

Registration commenced at 10:00am

MEMBERS

Vic Patrick	WGGA Chairman & WGCSA member
Dennis Mills	WGGA Executive Committee & Murray Valley Winegrowers Inc.
Andrew Weeks	WGGA Executive Committee & Riverland Winegrape Growers Association
Kym Ludvigsen	WGGA Executive Committee
Justin Jarrett	WGGA Executive Committee
Simon Berry	WGGA Executive Committee & Wine Grape Council of SA
Kerry Smart	WGGA Executive Committee & WA Wine Industry Association
Davydd Westlake	Misty River Vineyard & QLD Wine Industry Association
Chris Day	FABAL
Caroline Schaefer	Clare Valley & Wine Grape Council of SA
Mary Retallack	Retallack Viticulture

GUESTS

Brian Simpson	Riverina Wine Grapes Marketing Board
Peter Hackworth	Wine Grape Council of SA
Peter Dawson	Australian Wine Research Institute
Mardi Longbottom	Australian Wine Research Institute
Marcel Essling	Australian Wine Research Institute
Dan Johnson	Australian Wine Research Institute
Con Simos	Australian Wine Research Institute
Terry Lee	Wine 2030 Advisory Board
Kate Harvey	Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
Rory McEwen	Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
Brian Smedley	SA Wine Industry Association
Paul Van Der Lee	Winemakers' Federation of Australia
Paul Evans	Winemakers' Federation of Australia
Simon Treloar	Primary Industries and Resources SA
Stuart West	Primary Industries and Resources SA
Belinda Bramley	McLaren Vale Grape and Wine Tourism Association
Rod Turner	Plant Health Australia
Alan Nankivell	Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of SA
Alan Hoey	Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology
Patrick Secker	Member of Parliament for Barker
Richard Hamilton	Hamilton Viticulture
Cheryl Walker	Misty River Vineyard (accompanying Davydd Westlake)
Dr Jo Luck	Plant Biosecurity CRC
Hamish Gibson	Representing Blaxland Vineyards
Jenny Venus	Representing FABAL

SECRETARIAT

Lawrie Stanford	WGGA Executive Director
Kelly Bonser	WGGA Office Administrator/Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)
Nikki Zorzi	WGGA Accounts and Communications Officer
Sandy Hathaway	SL Hathaway Consultancy

1. **WELCOME BY THE WGGA CHAIR**

1.1 **Open**

The Chair Vic Patrick opened the meeting at 10:40am and welcomed all present.

1.2 **Notice of Meeting**

The Chair tabled the *Notice of Meeting* and proposed that it be accepted as read.

1.3 **Quorum**

The Chair noted that the meeting had eleven members present and tabled the following proxy forms received:

Authorising the Chair to vote on ALL matters that come before the meeting:

- Wendy Lawson of Broke Fordwich (NSW)
- Robert Bellato, WGGA Executive Committee member, of Riverina (NSW)

Authorising Kym Ludvigsen to vote on ALL matters that come before the meeting:

- Bruce Arglye of Yarra Valley (VIC)

Authorising Kym Ludvigsen to vote ONLY on those matters specified on the relevant notice of meeting:

- David Wallace of Bendigo (VIC)

With at least eight members present, a quorum was declared.

1.4 **Introductions**

The Chair introduced his fellow members of the WGGA Executive Committee present at the meeting:

- Simon Berry – representative for South Australia
- Dennis Mills – representative for Murray Valley
- Kerry Smart – representative for Western Australia
- Kym Ludvigsen – representative for Greater Victoria/Tasmania
- Andrew Weeks – representative for Riverland
- Justin Jarrett – representative for New South Wales/Queensland

It was noted that the following committee member was an apology for the meeting:

- Robert Bellato – representative for Riverina (proxy given to the Chair)

The Chair welcomed all guests present and thanked them for their attendance today.

2. **APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were advised:

MEMBERS

Wendy Lawson	Catherine Vale Vineyard
David Wallace	Wellbush Vineyard
Bruce Arglye	Argyles Yarra Valley
Nigel Gallop	Margaret River Wine Industry Association
Nick Power	Margaret River Wine Industry Association
Liz Riley	Vitibit
Leo Pech	Leo Pech Pty Ltd
Andrew Kassebaum	

INVITEES

Andrew Cheesman	Wine Australia
George Wahby	Wine Australia
Andreas Clark	Wine Australia
Steve Guy	Wine Australia
Ian Nightingale	Primary Industries and Resources SA
Paul Petrie	Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology
Chris Zajac	SA Wine Industry Association
Stephen Strachan	Wine Victoria
Sheralee Davies	Wine Tasmania
Chris Byrne	Riverland Winegrape Growers Association
Ken Bray	Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association
Sam Holmes	Barossa Grape and Wine Association
Lian Jaensch	Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Inc.
Gail Gago	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Jamie Briggs	Member of Parliament for Mayo
Nick Champion	Member of Parliament for Wakefield
Amanda Rishworth	Member of Parliament for Kingston
Michael McCormack	Member of Parliament for Riverina
Sophie Mirabella	Member of Parliament for Indi
Rob Mitchell	Member of Parliament for McEwen
Mark Coulton	Member of Parliament for Parkes
Joel Fitzgibbon	Member of Parliament for Hunter
Dan Tehan	Member of Parliament for Wannon
Alby Schultz	Member of Parliament for Hume

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chair outlined the purpose and structure of today's meeting, as outlined in the agenda.

The first item of business was confirmation of the previous minutes.

The Chair called for any objections or amendments to the minutes of the last AGM held on 18 November 2011. No comments were received.

Motion: *That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 18 November 2011, be approved as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

The Chair signed the Minutes of the previous meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 WGGA Chair

The Chair spoke to his report, which was included in the *WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet* and provided to attendees on arrival.

The Chair enquired if there were any questions regarding his report. No comments noted.

Motion: *That the Chair's Report be accepted.*

CARRIED

4.2 WGGGA Executive Director

The Executive Director spoke to his report, which was included in the *WGGGA 2012 AGM Booklet* that was provided to attendees on arrival. He spoke to WGGGA's activities for the 2011-12 financial year as well as upcoming plans.

The Executive Director enquired if there were any questions regarding his report. No comments were received.

Motion: That the Executive Director's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

4.3 Financials

The Executive Director tabled financial statements, which were included in the *WGGGA 2012 AGM Booklet* and provided to attendees on arrival. He also talked to a presentation on WGGGA's income and expenditure for the 2011-12 financial year.

Patrick Secker, MP for Barker, queried the 40% reduction in Chairman's fees. The Executive Director explained the difference was due to a change in chairperson during this period and the generosity of Vic Patrick's agreement to provide his services at a lower rate.

The Executive Director enquired if there were any further questions regarding his report. No other comments noted.

Motion: That the annual WGGGA Financial Report for 2011-12, as tabled, be accepted.

MOVED Kerry Smart **SECONDED** Chris Day

CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chair explained that four members would be continuing for another year to complete the second year of their two-year terms. These members were:

- Vic Patrick – representative for South Australia
- Robert Bellato – representative for New South Wales / Riverina
- Kerry Smart – representative for Western Australia
- Dennis Mills – representative for Murray Valley

Four member's terms were due to expire this year and consequently the convening bodies for the relevant electoral zones were required to appoint a voting member onto the WGGGA Executive Committee, as directed in the Constitution.

The Chair announced that three of the relevant convening bodies saw fit to re-nominate the existing members for another two-year term each. These members were:

- Simon Berry – representative for South Australia
- Kym Ludvigsen – representative for Greater Victoria / Tasmania
- Justin Jarrett – representative for New South Wales / Queensland

The Chair also noted that the Riverland Winegrape Growers Association had reengaged with WGGGA this year and was pleased to advise the following representative would continue as a member of the Executive:

- Andrew Weeks – representative for South Australia / Riverland

The Chair confirmed the renewed appointments, in accordance with the Constitution, and welcomed members back onto the Committee.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2012-13**

The Chair advised that the current auditor had indicated a willingness to continue serving as the Auditor of WGGA in 2012-13.

The Chair requested a vote to approve the reappointment of the Auditor.

Motion: *That Mr Steven Russo of Kennedy and Co be reappointed as the WGGA Auditor for the 2012-13 financial year.*

MOVED Justin Jarrett **SECONDED** Dennis Mills

CARRIED

7. **MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

7.1 **Proposed Changes to the WGGA Constitution**

Kerry Smart, Executive Committee Member, briefed the forum on the review of the existing Constitution conducted by the Executive Committee. He advised that the list of proposed changes were included in the *WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet* and provided to attendees on arrival.

Given the number of recommendations, Mr Smart sought agreement from the group to address proposed changes in the blocks that were used in the advice provided (according to 'purpose') rather than individual items, and suggested focusing on the simpler changes first. No objections were raised.

Motion: *That WGGA provide individual representation for each of Tasmania and Queensland on the Executive Committee, and amend the Constitution in accordance with details provided in WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet.*

Members discussed the motion, including feedback received from Wine Tasmania which declined the invitation to accept individual representation, and the Queensland Wine Industry Association which welcomed the invitation but indicated difficulty in attending due to distance and resources. The motion was put forward again and received no seconder.

MOTION LOST

Motion: *That all reference to the Interim Period arrangements be removed, and amend the Constitution in accordance with details provided in WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet.*

MOVED Kerry Smart **SECONDED** Simon Berry

CARRIED

Motion: *That all reference to 'convening bodies' be replaced with 'representative bodies', and amend the Constitution in accordance with details provided in WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet.*

MOVED Kerry Smart **SECONDED** Simon Berry

CARRIED

Motion: *That in accordance with details provided in WGGA 2012 AGM Booklet, the balance of the items documented be moved.*

On behalf of the meeting, Mr Chris Day sought clarification on the items referred to as the "balance of items". Mr Smart clarified that these were all points under:

- *Various items be reworded for clarity in reading and meaning*
- *The appointment of a Treasurer be made optional*
- *Committee decision-making be streamlined*
- *A more reasonable time for notifying General Meetings be set*
- *Changes to numbering in the Constitution occur to accommodate revisions*

MOVED Kerry Smart **SECONDED** Chris Day

CARRIED

7.2 Proposed Changes to the General Membership Fee

Motion: *That a minimum of \$50 per annum be set for General Membership*

MOVED Kerry Smart **SECONDED** Andrew Weeks

CARRIED

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Chris Day, FABAL, asked if MRL's were being sought for 2,4,D in grape vines. Simon Berry, Executive Committee member, advised that there is a domestic MRL for 2,4,D but given that the product is not ordinarily applied to grape vines, but there from drift, it is unlikely that an MRL will be pursued internationally until other priorities are completed.

9. **GUEST SPEAKER**

The Chair advised that Dr Jo Luck, Program Coordinator, CRC for Plant Biosecurity would be addressing the forum on "*Biosecurity for winegrapes – essential to protecting your assets*" following the official conclusion of today's meeting.

10. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:05pm.

Signed as a correct record:

V Patrick
Chairman
WGGA Inc.

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