



**NZLA Committee Meeting  
Via Yahoo and Email  
2 Mar 2009**

**Present:** Peter Webster, Julie Insley, Emma Schwithal, Anne Thompson, Vicki Catlow, Uta Bleidistel, Robyn Robinson, Penny King.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

**Accepted:** Anne Thompson **Seconded:** Robyn Robinson.

**Approved:** Vicki Catlow, Julie Insley, Peter Webster, Uta Bleidistel Emma Schwithal.

**Secretary's:**

**Incoming:** Member renewed x1, Payments calendars 2009 & birthday, donation to rescue fund, fibre testing NZLA fee

**Outgoing:** NZLA Summer magazine, receipts, invoices for advertisers, NZLA health survey for 2008 yr

**Accepted:** Penny King **Seconded:** Emma Schwithal.

**Approved:** Vicki Catlow, Uta Bleidistel, Julie Insley, Robyn Robinson, Anne Thompson.

**Treasurers Report:**

Separate report.

**Read and Accepted:** Vicki Catlow **Seconded:** Peter Webster.

**Approved:** Anne Thompson, Julie Insley, Uta Bleidistel, Robyn Robinson.

**Accounts needing approval:**

Emma \$6.50 postage

Robyn \$606 Internal airfares Joanne

Peter \$33.64 (\$22.64 USA 18 Dec 09 calendars, \$11.00 Postage)

\$112.50 New Zealand Rural Press Lifestyle Farmer

\$472.50 Toner Express Rainbow Pack (code of welfare)

\$73.13 Toner Express Black Toner

**Approved:** Peter Webster, Uta Bleidistel, Julie Insley, Emma Schwithal, Robyn Robinson, Anne Thompson, Jacky Middleton, Penny King, Vicki Catlow.

**Joanne Shook:**

We had agreed on the 09 calendar profits of \$1300 to host free clinics for members.

Projected Costs have come to:

\$606 Joanne's internal travel.

\$200 accommodation at Diane Kelly's neighbours as the free motorhome fell through.

\$600 accommodation at Willow Reach for three days.

\$80 Present of wall hanging from Sandy Dawson and postage to Auckland.

Total \$1486

The budget blowout is nearly covered with \$125 collected from Christchurch clinic.

Plus a new member Vida signed up and apparently another couple of people who attended and paid \$15 have also asked for membership forms. So we will see what happens.

At least nine booked in for Penny's next weekend.

### **Magazine Report: Printer**

During the printing of the summer magazine the toners started to run out which is why approval needed for the Rainbow Pack. Unfortunately then the black drum died, this usually means the others are going to follow in very short time. I don't actually have a copy of the summer magazine myself and now we have new members joining who we need to provide copies for, so, we need to decide what to do. Brought the printer December 2005/January 2006 the original drums lasted until January 2008 (eight magazines) then we brought recycled ones for \$472.50 these lasted until January 2009 (four magazines) they were also the cause of our grief during the printing of the spring magazine.

Now a couple of options are:

New Drums \$640 (hope for two years trouble-free drums)

Recycled Drums \$450 (not happy with our last recycled, didn't last long enough)

Or

Buy another printer:

This is what I was offered. It would be a really good deal but the toners we have just brought are not interchangeable and new printers have half toners in them to start.

"Here is PDF of latest OKI C5850N Printer.

I have demo machine completed less than 200 pages.

My cost was \$500.00 + GST.

Duplexer is another \$140.00 + GST.

I have faxed Menu Map to your Mother ... you can see toner and drum yield remaining.

I know that you have purchased a Reman Toner 4 pack from Toner Express, BUT to buy 4 new drums is another large expense."

Kind regards,

Stephen Ellison

Equipment Sourcing

Rock and hard place/Hobson's Choice.

either New Drums \$640 or

Latest model printer ex demo \$640 plus GST with new drums and half life toners.

New model Toners and drum not compatible with old printer. See if I can get any money back for the toners already purchased and not used or trade for toners for latest model.

**Agreed: Strong committee support for a new machine. Julie will check on refund for unused toners and cost of new toners for new machine.**

### **AGM 2009:**

Julie: The AGM is scheduled to take place at Robyn and Mike Robinson's home at 11 Bay Heights, Governors Bay, on Saturday the 2nd May 2009 at 8p.m.

I have rehased the paperwork from the previous five years, this need to be sent out ASAP.

They will be sent out with the renewal of membership forms, which I can print on pale blue so they stand out from the AGM forms. I would also like to send out an AGM flyer on green paper.

So Robyn can you give us a brief outline of your schedule. Great to hear that new member Sara has offered you help and support. I know the focus is the International year of Natural Fibres.

We know the where, when and why now we need to know what.

### **Membership Renewals 09/10:**

When members join after the 1st of January they are joined up as members for the following year. Join January 09 become member 09/10.

When members joined up in the last six months of our financial year I traditionally only ask for one half cost of next year's membership. Most people feel ripped off if they have only recently joined and then asked to pay again. This year we had three join in August and two in October.

I have been thinking of ideas to benefit our members. How about? This year we offer FREE web page linking for our members just for this coming year.

Last year we received \$370 from the membership for links. Maintaining the website and domain names cost us \$363.02 over this last year. Which means that it broke even which is what it is supposed to do.

But with the recession and everybody watching their pennies, how about we offer something for free.

We have a very healthy bank balance and we can't lower membership fees as that is decided on at the AGM's for the next year. But the website fees are something we can adjust as a committee.

May draw some interesting web sites out of the woodwork and get more membership involvement. Then we just need an enthusiastic member with Frontpage who would like to take over the maintenance of the website. There is not enough rainy days for me to get around to updating the NZLA website let alone my own these days.

**Julie: Proposed that we offer free linking this coming year.**

**Approved: Penny King, Robyn Robinson, Peter Webster, Emma Schwithal, Vicki Catlow, Uta Bleidistel.**

#### **Fibre Testing:**

Anne Thompson: 18 samples came in, and were processed very quickly. Cost of approx \$117 + postage. The money for testing came in, so all we have to pay is \$5 processing fee + postage. Total of around \$10-\$12 I think.

Julie: Please let us know how much NZLA owe you in total. I received my graphs in the mail today, and must sit down and try and study them to get a grasp on what they are telling me. Robyn I hope you can find somebody for the AGM who can explain how to read these and what it means. Also another good thing would be a list of Mills to hand out to people.

Vicki: would love to hear what you think of results, was it worth it etc I would like some contact details for spinning etc maybe they might like to advertise in mag?

Robyn Robinson: No worries. On to it.

Anne Thompson: Interesting results, the guanacos came out very fine, but I think the guard hair was pulled out of those samples. I have to check before I do any analysis of data

Penny King: Was it useful info for those who have their graphs?

Anne Thompson: I think so. I think the committee should do it every year.

Julie: I think it should be done every year also. I would definitely do it again.

#### **New Members:**

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#### **Other Business:**

No other business.

**Next Meeting: 8:00 p.m. Monday 6th April 2009**

**Meeting closed: 9:10 p.m. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**