

Minutes of TWSSA AGM
Friday 29 November 2019
Board Room, Carclew
Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide
5.30 pm

Present

Eric Bills
Peter Owen
Peta Montgomery (notes)
Peter Follett
Thomas Prowse
Richard Owen
Patrick McMurray (proxy for Hilary Miller)
Paul Grillo

Apologies

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- 1 Welcome from Convenor
- 2 Minutes from 2018 meeting Eric/Peter. Approved by consensus
- 3 Convenor's Report –
 - National budget situation. Late last calendar year being floated that we might expect a 20% cut. It increased over next six months until final handing down of budget in June 2019 which amounted to a 37% cut to our base grant.
 - Total budget cut year on year is about a 50% cut
 - Had to start a formal change process – released draft plan, gave staff opportunity for feedback, considered it and released a final plan. Decided to cut back to 1.8 fte which meant a number of redundancies.
 - Want to acknowledge work of Peta Page, Christel c and Greg Lawson, and of course Patrick who has been a stalwart over 12 years.
 - Will be advertising a new position soon with a focus on f/r
 - We have an uncertain future in terms of increased funding from TWSL over next 3 years. Looking to put more \$ and effort into f/r and ideally get back to 3 fte as quickly as we can.
 - We have produced a Case for Support document which will hope will help the new f/r position work with donors
 - Paul asked why the cuts came down from TWSL. Bequests came in very low, TWSL had been living beyond its means for a few years, Membership dropped. poor revenue. Bequests came into the budget which had not happened before. Also borrowing money from the Trust Fund. Ie borrow to fund expenses and basically using capital. The variations over campaign centres has never been explained.

- TWSL AGM last night – serious concerns across the Federation. Lot of valie questions were put and were not answered. Finances and Vote of thanks to Board did not get up.
- Questions around fundraising future in SA.

4 Peter Owen's report

- Has been an intense year .. whilst all the TWSL going on we have been running the biggest campaign we've every been involved.
- Big community actions
- Attended Equinor AGM in Norway. Public facing events in Oslo and campaign presentations, mtgs with govt and political parties.
- Sophisticated and education populace
- Federal election commitments from Labor and Libs – has been a modest review on NOPSEMA regs
- Another round of big public events
- Equinor due to submit information to NOPSEMA by cob today.
- Want further info on consultation. Oil spill, EPBC act
- Stepped thru the options if approval given –
- Involved in review of marine sanctuaries – have managed to make them stop making a decision by going into negotiations with the fishing industry to find an acceptable joint position
- Had watching brief on MDB program
- PO recognized and thanked the long term contributions of the staff who have had to finish up this year.
- Credit to the Alliance – working effectively to move the campaign forward.

5 Treasurer's Report

- Report taken as read.
- Shared 2 observations – we are on the surface \$170K better off than we were last year. Approach to campaigning and use it as a f/r to fund itself, is notable
- Thinks there is a shift in the org worth noting
- The other side of the ledger is the expenses ... have been held really tightly – is a 'tribute' to Patrick – all factors that have made us capable of landing where we have
- Thanked Patrick for his great support.
- Patrick – commented on campaigns driving funding. Supported by Richard Owen
- Auditors note – on future operations. Qualification. In letter to the board the auditors didn't need to make any further affiliation to the accounts because of the way the board hand handled the change plan.

Mover for Convenor and Campaigner reports: Eric /Peter F accept
Treasurer report and audited Peta/Eric accepted.

Board Members: call went out (details). Peta M elected for a term of 3 years.

Coopted 3 new board members onto the Board. Will then be up to 8 members with one free position.

Peter Follett:/Eric formal state Board's appreciation to Patrick for his contribution to TWS , not only as Business Mgr, but thru engagement with TWS Inc/Ltd thru tough times. Carried unanimously.

Eric: proposal of thanks to Lynne Alexander for donation to enable the production of the Case for Support and for other contributors. Will be an invaluable tool.

Mtg closed at 6.30 pm