

Frogs Victoria Society
Annual General Meeting 2020

Minutes

Date: 5th March 2020 7.30pm (AEDT)

Venue: Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Present: Murray Littlejohn, Lynette Plenderleith, Teisha Lay, Beau Meney, Matt Clancy, Candice Sexton, Colin McHenry, David De Angelis, Ted Bell, Brenna Billing, Asha Billing.

Non-members present: Jeff Hughes, Jack Brand, Greg Clarke, Jack Orford, Jake Martin

Apologies: Nick Clemann, Steph Versteegan, Dennis Black

1. Notification of proxies

None

2. President's report (Lynette Plenderleith)

See report

Motioned by: Lynette Seconded: David De Angelis

3. Treasurer's report (Lynette Plenderleith)

See report

Motioned by: Lynette Seconded: David De Angelis

4. Confirmation of membership fees

Colin: Asks is \$30 enough?

Lynette: Thinks that \$30 is enough, as we don't have a huge member base

David De Angelis: Depending on whether the group takes on extra tasks, that may involve additional costs, which may require an increase in membership costs.

Lynette: Currently have \$150. If we expand and hold events that require a fee, we could charge an event-specific fee as necessary. Members could get a discount which increases member value. Not sure it's ethical to charge more without specific purpose.

Jeff: Do we get charged for venue hire?

Lynette: Current venue does not cost anything. Some venues have charged a fee for equipment. Operate on minimal cost which includes low venue fees or no fee at all.

Speaker gets meal and beverage each event, so spending is minimal.

Motion: leave at current membership rate.

Motioned by: David De Angelis Seconded: Teisha Lay

5. Potential appointment of Events Secretary or subcommittee

Lynette explains procedure of obtaining speakers, find venues, liaise with presenter, update members, advertising event, book venue etc.

Events Coordinator/Secretary or subcommittee needed.

Motioned by: Lynette Plenderleith Seconded: Teisha Lay

Teisha and Colin discussed role. Events coordinator should be a committee member.

Motion: Elect an events coordinator that is separate from the committee, but can have the option to attend meetings as and when necessary.

Motioned by: Lynette Plenderleith Seconded: David De Angelis

6. Declaration of offices empty, nomination of Committee members

7. Election of Committee members

President nominations: Lynette Plenderleith

Appointed: Lynette Plenderleith

Vice President nominations: Nick Clemann

Appointed: Nick Clemann

Secretary nominations: Colin McHenry

Appointed: Colin McHenry

Treasurer nominations: David De Angelis

Appointed: David De Angelis

Ordinary member nominations: Steph Versteegan, Matt Clancy

Appointed: Steph Versteegan, Matt Clancy

Events Coordinator nominations: Teisha Lay

Appointed: Teisha Lay

8. Discussion about changing our end of financial year and therefore date of AGM.

Lynette: questions if March is an appropriate time due to the fact that it is still field season.

Jeff: A number of groups have them at the end of the year, social event. So perhaps in November/end of year?

Lynette: Perhaps, but will we achieve the same amount in terms of people away in the field

Colin: Mid-year is sensible due to less field commitments.

Outside field season (Oct-March)

David: after end of financial year to tie everything off in terms of treasury report.

Lynette: will look into legalities of holding it mid-year 2020 or 2021.

Motion: Hold future AGMs in July or August

Motioned by: David De Angelis Seconded: Lynette Plenderleith

9. Filming of presentations

Lynette: describes issues with quality and sound of presentations, particularly for regional members. Future events will be filmed and uploaded to You Tube instead of live streamed to Facebook to produce a better quality video.

10. Event locations for 2020

Lynette: Should we have a permanent venue or rotate around other venues.

Teisha: described positives of the Elgin Inn as a venue.

Lynette: If necessary we can change the venue in committee meetings during the year for further discussion.

Motion: Elgin Inn to be adopted as "Frogs Vic base venue"

Motioned by: Teisha Lay Seconded: Colin McHenry

11.2020 activities

Lynette: proposing future talks. Discussed upcoming speakers with monthly presentations. Good opportunity for networking. Open up for other options for events.

Teisha: Field day.

Open invitation for other ideas to present to committee for future discussion.

12.AOB

Payment of speakers

Lynette: Currently we offer speakers dinner and a drink. Is that enough?

Teisha: Would that influence a membership or entry fee?

Lynette: Possibly yes. Depends on amount and if we still offer a dinner.

Colin: People already happy not to get paid. Believes that people are happy to volunteer their time. Perhaps offer accommodation or travel for interstate speakers.

Jeff: Preference for a gift. Better than a voucher. Presentation of gift after talk.

Lynette: already give a token of appreciation. Some speakers may not be able to accept gifts due to their current employment contracts.

Motion: Continue to buy dinner for guests and increase value of gift to \$20-\$30

Committee to further discuss travel and accommodation for interstate speakers.

Motioned by: Lynette Plenderleith Seconded: Teisha Lay

Value for membership

Lynette: Currently members get a vote and the opportunity to run for election to the committee, a thank you in letters and other media. Asks is that is enough?

David: More detailed newsletter to members only. Time limit on the newsletter accessed for members only vs. access to public.

Lynette: asks if the newsletter that valuable? The amount of work to prepare newsletter is time consuming. The input vs. output of effort and value in newsletters is questionable.

Motion: Most members agree the current status is sufficient. For future discussion at committee meeting.

Meeting closed: 20:35