

Minutes of the 15th AGM of the AWSRG

Held at Camp Cypress, Baradine NSW 11th September 2017

Meeting opened at 1:30pm

Meeting chaired by Andrew Skeoch

Attendance: Andrew Skeoch, Bob Tomkins, Tony Baylis, Fred van Gessel, Sue Gould, Howard Plowright, Marg Eller, Jeff Eller, David Secombe, Michael Mahony, Michael Hannan, Jessie Cappadonna, Vicki Hallett, Leah Barclay, Nicole Carroll

Apologies: Jenny and Peter Beasley, Roger Boughton, John Campbell, Carl Moller, David Stewart, Ian Venables, Vicki Powys.

1/ Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM held at Mt Tamborine Qld 17th September 2016 published in AudioWings Journal vol18#1 and sent out with notice of the 2017 AGM taken as read. The motion that the minutes be accepted was proposed by Fred van Gessel, seconded by Sue Gould, and carried unanimously.

Matters arising from previous minutes: Future group emails will be sent out via the website, ensuring that recipients receive them as BCC emails.

2/ Reports from President, Secretary/Treasurer, CD Editor and Journal editor and financial statement.

Reports were sent out with notice of the AGM and taken as read. The motion that the president's report be accepted was proposed by Fred van Gessel, seconded Bob Tomkins, and carried unanimously. The motion that the secretary/ treasurer's report be accepted was proposed by Andrew Skeoch, seconded by Michael Mahoney, and carried unanimously. The motion that the Journal editor's report be accepted was proposed by Fred van Gessel, seconded by Marg Eller, and carried unanimously. Tony Baylis was asked to clarify a point in the financial report. There was a successful fraud perpetrated upon the AWSRG, resulting in \$1,500 being transferred, this was reported to the WestPac fraud department and the police cybercrime unit by Tony Baylis. The \$1500 was recovered and paid back into our current account. To ensure that this does not happen so easily in future, a system of two officers are to sign off on all debits to the account. The motion that the financial report be accepted was proposed by Howard Plowright, seconded by Sue Gould, and carried unanimously.

3/ Election of officers

President: Nomination: Andrew Skeoch, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Tony Baylis, seconded by Leah Barclay, and unanimously supported.

Vice President: Nomination: Robert Tomkins, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Fred van Gessel, seconded by Sue Gould, and unanimously supported.

General Secretary: Nomination: Tony Baylis, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Howard Plowright, seconded by Michael Mahoney, and unanimously supported.

Treasurer/Membership secretary: Nomination: Jeff Eller, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Tony Baylis, seconded by Howard Plowright, and unanimously supported.

Editor –Journal Nomination: Sue Gould, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Tony Baylis, seconded by Jessica Cappadonna, and unanimously supported.

Editor – Audio CD Nomination: Tony Baylis, nomination accepted.
Proposed by Michael Mahony, seconded by Marg Eller, and unanimously supported.

OS Representative Nomination: Roger Boughton, accepted via email.
Proposed by Bob Tomkins, seconded by Tony Baylis, and unanimously supported.

Webmaster Nomination: Andrew Skeoch, nomination accepted
Proposed by Fred van Gessel, seconded by David Secombe, and unanimously supported.

Committee: The following nominations for committee membership were accepted: Marg Eller, Leah Barclay, Jessica Cappadonna, Vicki Hallett, Nicole Carroll. NB, committee members are not required to be formally elected.

4/ Membership of AWSRG subscription.

In the Secretary/treasurer report submitted by Tony Baylis to 2017 AGM, the recommendation made was that membership subscriptions should remain as following; ordinary membership \$50.00, ordinary family membership \$60.00, overseas membership \$60.00, ordinary overseas family membership \$70, ordinary student membership \$30.00. The motion that Tony's recommendation be adopted was proposed by Sue Gould, seconded Michael Mahoney, and unanimously supported.

4/ Proposal that the group have its own PayPal account.

There have been some issues with the current arrangement, namely potential confusion. The meeting discussed the proposal that the group open a PayPal account in its own right, and direct the treasurer/ membership secretary Jeff Eller to make the necessary arrangements. The motion that the group open a PayPal account in its own right, and direct the treasurer/ membership secretary Jeff Eller to make the necessary arrangements was proposed by Sue Gould, seconded Bob Tomkins, and unanimously supported. The meeting agreed that bank details for direct transfer will not appear on the website but persons wishing to use direct transfer should be directed to the treasurer/membership secretary Jeff Eller.

5/ Proposal that the group modify the treasurer's role to include membership secretary.

The meeting had discussed this item during election of officers and accepted that this was a sensible arrangement. The membership secretary will maintain the membership database along with the usual duties of treasurer. Jeff Eller accepted the nomination and was elected to the office (see item 3 above).

6/ Digitizing the back catalogue of Audiowings journal.

Fred van Gessel informed the meeting that he has digital copies of the Audiowings journal that are not already available in digital form on the website. Fred will liaise with Andrew to identify where the gaps are and will forward missing editions to Andrew Skeoch for inclusion on the website. Andrew Skeoch and Leah Barclay will explore how to make the back issues searchable in the internet.

7/ General business.

Tony Baylis informed the meeting that digital copies of the back catalogue of the Audiowings CD's could not be made available for inclusion on the website. Contributions to past CD's were made on the basis that the sounds supplied were for members of the AWSRG only. Tony Baylis pointed out that future contributions to the CD were to be made on the basis that sounds supplied may be added to the website at some future date, copyright remaining with authors as usual. The meeting asked whether a receipt was issued when membership was renewed or a new member joined. The practice has been acknowledgement via email of membership fee received only. Jeff Eller will issue a more formal email receipt as matter of course in future. Andrew Skeoch will write a short introductory welcome to new members to the group joining via the website and send a copy to Jeff Eller so that he can formally issue it as a receipt.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm.