a good position to continue taking it

Yvonne nominated Femi (Femi said no)

Action: put on hold

Katie moved: Wei in the role till we find someone Meike second

- c. Wei moved Yvonne to continue to take the treasurer role Femi seconded, and votes passed.

- d. Katie moved the existing committee Frank seconded – everybody in favour.

6. Secretariat and Auditor

Peter moved, Ross seconded, and all in favour.

7. General Business

1. Compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Yvonne followed last year's item and made changes.

Peter moved to accept the changes to the constitution, Femi seconded, and all in favour.

2. Other Business

Increasing scholarship amount: it has not changed for a long time.

Considering the inflation, we think we should double it (decided in one of the committee meetings). Post-graduate award, 1500 to be doubled to

3000 (up to three). The motivation is to support the membership and attending accommodation (Maksym/Nazmun)

Frank: the committee prepares a budget larger than they are now but keeps the financial security – if it falls in the budget. (To be determined)

Katie moved a Subcommittee to work on this with Yvonne for a short-term financial future for the investment and scholarship, and all in favour.

3. About the ECR:

Nazmun: Nee to get the feedback from the ECRs attending the workshop.

Alan: incorporate as part of the conference. Meike agreed on this. Peter agreed to formalise it into the conference.

Maksym: but it is a presentation, not a paper and it is hard to get high-quality feedback.

Katie: think of a slightly different format, e.g., only postgraduate, especially online.

Action: Nazmun to send an evaluation survey to the presenters to get their feedback and talk to NZAE

Peter: given the range of people who participated, words have been gone out.

4. November event: one-day event about the viability of global supply chain

Tiffany confirmed, had no good luck with the productivity commission (Alan can get hold of one), panel section in the morning, paper section in the afternoon, social event and conclusion – Palmerston North face-to-face.

5. Peter thank Nazmun, and Alan for organising the ARES conference.

Close the AGM