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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 MINUTES

Date: Saturday 19th September, 2020

Venue: Zoom

Meeting opened at 10.00 am

### **1. Welcome by National Organiser**

Valerie Field, the National Organiser, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

### **2. Attendance and Apologies**

Monique Rüeger, Margaret Fitzgerald, Brenda Cox, Merrill Woods from Eastern Suburbs;  
Valerie Field, Ruth Allen, Madeleine Menasse, Christine Hardy, Julie Bligh, Bep Kleiberg, Michele Middendorp,  
Janet Downer from The Hills Group;  
Robyn Tait and Robynanne Bessell from the Sunshine Coast Group;  
Margaret Patterson, Lyn Hazell, Heather Snell, Trish Copeland, Robyn Foster from Illawarra Day;  
Rose Ellwood, Carole Aveley from Brisbane West

Apologies received from Bev Shaw, Suzanne Perram, Jenny Quint, Rose Cowan and Jeanette Page.

### **3. Minutes of AGM held Saturday 19th October, 2019**

Tabled as read.

Moved: Margaret Patterson

Seconded: Bep Kleiberg

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

### **5. National Organiser's Report**

The Report was tabled as read and is attached.

Moved: Valerie Field

Seconded: Madeleine Menasse

### **6. Secretary's Report**

It was noted that the AGM was moved forward because of Covid and the Conference not being held this year.

Robyn Tait had sent an email re excess funds which was discussed in General Business.

The National Secretary's report is attached.

Moved: Monique Rüeger

Seconded: Margaret Patterson

### **7. Treasurer's Report**

The Report was tabled by the Treasurer, Christine Hardy. The NWR Account's balance is \$5,806.14 and the NWR Conference Account's balance is \$2,000.00

Moved: Christine Hardy

Seconded: Madeleine Menasse

See National Treasurer's Report attached.

## **8. General Business**

Motions proposed by the Treasurer, Christine Hardy

### Motion 1

I move that the membership fees be set at \$5.00 per member for the membership year 2021.

Rationale. We have sufficient funds to reduce the membership fees for 2021. Membership fees for future membership years will be considered at a later date by the elected National Committee.

Moved: Christine Hardy

Seconded: Lyn Hazell

The motion was carried unanimously.

### Motion 2

I move that a one-off payment be made in this membership year to all clubs and independent members set at \$20.00 per member who are registered in 2020. This is to reimburse out of pocket expenses as per Part 5 item 35 (3) of the Constitution. Funds will be distributed to clubs according to the number of members registered at their club at \$20.00 per member. \$20.00 will be forwarded to our independent members accordingly. A cheque or direct deposit for the total will be made on receipt of club account details.

Rationale. The National Committee considers that this is a fair and equitable way of distributing funds to assist clubs and members during this difficult time. There are still sufficient funds to provide a subsidy for the Conference.

Moved: Christine Hardy

Seconded: Michele Middendorp

Various members spoke about these motions with most saying it was fair and equitable. Christine Hardy advised the amount to be distributed was \$1,860.00. LO's and independent members can advise the bank account where the funds can be transferred or the address where the cheque can be sent.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Margaret Fitzgerald advised the e-newsletter was now online on the website [nwraustralia.org.au](http://nwraustralia.org.au) although she can add more contributions. Please send them to [nwraustralia@gmail.com](mailto:nwraustralia@gmail.com) with your name and group.

## **9. Election of Office Bearers for 2020 -2021**

Robyn Foster from Illawarra Day Group acted as Returning Officer.

**National Organiser:** Valerie Field from The Hills was willing to stand again and was ACCEPTED

**Vice National Organiser:** Madeleine Menasse from The Hills was willing to stand again and was ACCEPTED.

**Secretary:** Monique Rüeger did not want to stand again. Ruth Allen from The Hills was nominated by Julie Bligh and seconded by Christine Hardy and was ACCEPTED

Thanks were given to Monique Rüeger for all her work for past years as Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Christine Hardy from The Hills was willing to stand again and was ACCEPTED.

### **Close of Meeting**

The date of the next General meeting will be 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 on Zoom.

Thanks to Margaret Fitzgerald for hosting the Zoom meeting again.

**Meeting Closed 10.33am**