



Natural History Society of South Australia Inc
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2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 25th May 2017

Held at the Charles Hawker Conference Centre, Waite Institute

Welcome: Meeting opened at 7:05pm by Peter Clements.

BUSINESS:

Attendees

Adrian Jones, Alyce Swinbourne, Amanda Forbes McKinnon, Bill Breed, Gary Taylor, Glen Taylor, Jessica Strauss, Karen Collins, Kerrie Davies, Kevin Stead, Liz Cousins, Matt Gaughwin, Michael Brindley, Michael Swinbourne, Penny Harper, Peter Clements, and Peter Jones.

Apologies

Apologies received: Our Patron – Mary Holt, Adrian Clements, Alexander Clements, Anne Collins, Barry Powell, Brigitte Stevens, Clare Jans, David Hansman, Enid Jones, Ian Brett, Jessica Clements, Jill Millhouse*, Johan Ramerman, John Coulter, Lidia Rozman, Margaret Clements, Margaret Taylor, Michael Collins, Nanette Hill, Narelle Taylor, Nicola Hypher, Ray Wallis, Silvija Wallis, Suzanne Manchun Zhao, Vince Guangsong Wang, and Wendy Clements.

1. Minutes

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 28th May 2016.

Moved: Mike Swinbourne; Seconded: Kevin Stead; Motion: Carried

2. President's Report – Peter Clements

Special announcements were made for the honour of Life Memberships for their support, considerable donations, and contributions to the Society. It is a small gesture on our part to show our appreciation for their on-going support in so many ways.

a.

- i. Wayne and Cheryl Donald for past and present support and particularly in the original donation of Nardoo to the Society
- ii. Ray and Silvija Wallis past and present support and particularly in the original donation of Nardoo to the Society
- iii. Glen and Margaret Taylor for his innumerable contributions to the Society and her support of him in these efforts.

b. A proposal to offer a monthly donation by regular direct debit to directly support the work of the Society and would be tax deductible was received well.

- c. A new process whereby persons wishing to become members apply first as Associate Members was received without further comment.
- d. The Dr John Holt Scholarship scheme was announced with approval from members who also offered some discussion points to consider about technicalities of the final controls to be set on the use of the funds awarded.

Motion that we accept the President's Report.

Moved: Penny Harper; Seconded: Amanda Forbes McKinnon; Motion: Carried

3. Financial Reports – Karen Collins

- a. Summary of the Society's financial standing and Auditor's report for 2016.
The members reviewed copies of the financial documents and Karen Collins spoke to the fact that general income had been reduced over the last year and that the Committee were already putting plans in place to build the members, volunteers and donors who support the Society's work.
- b. Motion to receive the Auditor's Report and Financial Reports for the year ending 31 December 2016 be accepted.

Moved: Karen Collins; Seconded: Gary Taylor; Motion: Carried

4. Appointment of the Auditor for 2017

Motion to appoint Bruce Evans as the Society's Auditor for the 2017 financial year.

Moved: Karen Collins; Seconded: Penny Harper; Motion: Carried

5. Election of the Management Committee Members

- a. Ten persons were nominated for election to the ten positions on the Management Committee were as follows:

- Adrian Jones
- Gary Taylor
- Glen Taylor
- Karen Collins
- Kevin Stead
- Michael Brindley
- Penny Harper
- Peter Clements
- Peter Jones
- Ray Wallis

- b. Because there were the same number of nominations as positions, these ten people were duly elected. These Committee members will elect Office Holders from within this Committee membership at their first meeting following this Annual General Meeting.

6. Meeting Closure: 7:25pm

Signed: _____ Date _____