

Minutes of the Annual General meeting – Australian Barley Technical Symposium Inc

5:30 pm, 10 September 2013 Sofitel Hotel, Collins Street Melbourne.

Attendees: David Moody, Glen Fox, Ralph Nischwitz, Amanda Box, Reg Lance, Ben Trevaskis, Ian Menz, Rick Graham, Steve Tilbrook, Reg Lance, Geoff Kendall, Greg Platz plus other Symposium delegates.

Apologies

David Poulsen

The meeting was open by ABTS Inc and symposia chair David Moody, who welcomed everyone.

Secretary report

Glen Fox delivered the Secretaries reported.

Minutes from the previous meeting required one corrected, ie. the Auditor is Jason O'Connor. The minutes were accepted (moved Steve Tilbrook, seconded Greg Platz).

Correspondence was received regarding the change of executive.

Other correspondence was out-going where Glen Fox contacted the editors of the Cereal Chemistry Newsletter and Institute of Brewing & Distilling (Asia Pacific Section) Newsletter to get an advertisement placed in their respective newsletter to advertise the 16th ABTS. Both agree and it was free of charge.

Treasurers report

Ralph Nischwitz provided details of the current (as of 10 September 2013) financial status of the ABTS. The ABTS was in a 'healthy position'. The 15th ABTS made a profit of \$30000. A brief mention was made about the intention of the financial target for the 16th ABTS. This was held over for a specific agenda item. The Treasurers report was accepted Sophie Roumeliotis, seconded Jason Eglington.

Paul Johnston Memorial Trust (RPJ Trust):

Greg Platz provided a background on the RPJ trust. Greg mentioned that the funds in the trust were reducing but it was Mrs Mary Johnston's desire to keep the RPJ Memorial Trust running and she would be happy to keep providing finance support. Also, it was the RPJ Trust members' intention to seek another group to take over managing the RPJ Trust due to most of the RPJ Trust members being at or past retirement age. Greg Platz had been in touch with the University of Queensland to ask if they could manage the Trust, and while that was possible, the legal steps for this or change over to any other body was very complex.

There was discussion about the future of the RPJ Trust and if ABTS Inc would be interested in managing the trust. It was agreed unanimously by ABTS members that the RPJ Trust should continue as it provides recognition and funding for young scientist and that ABTS Inc should consider managing the Trust. There was discussion about the strategy to 'hand-over' the Trust to ABTS Inc, with a range of views on the most suitable way to handle it. A motion was put forward by Evan Evans that "ABTS Inc approach the RPJ trust for information to transfer management to ABTS Inc to continue the RPJ trust", The motion was seconded by Jerome Franckowiak, but defeat when put to a

vote. Further discussion between members included in the amount of funding required and the workload to manage the fund.

Steve Tilbrook asked if ABTS Inc members can become trustees?

Joanne asked "can ABTS Inc act as Trustees?"

Reg Lance suggested the RPJ Trust formally approach ABTS Inc.

David Moody asked who would pay the legal costs?

Geoff Kendall moved the following motion that 'ABTS Inc to continue to support RPJ Memorial Trust Award'. Motion seconded by Reg Lance. Motion carried.

Reg Lance moved that 'ABTS Inc to approach RPJ Memorial Trust to explore future options on continuation of the RPJ Memorial Trust Award'. Motion seconded Evan Evans. Motion carried.

ABTS Inc vs ABTS National Committee

The current ABTS Inc management situation is that the secretary is a Queensland based member (a sthe body was incorporated in Queensland), and that the Chairperson and Treasurer of the current Australian Barley Technical Symposium are the Director and Treasurer, respectively of ABTS Inc.

David Moody brought to the members attention that this could be a problem as management committee of ABTS Inc were in fact the committee of the next symposium and there were no check or balances in accountability. Jeff Stewart mentioned something similar was present of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling, but there was a separation of the two committees. David Moody will check the ABTS Inc constitution and consider a change so the ABTS Inc committee is not the actual symposia committee. A teleconference would be organised within two months to discuss constitutional change for clear separation of the ABTS Inc committee and the symposia committee.

Website

Glen Fox provided information on the situation about the previous website and the use of the professional organisers website as information portals to members. There is a website (set up for the 2003 symposia) www.regional.org.au/ABTS which holds proceedings from the 9th and 10th symposia. Ian Menz motion that 'this website is adopted as the only web site and the executive would finalise the content'. Seconded by Rick Graham. Motion carried.

2013 16th Symposia

David Moody explained the intention of the 16th symposia was to make a small loss to ensure overall ABTS Inc funds were not excessively high. Regardless of the intention, the symposia would deliver a loss due to a significant reduction in registrations. Full time registrations were only 103 with 140 the break even number. In addition, the cost of registration had been held down. Blakley mentioned delegate numbers would be a challenge in the future due to the contraction of organisations and there are other conferences that people attend.

17th Australian Barley technical Symposium (2015)

The next symposia would be held in Sydney NSW. John Stuart will be Chairman. Other committee members will be Amanda Box, Reg Lance, Ben Trevaskis, Ian Menz and Rick Graham. David Moody moved this committee and venue be accepted. Seconded Sophie Roumeliotis. Motion carried.

Meeting closed 6:45 pm.