

2019/20 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY TASMANIA INC
Minutes

Date: Thursday 19th November 2020

Present: Tom Allen, Ben Bartl, Geoff Law, David Wanless, Rita Meaney, Valentine Noga, Graham McLean, Gillian Gravell, Rocelyn A. Ives Erica Maginnis, Maria Riedl, Kartika Franks, Bob Graham, Hannah Snape, Karin Brice, Steve Saunders, Keith E. Freeman, Gary Corr Donald Coventry, Kelly Foxcroft

Observer/s Carolyn Emden

Location: The Duke, 192 Macquarie St, Hobart

Meeting opened: 5:41 p.m.

ITEM	AGENDA
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and meeting chair <p>Gary Corr agreed to act as facilitator</p> <p>Welcomed all those present at the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of elders</p> <p>Acknowledgement also of environmental elders</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of minutes from 2019 AGM <p>Motion: That the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted. Amendment: David Wanlass changed to David Wanless</p> <p>Moved: David Wanless Seconded: Val Noga</p> <p>Passed by consensus</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of Management Committee <p>All members of 2019/20 Management Committee were stood down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hannah Snape nominated as Convenor Nominations sought from the floor. No nominations were received Hannah Snape elected unopposed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benedict Bartl nominated as Secretary. No other nominations. Benedict Bartl elected unopposed. ○ Rita Meaney nominated as Treasurer. No other nominations. Rita Meaney elected unopposed. ○ There were 5 nominations received for election as General Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob Graham - Steve Saunders - Geoff Law - Don Coventry - Kelly Foxtrot <p>Ordinary Committee Members elected unopposed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acceptance of reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Convenors report</u> <p>Gary Corr presented Convenor’s Report.</p> <p>Acknowledged the work of Kitty and Katherine who have not sought re-election.</p> <p>Noted appreciation to MC members including 10 Management Committee meetings, a number of special meetings and sub-committee meetings.</p> <p>Held first meeting in Launceston.</p> <p>Noted that there had been a wind-down of the organisation with the shutting down of the offices in Hobart and Launceston as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>Volunteers were unable to attend Salamanca Market stall.</p> <p>Wild Island shut down as well. Were however provided with a rent holiday during Covid-19.</p> <p>Organisation continued through tireless work of Tom Allen.</p> <p>Worked on campaigns including Lake Malbena Full Court of the Supreme Court case.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 we received financial assistance through Federal Government Jobseeker Allowance.</p> <p>Was less than two months in reserves. But with assistance of Federal Government and donations from volunteers TWS Ltd now in better position.</p>

Collaboration between TWS Ltd and TWS Tas continues.

Special note to Launceston members.

Motion:

That the Convenor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Val Noga

Seconded: Geoff Law

Passed unanimously

○ **Campaign Manager's report**

2019 and 2020 have been very difficult years.

2019 was difficult because of our financial challenges. 2020 has been difficult because of Covid-19.

Through leadership of Amelia Young our National Campaign Manager we now have a Campaign Plan that all Campaigners have agreed to. A plan that has been worked on collaboratively both by campaigners and administrative staff.

Lake Malbena is a nationally recognised campaign which will ensure ongoing awareness in the State and National media.

A draft Forest Campaign has been put together. Is currently being inserted into Organisational Campaign Plan.

Thank you to Gary Corr along with everyone on the Management Committee and former staff and Management Committee members including Val Noga, Amelia Young and Liz.

Motion

That Tom's work during an extraordinarily difficult year should be recognised

Moved: David Wanless

Seconded: Geoff Law

Passed unanimously

○ **Treasurer's report and audited financial statements**

Rita spoke to finances

	<p>Much better financial result than last year.</p> <p>Surplus of \$70,000 this year compared to last year -\$42,000</p> <p>Jobkeeper was of huge assistance. Did what it was meant to do – kept us afloat.</p> <p>Geoff said that the accounts in the enclosed documents need to be explained better</p> <p>With the proviso that further information is provided at next Management Committee Meeting that the 2019/20 financial reports be accepted</p> <p>Agreed that the ‘Assets’ list should be itemised. Other concerns to be put in writing and provided to Rita who will then seek clarification from the accountant.</p> <p>Geoff also wondered where books were located. Unclear whether books have been lost or written off. Tom confirmed that books are located under stairs.</p> <p>Action: Geoff and Tom will count the number of Anniversary Books currently located at 130 Davey St, Hobart.</p> <p>Motion Motion thanking Rita Meaney for the work she has done</p> <p>Moved: Gary Corr Seconded: Val Noga</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Auditor <p>Motion: That William Buck is appointed as auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.</p> <p>Moved: Gary Corr Seconded: Rita Meaney</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p>

Meeting closed: 6:39p.m.