

Frogs Victoria Society
Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes

Date: 9th March 2023 7.30pm (AEDT)

Venue: Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Present

Members:

Lynette Plenderleith
Colin McHenry
David De Angelis
Maggie Haines
Candice Sexton
Ted Bell

Apologies: Teisha Sloane-Lay, Danielle Wallace, Murray Littlejohn, Matt Clancy, Angela Sims, Matt West, Jacqueline Harris

Meeting commenced 7:41pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Quorum achieved. (10% of members)
3. Notification of proxies - none received
4. Minutes from 2022 AGM
 - Read out by LP
 - Moved (CM) and seconded (LP) to accept minutes from AGM 2022. Carried.
5. President's Report (LP - see attached)
6. Treasurer's Report (DD'A - see attached)
 - Discussion of membership renewal reminders
 - Suggestion by CM: Secretary to manually send reminders, Compare email list with membership list, Develop automated system for next year?
 - MH - reminder of memberships on screen (online) prior to each meeting
 - DDA - need to ensure that committee members are current financial members (i.e. need to be able to vote at general meetings)
7. Membership
 - Keep at current amounts
 - Moved by MH, seconded by CS, carried.
8. Committee membership
 - All positions open, CS chairing

Nominations

- President: LP
- Vice-President (note: this position is not required to be filled under constitution).
 - No nominations
 - LP – move to leave open
- Secretary: CM
- Treasurer: DDA
- Ordinary members
 - MH
 - CS
 - Dani Wallace
 - Matt Clancy (contingent on being financial)

Election

- CS declared LP president, seconded by MH, carried.
- CM for Sect (moved by LP, seconded by MH, carried)
- DDA for Treasurer (moved by LP, seconded by CS, carried)
- Ordinary members
 - Discussion of events subcommittee
 - LP: Teisha and Step resigned, need to have help with events
 - We're ok until later in year
 - Process
 - Book at Elgin
 - Keep spreadsheet of speakers
 - Email pro-formas
 - MH not comfortable with approaching people
 - DDA - happy to canvass speakers
 - Keeps running list
 - Happy to approach
 - MH happy to liaise with venue
 - CS happy to do publicity
 - LP move that MH and CS become Ordinary members and on events committee
 - Seconded by DDA
 - Question from MH re AV tech
 - LP - events subcommittee to take charge of that
 - Discussion of AV tech at subcommittee meeting
 - Filming of presentations - LP to continue as much as possible

9. Events location – Elgin Inn

10. Activities program

- Talk in 1st Thursday of month
- November is social event
- July - mini-conference
- c.f. timing of ASH (November, Cairns)

11. Field trip - limited by capacity to organise

- DDA: compare with FATS,
- Existing program is full enough without field trip

12. Any other business

- Do people need receipts (for membership) (from committee meeting)
- DDA: Case by case, will develop template for receipts

Meeting closed 8:36pm

President's Report

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We're back in the pub!

As always, I'd like to begin with thanks to you all for your ongoing support. To all that have come to the AGM and to all who couldn't make it. To all who have been here since the beginning and to all our more recently arrived supporters, thank you for all that you do to assist, attend and appreciate. I especially note that we have been fortunate enough to retain your support through the pandemic and when we came back to the pub last year, there was no discernible difference in our events.

Massive thanks also go to our speakers from the last year. We are all, I'm sure, appreciative of them sharing their time and expertise. I also extend our thanks to the speakers in our inaugural mini-conference. We hope that we will repeat that success this winter and I encourage you to start thinking about what you might present and/or who you might poke hard to encourage them to present instead.

Thanks to the wonderful contributors to our Pobblebonk newsletter this year too. I am continually impressed with the quality of the articles we compile and encourage people to submit more into the future and maybe help us lower the standards a little. Thanks to Dave De Angelis who helps me source content as well as edit.

Thanks also to last year's committee. Many of whom will be stepping down this year. I especially thank the outgoing Events Sub-committee (Teisha Sloane-Lay and Steph Tomic) without whom we would not have any events in the pub, no speaker bookings and no advertising.

Finally, I would like to thank our paid members, without whom we would not be able to have completed our legal paperwork and fed our speakers! At 4 o'clock this afternoon we had 13 members, but I am confident that this figure will grow throughout the evening and into the year.

This will be my penultimate President's Report for Frogs Victoria. I will be stepping down at the 2024 AGM and instead running for election to the Vice President role. I am giving you all a year's notice as 2023 will be an important year for us as a committee and as a broader team of members to consider what the Frogs Victoria of the future should look like, how it can progress and perhaps most importantly, which one of you passionate, clever and motivated people should drive us forward.

Lynette Plenderleith

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Treasurer's Report

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

The balance at the start of last year (i.e. 1 January 2022) was **\$307.82**, and was **\$176.44** on 31 December 2022.

The balance is currently (as of 5:30 pm!) **\$346.44**.

All income between 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 came from membership fees, amounting to **\$680.00**.

Expenditure from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 amounted to **\$816.38**, being for:

Account fees \$65.00

Website \$483.98

End of year prizes, meals, and tokens of appreciation for guest speakers \$267.40

Funds continue to fluctuate but after increasing membership fees at the last AGM (from \$30 to \$40 for full membership), remain fairly stable overall. However, this leaves little money for irregular expenditure such as new equipment purchases.

Additional options previously canvassed for increasing funds, as well as some new ones, include:

- a) Ensure current Committee members remain financial.
- b) Send membership expiry reminders to members a few weeks before they drop off the list.
- c) Undertake a membership drive
- d) 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.
- e) End buying dinner and/or tokens for speakers
- f) Avoid buying video equipment to film presentations
- g) Make membership a requirement for the mini conference (short talks) night
- h) Make membership a requirement for all events
- i) Apply for grants

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? Should we put out a survey/request feedback?

David De Angelis