



# Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday October 10, 2013 commencing at 10.30am  
Qld Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM).  
Enterprise Street, Bundaberg. QLD

## MINUTES

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### Attendees:

Board Members: Pat McKey (Chair), Peter Brodie, Shane Causley, Geoff McLeod, Lloyd Neilsen, Elton Petersen, Paul Smith.

Others: Ken Bucca (grower); Neil Halpin (Qld DPI); Brett Tucker (Qld DPI); Mike Hanks (P/T) (Qld DPI); Hugh Briar (P/T) (Qld DPI); Joe Kochman (Soy Aust); Nick Goddard (AOF); Rosemary Richards (BRA); Ian Morgan (PBA);

### 1. Welcome and Apologies.

Pat McKey, Chair, opened the meeting at 10.45am and welcomed all to the fifth AGM of Soy Australia, highlighting the pleasure of the Board to be in Bundaberg, and new Board Member, Elton Petersen.

Apologies were tabled from: Lachlan Herbert and Maryann Salvetti

The Chair introduces the Board and thanked them for their contribution over the past 12 months, and noting that Ben Clift and Robert Green stepped down during the year, and that this was the first Board Meeting for Elton Petersen and Geoff McLeod.

### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM:

The minutes of the AGM held on October 11, 2012 were tabled.

*Moved:* P. McKey; *Seconded:* P. Brodie "that the minutes of the AGM of October 11, 2012 be adopted."

CARRIED

### 3. Adoption of Audited Accounts for 2012/13

P. McKey, Treasurer, tabled the audited financial accounts for year ending 30 June 2013 and on behalf of the Treasurer (who was an apology).

*Moved: P. McKey; Seconded: Lloyd Neilsen "that the financial accounts for year ending 30 June 2013 be adopted."*

CARRIED

The Chair reiterated the need to broaden the income base for Soy Australia, and suggested that there could be an option to develop an income stream from improved public varieties. This option will be further explored in a meeting with CSIRO.

#### **4. Resolution to appoint Auditors for 2013/14.**

The Treasurer put the motion to the meeting that "Bruce Edmonds and Associates be appointed as the Auditors for 2013/14".

*Moved: P. McKey; Seconded: P. Brodie "that Bruce Edmonds and Associates be appointed as the Auditors for 2013/14"*

CARRIED

#### **5. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman outlined the progress achieved by Soy Aust over the past year, in particular, the finalisation of the agreement with the Breeding Program for another 5 years, ending June 2017. The failure to secure the commercialisation rights for Richmond and Hayman were noted as disappointments for the year. There was recognition that the capabilities within Soy Australia to manage the commercialisation process had improved significantly and that the next challenge was to extend that capability to the EPR collections process. The Chair also noted that with the Agreement now signed with the Breeding Program, the opportunity for Soy Australia now was to assume the lead role within the industry with the provision of grower information through training, factsheets and field days.

#### **6. Industry Presentations:**

(Due to time constraints of speakers, the industry presentations preceded the ordinary business of the AGM).

- Hugh Briar presented an overview of the outbreak of stem white fly in Nth NSW;
- Mike Hanks provided a summary of GRDC project 174 "Cropping solutions in the Burdekin- integrating grain with sugar", and note was made of the support given my NQTS in trialling some of the 'M' lines and Hayman.
- Neil Halpin provided an overview of the GRDC project "Coastal Grower Solutions".

- Brett Tucker with the support of Ken Bucca (grower) provided an overview of the development of the edamame industry in Australia, outlining the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Meeting Closed at 1.15 pm

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