

Minutes of VBA Annual General Meeting 2021

Held: Monday December 13th, 2021

At: VBA 131 Poath Road, Murrumbidgee Vic and via the ZOOM Platform

Attendees.

Present in person:

Jenny Thompson, June Pulford, Wendy Freeman, Kim Hoff, Andrew Macready-Bryan, Michael Gurfinkiel, John Holding, Steven Weisz, Jenny Hoff, Belinda Lindsay, Christopher Leach, Stan Klofa, Len Meyer, Duncan Roe, Robyn Lichter, Margot Slonim, Alkmini Segal, Jan van Riel, Chris Wallace, Jo Leyman, Michael Phillips, Anthea Gedge, Nina Zurek, Simon Hinge, Jeanette Collins, Margaret Yuille, Michael King, Annette King, Terry Kay, Sam Arber, Richard Greenfield, Stan Rosenthal, Anna St Clair, Dee Harley, Kim Frazer, Phyllis Moritz, Eva Samuel, Colin Jasper, Bob Stiles, Kitty Muntz, Lay Yun Chu, Robert Geschke.

Present virtually: Including, but not limited to the following:

Dennis Goldner, Philip Knightley, Meredith Woods, Neil Ewart, Andrzej Krolikowski, Philip Knightley, Ralph Berlinski, Rodney; Sue McCarthy, David Morgan, Phillip Fent, Rose Szabo-Bencze, Judith Nancarrow, Margaret Grant, and others.

The meeting opened at 6.02pm and the President, Christopher Leach, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The President noted that a quorum had been obtained.

1 Apologies

Derek Poulton, Patricia Gibson.

2 Consideration of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th December 2020.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM were circulated. No comments were made about the minutes. The AGM 2020 minutes are therefore accepted as a true and correct record.

3 Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4 Correspondence to the AGM

There was no correspondence received for the AGM, apart from voting Proxies.

5 Presidents Report

The President thanked Jennie Codognotto (AGM Returning Officer), Glen Appleby and Tim Lewinski for managing the voting technology and Webinar. Over 130 people had already voted prior to the meeting. He spoke to the events of the past year and the impact of the Covid pandemic and referred to his report, noting there are now 312 members, a slight increase.

He went on to thank the many people who have given their time, plus the staff members and members of the Council for their contributions. In particular, he acknowledged the work of the general manager Andrew Macready-Bryan, Laurie Kelso and directing staff, plus Dee Harley for producing the Newsletter and organising the online League competitions and Geoff Schaller for work for VCC. He also thanked Mary Elson for her commitment to teaching and farewelled outgoing Councillor Michael Phillips and thanked him for his contributions.

The President concluded by thanking the Treasurer for his efforts and introducing his report.

6. Treasurer's Report (Financial Report for the Year ended 31 August 2021)

The Treasurer spoke to the state of VBA finances and the cash flow position as per the report attached in the meeting notice. This year has seen a cash flow positive year after shutdown. Federal and State governments contributed substantially to our cash surplus.

The Treasurer also acknowledged Neil Ewart's work in doing the bookkeeping and other financial tasks.

The floor was then opened for questions. Questions to the Treasurer covered obligations for reporting, land tax, the café, and a question about whether there is a budget for next year, how much has Poath Rd increased in value of the past 2 years, do we pay capital gains tax, the plans for 2022 of the President. Christopher Leach and Simon Hinge spoke.

Christopher Leach moved that the Presidents report be accepted.

Moved: Christopher Leach **Seconded:** Kim Hoff Carried.

Kim Hoff moved that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved: Kim Hoff **Seconded:** Christopher Leach Carried.

Auditor Appointment.

The meeting considered the appointment of auditors for the next year and a resolution was moved:

Resolution:

"That LZR Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for the financial year ending 31 August 2022".

Moved: Kim Hoff **Seconded:** Jenny Thompson Carried unanimously.

7 Election of Council and other Officers

The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 33 at the close of the nomination period.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Christopher Leach	Kim Frazer	Ralph Berlinski
President	Simon Hinge	Anna St Clair	Dee Harley
Vice President	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson	Simon Hinge
Vice President	David Morgan	Christopher Leach	Kim Frazer
Vice President	Stan Klofa	Anna St Clair	Dee Harley
Treasurer	Kim Hoff	David Morgan	Belinda Lindsay
Councillor	Collin Jasper	Maryanne Bird	Len Meyer
Councillor	Belinda Lindsay	Kim Hoff	Jenny Hoff
Councillor	Anna St Clair	Stan Klofa	Simon Hinge
Councillor	Meredith Woods	Stan Klofa	Simon Hinge
Councillor	Phillip Fent	Stan Klofa	Simon Hinge

Councillor	Rebecca O'Reilly	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson
Councillor	Anthea Gedge	CFT (Kim) Hoff	Michael Phillips
Councillor	Jan van Riel	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson

Motion was proposed to allow each candidate to make a 3 minute statement.

Moved: Stephen Weiss

Seconded: Simon Hinge.

Carried.

Each candidate wishing to speak did so.

After an online and in person vote the following members were elected.

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Vice President	David Morgan	Christopher Leach	Kim Frazer
Treasurer	Kim Hoff	David Morgan	Belinda Lindsay
Councillor	Collin Jasper	Maryanne Bird	Len Meyer
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Councillor	Anthea Gedge	CFT (Kim) Hoff	Michael Phillips
Councillor	Jan van Riel	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson

The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 36.

	Location	Nominee	Nominated by
Special Councillor	(Country West)	Richard Giles	Ballarat Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Metro near VBA)	Andrzej Krolikowski	Waverley Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Country East)	Derek Poulton	Shepparton Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Metro Arc)	Graham Morris	Moonee Valley Bridge Club

8 General Business

Motion proposed to allow council to take the Dendy proposal to a conclusion. Motion lapsed as mood of the meeting is that the council continue to work on the proposal and return to the members with a modified proposal.

Motion by Eva Samuel to consider a move to Caulfield Park based on better location, and approach council to build new facility. Motion was discussed, but it was noted that the idea had already been explored and rejected by local council. President committed to exploring this idea further.

Neil Ewart queried the validity of raising a motion which was not already on the AGM agenda. To be confirmed.

The President concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman
Christopher Leach