

Deer Industry Conference: 18–20 May 2021

46th AGM constitutional matters

NZDFA and DINZ nominations: 2021/22 year

A) Executive Committee NZDFA nominations

Members of the NZDFA Executive Committee are elected for a two-year term. Members retire by rotation.

Nominations are now called for the following positions:

- Executive Committee member, **Two** vacancies.

(Current members **Justin Stevens, Marlborough** and **Mark McCoard, Taihape** retire by rotation)

These two Executive Committee vacancies are open to wider nomination from all NZDFA members.

To be valid, nominations must be:

- signed by the nominee
- delivered to the Association's office by 5.00pm on **Friday, 26 March 2021**.

Note: The nominee must be a current financial member of the Association.

All nominees are entitled to submit a statement of about 150 words in support of their election. This statement must be sent to members at the same time as the ballot papers.

Should an election be necessary, details of postal voting and procedures, candidate profiles and confirmation of timelines will be sent with the April/May 2021 edition of *Deer Industry News* or by separate post to meet deadlines. Postal voting runs for 21 days and must close 7 clear days prior to the AGM on Tuesday 18 May 2021 (i.e. **voting opens on Wednesday 21 April 2021, closing on Tuesday 11 May 2021**).

B) Selection and Appointments Panel (SAP)

The role of the SAP is to make producer representative appointments to the Deer Industry New Zealand Board and to meet with those appointees at least twice a year to discuss industry matters and their roles as Deer Industry New Zealand representatives.

The 8-member SAP is made up from:

- four Executive Committee members
- four elected non-Executive Committee members:

The elected non-Executive Committee members whose term expires at the forthcoming AGM are (retirement by rotation) are **Steve Borland, Waikato** and **Donald Whyte, Mid Canterbury**.

Nominations are now called for the two vacancies.

Each nomination must be in writing and moved and seconded by two full, life or elected members, signed by the nominee and delivered to the Association offices by **5.00pm on Friday 26 March 2021**.

The nominees must be full, life or elected members of the NZDFA. Further, nominees:

- may **not** be a member of the Deer Industry Association
- **cannot** hold more than a 20% interest in any organisation that is a member of the Deer Industry Association
- **cannot** be a candidate for membership of the Deer Industry New Zealand Board, or a current member of the Deer Industry New Zealand Board.

[The voting procedure and timing of the process is the same as that for the positions on the Executive Committee.]

C) NZDFA Appointment to Deer Industry New Zealand Board

The Ministerial approval of the Regulations to allow a 50:50 levy share from producers and the processor/exporter sector was formalised in October 2004 with publication in the Gazette of the Deer Industry New Zealand Regulations 2004.

The Deer Industry New Zealand Board comprises four producer-appointed representatives and four representatives appointed by the processing/exporting sector.

The producer representatives are selected by the New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association through an Electoral College process and have been appointed for a **three-year term** on recommendation by the NZDFA's Selection and Appointment Panel according to its detailed Operating Code of Practice and then advised to the Minister.

Successful appointments who retire by rotation are eligible for further terms.

Nominations are now called for the following NZDFA-appointed positions on the DINZ Board:

1 vacancy:

Deer industry New Zealand Board member, **William Oliver, Te Kuiti** who was re-appointed in 2018 for a second 3-year term.

The nominations must be moved and seconded by full, life or elected members, signed by the nominee and delivered to the Association's offices before 5.00pm on **Friday 26 March 2021**.

- The NZDFA Constitution (2008) refers:

37.9 Nominations for DINZ: The Returning Officer shall publicly announce, in writing, the names of the retiring Association representatives of DINZ and call for nominations for a replacement, prior to the end of March each year.

Nominations shall be:

- (a) made by any two Full Members, Elected Members or Life members of the NZDFA
- (b) in writing; and

(c) in the hands of the Returning Officer at a date to be specified which will be before the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year (26 March 2021).

37.10 Eligibility for Selection as DINZ Representative: All persons interested or engaged in the deer farming industry shall be eligible for nomination, with the exception of employees of DINZ or of the NZ Deer Farmers' Association. Each nominee for selection shall be required to make a written declaration of any office held or managerial position or financial interest that either the nominee or any of the nominee's immediate family or any partner or fellow shareholder in any deer farming project has in any organisation which deals directly in the products of or materials for the deer farming industry.

37.11 Right to Address AGM: Each nominee for selection as a DINZ representative may address the Annual General Meeting of the Association at a time and date to be specified by the Executive Committee (18 May 2021 and the 46th AGM of the NZDFA).

37.12 Selection Process: As soon as possible after the closing date for nominations the Returning Officer shall publish to all Branches and in *Deer Industry News* a full list of the persons nominated, together with any declarations of interests received from them.

On the date determined for the selection (but not later than the end of **June** each year), the Selection and Appointments Panel shall convene, interview and select from the nominees as many Association representatives as are required to fill available vacancies on DINZ.

Nominations for the positions will be considered by the Selection and Appointments Panel following the 2021 AGM with recommendations and appointment to the Board being advised to the Minister for Primary Industries at that time subject to the Operating Code of Practice procedures.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms for the Executive Committee, SAP and Deer Industry New Zealand vacancies can be obtained from the Association's office: Phone: 04 473 4500; Fax: 04 472 5549; email: **tony.pearse@deernz.org**

Nomination forms are also available through your local Branch Chair, Secretary or the Producer Manager and will be posted on the website: **deernz.org/nzdfa-constitutional-information**

For further information please contact the Returning Officer, Tony Pearse at the Deer Industry New Zealand office or 021 719 038 or **tony.pearse@deernz.org**

Awards and competitions

Matuschka Award 2021

Nominations are called for a farmer or farming entity who or which has made a significant ongoing or lifetime of contribution to deer farming and the NZDFA, in particular at Branch level.

The award recognises the grass roots farmer and unsung contributor to local area activities, functions and core spirit of deer farming. It will be announced at the Deer Industry Conference

awards dinner on the evening of Wednesday 19 May 2021 at Bill Richardson World of Transport, Invercargill.

As recognition of the unsung heroes at Branch level, it is appropriate that the award itself be presented to the 2021 winner at a special mid-winter function in the recipient's Branch.

Nominations should be made through the appropriate Branch.

It is not a requirement of the award that the nominee be aware that a nomination has gone forward.

Nominations must be submitted to the NZDFA no later than 5.00pm on **Monday 10 May 2021**.

For further information contact:

- Producer Communications and Administration. Cenwynn Philip, 027 326 1213
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- Producer Manager, Tony Pearce, 021 719 038, tony.pearse@deernz.org

2021 Photographic competition - sponsorship TBC

- \$500 cash prize for the overall winner
- Category winner cash prizes
- Premium wine gift pack for "People's choice" award
- Framed photos of winning entries

Following the successful change to a digital-only competition format, the awards will again be a feature of the 2021 annual conference with entries viewable on a large monitor in the trade display area.

Judging will be coordinated by the *Deer Industry News* editorial group with results including Judges' and People's Choice awards announced at the conference.

Entrants no longer need to submit a print of their entry/ entries. Only the digital photos and entry form/fee are required.

In addition, the entry fee is now a flat \$5 per photo, which makes entering simpler.

Rules and entry form are available from via the DINZ website at deernz.org/photo-competition.

Alternatively contact Cenwynn Philip, Tony Pearce or Phil Stewart (details below).

In general, all photos must be of subjects that are suitable for wider publication, taking into account the public's perception of the deer industry. The judges retain the right to disqualify any photo they deem to be unsuitable in this regard.

2021 competition rule clarifications

- This competition is for **amateur photographers only**. Professional photographers, who derive income from photography, are not eligible to enter.
- Deer photographed for this competition must be **farmed deer** in a farm environment.

Judging criteria

- technical aspects (focus, composition, balance, etc.)
- conveying core values including best practice for animal and relevance to the modern deer farming industry
- the spectacular or wow factor.

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