

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NZLGA HELD BY SKYPE TELECONFERENCE
26 February 2017

PRESENT. Peter (in the chair), Charlotte, Mike, Russell, Pauline, Blake.

APOLOGIES: Myra.

1. MINUTES . Peter moved the acceptance of the previous meetings minutes – agreed no matters arising.
2. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT Peter wishes there to be some discussion on Subscriptions because people are slow to pay and some have resigned, we want our members to feel a real need to belong and that they are getting value from the association. Everyone to give this some thought and email their ideas to Peter with a view to discussing this in a months time, and setting the subs for the agm. Basing this on a full financial report to be presented at the next meeting. Some ideas are subsidised Oil Award Entry, and Analysis when we get that re-instated, better access to the Library for Associate members, without compromising the membership private information. Better Research seen to be done and reporting of same. Getting rid of the partnership membership, or reducing the subscription. Basically we need to make the subs more attractive and encourage new members to join, and existing members to want to renew again.
3. CORRESPONDENCE is tabled in a separate document.
Continued inquiries through the website for information to start lavender growing, and sales of the book, among the general stuff we have had one from Jenna L. of the USLGA asking about our oil judging criteria, judging cards and our oil award procedures, Peter replied that this is subject to Intellectual Property Rights and is classified, to which Marilyn replied at length expressing her dismay at our stance but expressing understanding of our position. Charlotte then mentioned that she and Keith will be holidaying for 3 weeks in July, in Colorado and then Sequim and will be attending two mini conferences speaking on distillation and how to interpret your oil award results for those that have won some. Peter is yet to reply to Marilyn expressing our willingness to share info but within the boundaries set in the Oil Awards Protocol Document paragraph 11, he will do it before next meeting and will CC Noel Porter into his reply email. Pauline asked that we could all sight a copy of the above Oil Award Protocol Document via email – this has now been sent out after the meeting.
4. WEBSITE REPORT Peter reports that we have only spent half the original intended budget on the website, that many inquiry's are coming via the contact and drop down menu, that we are also getting spam so suggested we remove private emails and only use the ediy contact mail boxes as a pre-caution, the library access is being fixed now that we have paid our 6 month outstanding bill to ediy of \$44.00 and other changes will now progress as planned.
5. At about this point Peter realised he had missed out the membership report from Margaret.
6. PROGRESS REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS Margaret reports that subs are slow to come in, despite emailing, phoning and now writing to each of the 7 outstanding members, no replies received so Peter has suspended those accounts, we have 6 new members made up of 5 full and 1 Associate, bringing the total membership to 49, of which 5 are Associate. 3 Resignations have been received as well.
7. TREASURERS REPORT wasn't tabled as it was not supplied, no payments to present however. Peter reports that he has re-gained access to the statements at his BNZ branch. No more progress on getting an online account as yet. He will email the balance to everyone after the meeting. – this has now been done.

8. OIL RESEARCH UPDATE a suggestion has been tabled that we analyse the winning oils from the Oil Awards to compare to the hedonistic results for any similarities or to characterise what is a 'good oil' at this point Russell mentioned that the Oil Award Committee hasn't met yet and would table this for discussion when they did, once distillation has been concluded. Also some members including committee have been approached privately by George Hill from Saggitto about infra red characterisation of essential oil, some of us have supplied him with oils to test and await his reply. Russell mentioned that he is in touch with the domestic aromatherapy people to ascertain what characteristics they are looking for in a saleable oil we await those results with anticipation. Also Russell has received a Grosso oil from Chile which he describes as 'surprising' hopefully this will be entered into the Oil Awards this season.
9. OIL ANALYSIS UPDATE apparently our options for this have doubled, not only Auckland University who have a GCMS but also a recently joined associate member residing in Rotorua and known to Peter and also Dr Noel Porter, Robert Franich from Chemipreneur Ltd, who has a GC and is set up for essential oil analysis – Peter will continue to liaise with both.
10. OIL AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT Russell is having trouble setting an effective budget for this as he has failed to gain access to the statements, despite asking in two different directions which he didn't elaborate on, however financially the oil awards is in good heart. The broken cup has been replaced and is now in the rightful recipients keeping until the next awards occur. No amount was mentioned for this but he has said to the committee that he was able to re-use the engraved plaque on the wooden base which has saved us in engraving costs considerably.
11. REGIONAL REPORT from Mike – next meeting is on 11th March at Dargaville at Bindys Bromeliads, she is 2meters above seal level and on wet ground with salty winds she is using lots of mulch and mounding up her plants, most of the meeting will be to see if the North Island group can help her with the conditions, lavender doesn't like wet feet and Mike reported that he has had a 10 -15% loss of plants over this winter due to damp so it will be good to go help Bindy out.
12. PUBLICITY REPORT a)Charlotte has joined TALGA as a private member and is receiving a monthly E news from them, she will publish parts of this to all members, currently there is a new cookbook available at a minimum of 6 books for 16.00 each, suggests we get some for library and other members – Pauline will handle this Charlotte to pass on contact info to her. b) Also Myra has had an article published in the rural farmer papers on how the earthquake has effected tourism in Kaikoura and it is a very positive article which Charlotte has photocopied and put into a publicity folder she has started. c) Limestone Lavender has also had a very successful Lavender Festival and publicity in local papers has been positive for the Association. d) Facebook and the Website were used to advertise this, and also to help promote Kaikoura after the earthquake for Lavandyl. e) Mike said that he will visit the new owners of what was Ian Parlanes property which is now sold, changeover date with a view to encouraging the new owner to join, and or distill for others as there is a still on the property that was used privately by previous owners.
13. LIBRARY REPORT Pauline reports that the library is very busy with 13 books out on loan, 2 of which are on a waiting list for other members, there has been 6 McGimpsey/Porter books sold in Jan and another 2 in February, and Pauline has transferred the money into association account from her personal account, she is still awaiting payment from overseas for one book and having difficulty retrieving a book from one of our members – Field Distillation for Essential Oils by Tim Denny. Mostly a communication problem and book will be returned shortly she hopes.
14. GENERAL BUSINESS - Russell added that he has been approached by ARA asking if he would assist Agribusiness Students looking at lavender as an additional crop to other crops. One

student has visited and Russell hopes more will come of this, He also reports that a phenomenal amount of oil is being exported at the moment 93 Litres and then a further 50Litres to Australia and another 20 Litres with a further 50 Litres going shortly these sales are not market leading prices but they aren't cheap dumping on the market either and have now cleared the back-log of stored oil stocks for the South Island. He is also involved with establishing a distillation plant for his area- but didn't elaborate on this further. On a personal note he has distilled his 3 year old Maillette for the first time and is pleased with the oil, we encourage him to enter this in the Oil Awards. A few members grow this in small quantities and it is being propagated in larger numbers by some, however Pauline mentioned that it is very slow to take, sometimes up to a year . Pauline also then asked Russell how his Jaubert was getting on he replied that he had decimated it by taking cuttings also asked about was Midnight Velvet, which is reported to splay out attractively and is a good cut flower.

15. Alpine Lavender reported that they had a rough season – a lot of visitors and some heavy frosts in Jan but the wind machine had done its job . Charlotte mentioned that some parts of Canada they row cover the lavender for the entire winter because of the low temperatures.
16. The meeting closed, at 8.56pm with the next meeting in a months time.