

MEETING SUMMARY

The eighth (Special) meeting as the WHA AGM took place on 10 November 2016 via face to face meeting and led by the Committee of Management (Board).

Members of the Management Committee are:

- Mark Schipp, Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer (Chair)
- Hume Field, individual member elected by the Individual Members (Deputy Chair)
- Charles Milne, CVO VIC, representative of the Animal Health Committee
- Organisational members:
 - Andrew Peters, Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Section Chair
 - Chris Hibbard, Zoo Aquarium Association Executive Director
 - Pam Whiteley, Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria

The meeting included WHA staff and participants: Rupert Woods (CEO/ Public Officer), Debbie Kosh (Minutes), Tiggy Grillo (WHA National Coordinator), Keren Cox-Witton (WHA Senior Project Officer), Sam Gilchrist and Andrea Reiss (WHA Project Officers), Silvia Ban (WHA Project Support Officer), Rachel Iglesias (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources representative), Accountants from Crispin & Jeffrey; Bill Mately and Jesse Evans and consultants Lisa Adams and Emma Homes.

And WHA Members present: Karrie Rose, Mark Hill, David Phalen, Graham Wilson, Chris Bunn, George and Edla Arzey and Damien Higgins.

This meeting was held as WHA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the main purpose of the AGM included the following; reviewing the actions and acceptance of the minutes from the 2014/2015 AGM, the CEO report which included an update on the activities of 2016, also announcing the new animation video outlining who WHA are, and the 2016 annual report. The financial report was also delivered and the new 2017 Management Committee was announced as follows;

- Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Representative Mark Schipp, Australian Chief Veterinary Officer (Chair),

- Animal Health Committee representative Charles Milne, Chief Veterinary Officer Victoria,
- Individual Member Representative Hume Field (Deputy Chair) and
- Organizational Members;
 - Pam Whiteley representative from Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria,
 - Andrew Peters representative from Wildlife Disease Association Australasia and
 - Chris Bunn representative from Australian Veterinary Conservation Biologists.

Chris Bunn will commence his duties on the WHA Management Committee from 1 January 2017.

Chris Hibbard, representative from the Zoo and Aquarium Association, as the third Organizational Member was not re-elected at the 2016 AGM. However, will continue to be a WHA Management Committee Member until 31 December 2016. Chris Hibbard was a WHA committee member from 14th November, 2013 till 31st December 2016. Mark Schipp gave a vote of thanks to Chris on behalf of the membership, for his dedication, support and commitment to WHA over the last two years.

Management Committee member, Dr Andrew Peters provided a presentation titled “Last nails in the coffin?: the good, the bad and the ugly in our response to psittacine beak and feather disease (Pbfd) in wild parrots” and used the critically endangered orange-bellied parrot (OBP) as an example.

Mark Schipp as Chair closed the AGM at 3.50pm and invited guests to enjoy the afternoon refreshments.

For more information on the meeting please contact your representative on the Board, or contact Rupert Woods (CEO & Public Officer) on 0438 755 078 or Debbie Kosh (Administration Manager) on 02 9960 6333.