

Crows Nest
Rotary



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MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30 NOVEMBER 2015

Venue : Small Bar , 85 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest 2065

Meeting Commenced at 1.00pm

Welcome to all present from President Ian

Present: Members : Ian P, Peter C, John S, Warren B, Mark W, Angelo R, Alon B, Les W, Philip S, Cyril C, Simon B, Shirley L, Sue R, Barbara B, Helen I, Celia C, and Mark S.

Visitor Jason A

Apologies : Tiff K and Tom S.

The attendance satisfied a quorum for the AGM.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2014 – these minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

Matters arising from those Minutes : Nil

President's Report: This first six months have been a challenge of meeting Venues. Renovations of Crows Nest Hotel now have a completion time of eleven months ie mid April. Arabiatta has been closed for four months and we have no idea of its future status.

Membership – strong. 2 new members earlier in the term. Plus, following the Crows Nest Fair, we now have two new members about to join, in Jason and Ross (a transferee); with another two Egmont and Christina early next year, as well as another two potential members in the pipeline..

Fundraising : BBQ – going well. Trifecta – on line to raise \$15,000.00 – a record year! Angelo needs to be commended for his leadership in both areas; plus Mark Staples new initiative – the Poker Night.

Secretary's Report:

It has been a steep learning curve since becoming Secretary in July.

Fortunately Bruce had commenced making the Club's records electronic.

The main issues have been compliance matters.

Today the Club needs to ratify the 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Financial Accounts for Rotary Club members awareness and to comply with the rules for Department of Fair Trading Charity Fundraising status.

In July the Club's insurances were renewed.

In August the Club successfully renewed its Charitable Fund Raising Status until 2020 and in November the BBQ Trailer was registered.

The one area that is lagging relates to Club Members registering with the Working With Children Register. We have 21 members who have notified their WWC number and 1 member who chooses not to register out of a Club membership of 45 Active members. Both Rotary and the NSW Government, require all volunteers dealing with children, to be registered.

As at last week there were 5 Club members who had not paid their membership fees. As the Club is billed by RI, District and RDU for each member, this means part of our fundraising goes to cover these costs.. Board members have been doing their best to address the situation.

Treasurer's Report:

We have money in the bank ! \$70,165.00 with Liabilities of \$5416.00. Equating to \$64,749.00. Plus other donations paid into the accounts for special purposes , such as Dili Orphans Xmas Party.

Celia C moved a Motion seconded by Bill L - That "the Accounts for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 be passed as read and adopted and be made available on the website." Passed.

It was agreed that the Financial Accounts should be circulated prior to the AGM - starting next year.

Members – It was noted that Paul Ogden was promoted to Honorary member status at the October Board meeting .

Membership – Shirley.

A good report. We had 38 members in 2012; 43 members in 2013 and 48 members in 2014. As reported by Ian , we have several prospective members . Shirley also thanked Sue R for her great support following up on members issues as Welfare Officer .

Foundation – Bill

We were to have a speaker from the Rotary Foundation to speak in November because it was designated as Foundation month. That did not happen and it looks as though the speaker will come in February now.- Probably not David Rands due to his fall.

It was a goal for members to donate \$100 a year to the Foundation. District have been supplying a Centurion tube that members can fill with \$2 per week to achieve \$100 for the year.

The Foundation invests funds on behalf of Rotary and uses the income earned to match grants. Clubs can apply for grants three years after a donation has been made.

There are two types of grants Global Grants - approved by District and RI or District Grants – approved by District.

Administration – John

John is compiling a questionnaire to find out members views on various matters.

Members are invited to send John any questions that they would like addressed.

Community – Barbara

Has followed up and delivered the wish lists from Delvina and Phoenix House recipients to the Tree of Joy Committee.

Youth – Alon

Crows Nest Club has 4 applicants for RYLA. (2 from Phoenix House, 1 advised by Tiff K and 1 advised by George C.)

There are no RYPEN candidates as the local schools are not interested in the programme. In the future Cameragyl School may have Year 9 students in two years time who may be involved

Alon also brought the Club up to date on Phoenix House. It has established a Foundation to fundraise as Phoenix House moves from 70% government funding to 70% private funding. The chairman of the new Foundation resigned and Harold Sharp has become Chair of the Foundation until next year's AGM.

International – Tiff (not present).

Has 2 projects underway firstly the "Hippo Roller" as discussed at a recent meeting. And second – The PRADET mental Health project in East Timor as per the recent talk by Susan Rendell. The AFAP have decided that the donation we give to them on Giving Night will go towards PRADET.

Vocation – Patrick (not present)

Patrick is talking with the Melanoma Institute, that we visited a few months ago, about how we can work together, with the possibility of them becoming a Corporate Member.

Angelo expanded on the role of vocation in Rotary and the Community.

PR – Tom (not present)

General Business

Ian P : Earlier in the year Cyril C, a founding member of the club, gave a talk on the history of our Rotary Club. Cyril has now written this up, and it will appear shortly on the Clubrunner website..

Election of Officer Bearers for 2016-7 Rotary Year:.. President Ian stood down from the chair.

Election of President : nomination of Les Walsh – preferred not to accept. Then Peter C was nominated by Celia C. Elected unopposed due to no other candidates standing .

Secretary Mark Staples nominated by Angelo ; seconder Celia Elected by popular acclaim.

Treasurer Ian asked Simon should he wish to remain in the position . Simon indicated that he was prepared to continue. Nominated that Simon continue : by Ian.

Directors : One director , Barbara B had indicated that she wished to stand down. Sue R was nominated by Ian . Again elected by popular acclaim.

Finally Les suggested that the Club needed to elect the position of President in Waiting or President Elect to succeed Peter Coote for the continuity plans of the Club. Warren B proposed Alon B , who accepted promptly.

Other Business

Celia C requested a “decent” sound system as the present system is too temperamental.

Ian delegated Warren B to investigate a suitable sound system to the Value of \$500.00

Any Other Business Nil

Meeting Closed at 2.05pm

Post Script Simon posted the Financial Accounts on the Cub’s website 1.12.2015