

# **Watsonia Neighbourhood House - Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting – 22 November 2023

Meeting opened: 6.01pm

## **Opening of Meeting**

Sally O'Meara (President) welcomed members and guests with an Acknowledgement to Country.

## **Present and Apologies**

Attendees:-

Sally O'Meara, Bob Regan, Lucie Holden, Luke Nelson, Callum Shaw, Elizabeth Townson, Stephanie Dallas, Tassia Moniz, Lynne McHutchison, Carol McKay, James Faye, Lisa Kerr, Phil Strode, Michelle Olive. Cheryl Findlay- Zoom

Apologies:-

Collin Brookes MP member for Bundoora

Cr Mark Di Pasquale- Banyule Coucilor Bakewell ward

Gina Wittingslow – WNH board member

Julie Johnston – Manager North East NH Network

Garry McIntosh – tax help volunteer

Paul Dunn – from VALID

Robin Gale Baker – from Sustainable Macleod

Geoffrey Mee – OMNI volunteer

## **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 16 November 2022**

Moved: Bob Regan

Seconded: Sally O'Meara

Motion: Carried.

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

nil.

## **Annual Reports tabled**

### **President's Report- Sally O'Meara**

President's report was tabled- noting signing of a new Partnership Framework with Banyule City Council and local Neighbourhood Houses. The annual Community Value Report, administered by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria which demonstrates our exceptional value for money, which is important to our stake holders and funding bodies.

The President thanked all Committee members, especially outgoing member Luke for their valuable contributions and Rotary Club of Bundoora who are valued supporters of the food relief program. With sincere thanks to Lucie and the WNH team for their wonderful work.

### **Manager's Report – Lucie Holden.**

The Manager gave a powerpoint presentation on her work that was completed throughout the year. Including funding and grant submissions, food sharing and community lunches- 500+ meals per month. Ongoing and new activities and the magical moments with the community. She thanked her staff and volunteers and reflected upon the achievements of this year. Will continue to build upon successes and strengthen community connections. Tassia Moniz also spoke about her first year at the House.

### **Treasurer's Report- Bob Regan**

The House has been profitable for 6 out of the last 8 years with this year having a deficit of \$12 000.00 due to the employment of 3 staff, finishing projects like The Nook and the rise in the cost of living. The House has \$76 000 in accumulated funds. The Treasurer thanked the staff & volunteers for their continued hard work.

Moved that the Annual and Financial Reports be approved.

Moved: Bob Regan

Second: Callum Shaw

Motion: Carried.

### **General Business**

#### **Membership Fees**

Motion: That the Membership Fees for 23/24 be continued at the same level of \$10.

Proposed: Sally O'Meara

Second: Bob Regan

Motion: Passed.

#### **Any other Business**

nil.

### **Election of Committee of Management**

All positions were declared vacant and the floor handed over to Steph Dallas to act as Returning Officer.

Five nominations had been received:

Sally O'Meara for President

Cheryl Findlay for Secretary

Bob Regan for Treasurer

Gina Wittingslow for ordinary member

Callum Shaw for ordinary member

Elizabeth Townson for ordinary member

Steph declared the positions elected and handed the floor back to Sally.

### **Close of Meeting.**

Sally closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed: 6.35pm