

## **Minutes of VBA Annual General Meeting**

**Held: Tuesday 2nd December 2014**

**At: VBA 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena Vic.**

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and the President Ben Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Attendees**

David Morgan, Cathie Lachman, Dale Sheather, Ben Thompson, Jenny Thompson, Kim Frazer, Peter Havlicek, Lilli Allgood, Anne Paul, Neil Ewart, Ralph Berlinski, Colleen Bourke, Jill Percil, Alf Branicki, Richard Rozen OAM, Larry Attwood, Ken Lee, Franci Halmos, Paula Schroom, June Pulford, David Flynn, Anne St George, Phillip Knightley, Martin Simons, Jeff Fust, Eva Samuel, S. Gerdan, Kitty Muntz, Jean Hall, Peter Boone, Brian Lovelcock, Marie Shenker, Phillip Geschke

The President noted that a quorum had been obtained for the meeting.

### **1 Apologies**

Kurt Pollitzer, Paulina Baker, Roger Kenna, Valerie Trice, Lyndy Hickman, Anton Stavik, Patrick Zhang (Jin), Paul Hobson, Roger Kenna.

The President acknowledged the extensive work that Mr Paul Hobson had done as returning officer.

### **2 Minutes of the 2013 AGM**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were tabled.

### **3 Business Arising from Minutes**

Mr R. Rozen queried whether the amount held in cash in the accounts had been addressed since last year's meeting. The President advised that the account balance had been managed in the past year, and the current cash balance had been reduced and funds put into higher interest bearing accounts with cash on hand maintained to pay known debts as and when they become due.

### **4 Correspondence to the AGM**

There was no correspondence received.

### **5 Annual Report and Balance Sheet**

Presentation of Accounts: The accounts were tabled for discussion

Mr R. Rozen queried the change in liabilities under item 7. This was largely due to the change in capitation fee date.

Ms A. Paul noted the reduction in the loss was a great improvement.

The President outlined some of the activities the council has undertaken in the past year. In particular the improvement in duplicate numbers as a result of the increased lessons and crash courses run at the club. This has had a flow on effect to the financial results to the club.

Improvements to club facilities have included some technology improvements, air conditioning upgrade, a new photocopier, upgrade of the server and acquisition of a liquor licence.

The President paid tribute to the work done by the outgoing councillors and also thanked the many people who have and continue to contribute to the running of the club during the year.

### **Resolution 1:**

To consider and if thought fit pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution.

"That LZR Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for the financial year ending 31 August 2015"

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

## **6 Special Business**

Nil

## **7 Election of President and Other Councillors**

A total of 6 proxies had been received.

4 Proxies were given to the Chairperson.

1 Proxy was given to Cathie Lachman

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The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 33.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded by</u></b>
President	Ben Thompson	Jenny Thompson	Neil Ewart
Vice President (1)	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson	Neil Ewart
Vice President (2)	Nil		
Treasurer	Neil Ewart	Kim Frazer	Kirsten Bailey
Secretary	Kim Frazer	Kirsten Bailey	Neil Ewart
Ordinary Councillor	Dale Sheather	Paula Schroor	Diana Smart
Ordinary Councillor	Jeff Fust	Kim Frazer	David Morgan
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Ordinary Councillor	Nil		

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

	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>
Special Councillor	(Metro near VBA)	Rob Quirk	Waverley Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Metro Arc)	Chris Lovelock	U3A Knox Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Eastern)	Helen McAdam	Traralgon Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Western)	No nominations received	

As there were no contested positions, the President Mr Ben Thompson declared all nominees duly elected.

The President invited nominations from the floor for the vacant councillor positions, however no nominees were forthcoming.

## **8 General Business**

Nil

The President invited any other comments from the floor.

Ms A. Paul asked if the local council could be contacted regarding relaxing the parking regulations around the bridge club. The President explained that in previous discussions with both relevant councils, the club had been consistently unsuccessful in gaining relief regarding the parking issues for the club. The club will contact the council regarding parking directly opposite the VBA on Poath Rd, particularly for handicapped members.

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm

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Chairperson

Ben Thompson