

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL POMEGRANATE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MINI INFO DAY HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2021 AT 09:00

PRESENT: 26 participants (attendance list to be kept on file)

APOLOGIES: Willem van der Merwe, JC Muller, Dewald Meyer

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The POMASA Vice-Chairman, Mr. Christo Nortjé, opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairperson, Ms. Carnel Geddes, welcomed all POMASA members and other interested parties to the second virtual AGM due to Covid-19 regulations. The minimum amount of voting members virtually participated; therefore the presence of a quorum to conduct business was confirmed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted.

3. MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were circulated beforehand to all POMASA members. Attendees unanimously adopted the records as a true reflection of meeting procedure.

Proposer: Carnel Geddes & Seconding: Hannes Beukman

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ms. Amanda du Toit of Hortgro presented the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 as well as the proposed 2021/22 budget. Complete financial statements are also available on request.

- Generated a surplus of R 458 591 (2020 : R11 590)
- Revenue increase from R 839 710 in 2020 to R 1 040 516 in 2021
- Cash flow from operating activities changed from and inflow of R 313 641 in the prior year to and inflow of R 528 506 this year
- The assets exceeded its liabilities by R1 501 378 (2020 : R1 042 787)

Participants approved the 2021/2022 annual financial statements as presented.

Proposer: Kai-Uwe Molzahn & Jack Wittles

*Membership (VAT excl.): Entrance fee: R500
Membership until production: R500 per year
Associated membership: R500 per year

*Statutory levies: (export, import & all local sales)	2020	2021	2022	2023
-Fresh extra class & class 1	15c/kg	15c/kg	16c/kg	16c/kg
-Processing & class 2	9c/kg	9c/kg	10c/kg	10c/kg

Participants approved the proposed 2021/22 operational budget for the new financial year.

Proposer: J Wittles & Seconding: Kai-Uwe Molzahn

5. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

*Auditors for the new financial year: BK Inc. Wellington.

Proposer: Christo Nortjé & Kai-Uwe Molzahn

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Geddes provided feedback on the past year's activities:

2020 season:

- 1 664 717 cartons (3.8kg equivalent) exported
- Export 4% more than 2020
- Again a difficult season with COVID – mainly interruption in shipping leading to fruit piling up at cold storage facilities and some quality issues
- Bad news that pack house capacity is reducing with one major pack house ceasing to pack pomegranates
- Research projects interrupted due to COVID-19

Chemical registrations

- New registrations
 - Nufarm Azoxy 250 SC, Fungicide
 - Glynox 540 SL, Herbicide
- Many in the pipeline (confidential)
- POMASA is joining forces with various parties to increase effectiveness at the Registrar.

Market Access

- Phytosanitary Information Package (PIP) is being fine-tuned to be able to use this document for Market Access negotiations for specific markets
- Minimum Export Standard was finalised to prevent recurring dispensations. It is gazetted and will be implemented in the coming season.
- Phytclean registrations for EU complete.
- Project planned for local marketing the coming season.

Research

- Alternative Crops fund – Soil rehabilitation project was finalised in September
- Post – harvest Innovation fund funding two projects
- Experico Cold storage and FCM mortality project
- FCM training video (available on our website)
- FCM ID – POMASA funding the identification of larvae found

False Colding moth

- FCM is a regulated pest in the EU.
- The EU is a special market.
- All growers wishing to export to the EU must:
- Register with DAFF using the Phytclean system.
- Comply with the "Pomegranate FCM Management System".

- The FCM Management system proved to be successful, but we are preparing for potential changes/requirements:
- FCM ID project
- FCM mortality research
- Includes monitoring for *Bactrocera dorcalis*

International Symposium for Pomegranate and Minor Mediterranean fruit

Vth International Symposium for Pomegranate and Minor Mediterranean fruit is planned for 16-18 February 2022 in Stellenbosch. POMASA to organise a visit to a pomegranate orchard.

7. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS

The Memorandum of Incorporation makes provision for a maximum of 12 Board members to serve for a 3 year term. According to the MOI one-third (⅓) of the Board steps down every year. According to longevity Kai-Uwe Molzahn and Debbie Theunissen resigned this year. Both are available for another 3 year term and since no new nominations from primary growers were received, they were unanimously re-elected and confirmed as POMASA Board members for the next term.

Carnel Gedded also thanked Jack Wittles and Willem van der Merwe for their contribution to the pomegranate industry as both resign as directors.

Co-opted members of the POMASA board (JC Muller, Johan Everson and Jorrie Mulder) were also thanked for their contribution the past year. Co-opted members for the 2021/2022 season will be elected early in 2022.

8. POMEGRANATE INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Mr. Xolela Dlikilili of Hortgro provided feedback on the past season (see link below).

<https://www.sapomegranate.co.za/statistics-and-information/pomegranate-industry-overview/>

The meeting suggested that one of the new cultivars should be added to the production cost study.

Production cost should also be done separately for northern and southern parts of the country as costs varies quite a lot between the regions.

Hannes Beukman urged all pomegranate producers to update their tree census forms so that accurate predictions can be made.

9. THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S POMEGRANATE INDUSTRY

Louw Pienaar gave this presentation on a study done by him and his colleagues at the Department of Agriculture of the Western Cape. Mr Pienaar is currently employed by BFAP (Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy)

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10. GENERAL

No points under General

11. CLOSURE

Meeting adjourned