

Frogs Victoria Society  
**Annual General Meeting 2024**

Minutes

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.30pm (AEDT)

Venue: Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

**Present**

**Members:**

<List to be provided>

1. **Meeting commenced at 7.32 pm**, chaired by Lynette Plenderleith (President)
  - Acknowledgement of country
  - Welcome to Murray Littlejohn
  - Apologies (list to be provided)
  - Notification of proxies
    - None received
2. Confirmation of 2023 minutes
  - Proposed by Colin McHenry (Secretary), Seconded by Lynette Plenderleith
3. President's report ([to be attached](#))
4. Treasurer's Report (attached)
5. Confirmation of membership fees
  - Discussion: raising to \$50 (full) / \$25 (concession) proposed Lynette - some discussion of raising to \$50/\$25
    - David DeAngelis (Treasurer) noted that increased membership fees would secure finances
    - After some discussion it was proposed to keep fees at current levels
      - Proposed by Lynette Plenderleith, Seconded by Colin Mchenry
6. Appointment of committee
  - Lynette Plenderleith restated the model rules that Frogs Victoria uses for its constitution:
    - The positions that must be filled are President and Secretary.
    - The committee may include other optional positions; Vice-President, Treasurer, and other ordinary members
  - Lynette Plenderleith suggested that ordinary committee members could have key roles such as coordinating events, communications (newsletter / website), and Audio-Visual Technology support for meetings
    - She further suggested that we have as many ordinary committee members as we have nominations
  - The Committee offices were declared to be empty

- Nomination for President: David De Angelis
    - Proposed by Lynette Plenderleith, Seconded by Laura Brannelly
  - Nomination for Vice-President: Nick Clemann
    - Proposed by Colin McHenry, Seconded by David De Angelis
  - Nomination for Secretary: Colin McHenry
    - Proposed by Ted Bell, Seconded by Laura Brannelly
  - Nomination for Treasurer: Dani Wallace
    - Proposed by Laura Brannelly, Seconded by David De Angelis
  - Nominations for Ordinary members:
    - Matt Clancy
    - Trish Nigro (online)
    - Ruth Marr
    - Ted Bell
    - Sam Wallace
    - Venice Chan
    - Lynette Plenderleith
7. Events subcommittee: Lynette Plenderleith clarified that this is not limited to members of the Frogs Victoria Committee, i.e. it is open to any members who would like to help with this role.
- Volunteers from the floor: Ted Bell, Craig Cleeland, Melissa Hernandez Poveda, Dan Guinto
  - Other members may join the subcommittee through the year.
8. Motion to start a new bank account for Frogs Victoria
- Signatories need to be President (David De Angelis), Secretary (Colin McHenry) Treasurer, (Dani Wallace)
  - Proposed by Dani Wallace, Seconded by David De Angelis

No other business.

**Meeting closed 8:11**

## Treasurer's Report

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Frogs Vic had a balance of **\$285.18** at the time of incorporation on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

The balance at the start of last year (i.e. 1 January 2023) was **\$176.44**, and was **\$293.24** on 31 December 2023.

The balance is currently (as of 5:30 pm!) **\$739.33**.

All income between 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 came from membership fees, amounting to **\$655.00**.

Expenditure from 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 amounted to **\$543.20**, being for:

Monthly account fees ..... \$65.00

Equipment (portable speaker) ..... \$297.00

Equipment (microphone adapter) ..... \$9.50

End of year prizes, meals, and tokens of appreciation for guest speakers ..... \$171.70

Funds fluctuate but remain fairly stable overall. However, this continues to leave little money for irregular expenditure such as new equipment purchases.

Options previously canvassed for increasing funds include:

- a) Send membership expiry reminders to members a few weeks before they drop off the list.
- b) Undertake a membership drive.
- c) Do without our Premium website (the cost in time, however, would be substantial). It will still cost to renew our domain name, due in 2024.
- d) End buying dinner and/or tokens for speakers.
- e) Avoid buying video equipment to film presentations.
- f) Make membership a requirement for the mini conference (short talks) night.
- g) Make membership a requirement for all events.
- h) Apply for grants.

The first suggested action is done at the start of every year, although none of the others have been enacted to date.

Also worth exploring the cause/s of having many more people who receive the newsletter than are paying members? Could we consider if there is anything else we could provide in return for paid membership?

David De Angelis