

Minutes of ASTA AGM held on Thursday 17th March 2011 at Star Dome

Apologies: Jan Gifney

The Minutes were confirmed with one correction. (The Ian referred to was Ian Torrie not Ian Milne). Ian Torrie/Margaret Arthur

President's report

Moved Carolyn/Colin: That the Presidents report be received. The report is on the website.

Carolyn raised the issue of small numbers attending the AGM and whether we needed to consider a different format or time. This will be discussed by the committee.

Ian Torrie mentioned that the dates for meetings such as the Exam review need to be decided as early as possible to avoid clashes with other activities.

Treasurer's report

Moved Carolyn/Colin: That the treasurer's report be received. The report is on the website.

Carolyn commented that we now have a number of Primary members. However subs were down last year and it is possible schools confuse us with NZASE and think they have paid the ASTA sub.

Election of committee

President/Treasurer: Carolyn Haslam

Secretary: Michele Whitten

Colin North

Natalie de Roo

Catherine Bartlett

Kathryn Jenkins

Sandy Jackson

Sally Birdsall

Support group reports

Chemistry (Ian Torrie): There have been 3 events. The exam discussion was very successful but we need to be careful with dates as Physics people had already had a discussion.

Physics (Denis Birchell): The Physics teachers' day at Auckland University is the main event.

Denis advised that the Physics department at AU has a website and an email list.

Biology (Catherine): There have been no separate meetings for Bio teachers. Natalie talked about Mike Stone's meeting last year to discuss the standards and how helpful that was. Mike Stone gave a detailed breakdown on how and where to access the standards which apparently some teachers have difficulty finding.

Primary Science (Sally Birdsall): The Primary Science Teachers Association has been formed. 50 Primary teachers attended the two events that were held.

Science (Margaret Arthur): The Science group had been restarted and will meet at AGGS.. The first meeting will be held on the last week of term. She mentioned that the Stardome will subsidise Decile 1 school visits

Conference grant reports

Three of the conference grant recipients gave their reports and each indicated their outstanding speaker.

Colin North picked Brian Boyle

Natalie de Roo picked Paul Lowe

Catherine Bartlett picked Lisa Gerswin

Grant recipients for 2011

Moved: Ian Torrie/Ian Milne: That there be 3x \$100 grants for BioLive. Carried.

Grant applicants were:

Margaret Arthur Bio Live

Natalie de Roo Bio live

Catherine Bartlett Bio live

Andrea Chase Bio Live – (\$250 grant) from Northland

Ian Torrie Chem Ed

Colin North Chem Ed

Monique Bryden Chem Ed

Surprise was expressed at the very few applicants for grants.

Any other business

1. Carolyn thanked Ian Milne for his years on the committee and passion for supporting Primary Science and presented him with a gift.
2. Ian Torrie suggested that next year's AGM be 2 weeks earlier
3. Margaret Arthur suggested there be Science meetings to discuss things like the Nature of Science in the NZ curriculum. She has offered to host these at AGGS. It was suggested there be 2 this year - in term 2 and term 3. The committee will discuss this.
4. Ian Torrie moved a vote of thanks to the committee, and especially Carolyn, for their work during the year.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm.