

Frogs Victoria Society
Annual General Meeting 2021

Minutes

Date: 4th March 2021 7.30pm (AEDT)

Venue: Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Present:

Members:

Murray Littlejohn
Lynette Plenderleith
Colin McHenry
David De Angelis
Nick Clemann
Teisha Sloane-Lay
Stephanie Versteegan
Ted Bell
Dennis Black
Maggie Haines

Non-members:

Meredith Graham
Peter Graham
Laura Brannelly
Danielle Wallace
Jack O'Connor
Preeti Sharma
Don Butcher

Apologies: Peter Bellis, Jean Bellis, Marnie Fitzsimons, Ruth Cannon

- 1. Confirmation of members attending, apologies**
 - Opening remarks
 - Acknowledgement of country
 - Welcome to Patron Professor Murray Littlejohn
 - Intro to Committee
- 2. Notification of proxies:** None
- 3. Confirmation of 2020 AGM Minutes**
 - Motion to pass 2020 minutes
 - Moved by David DA
 - Seconded Steph
- 4. President's report (Lynette Plenderleith):** Attached below
 - Thanks to Michael McFadden & Jodi Rowley
- 5. Treasurer's report (David De Angelis):** Attached below
- 6. Confirmation of membership fees**
 - Motioned to keep: Nick
 - Seconded: Teisha

7. Potential appointment of social media officer

- Nick answering Fb questions
- Teisha is events coordinator and is asking for help with social media for events
 - Either:
 1. Someone to be social media events coordinator assist (can be committee or not)
 2. Or: make Social Media Officer position who becomes committee member
 - Nick - ok with continuing with Facebook comments/messages.
 - Thanks to Nick
 - Steph - volunteers to join events sub-committee (option 1 above)
 - Motioned by Lynette
 - Seconded by Teisha

8. Declaration of offices empty, nomination of Committee members

- President (mandatory)
- Vice President
- Secretary + Treasurer (1 of these is mandatory)
- Ordinary members position x 2 (Not required) (room for one more as Steph moved to events sub-committee)

9. Election of Committee members as necessary

- Motion for Lynette as President
 - Motioned by Colin
 - Teisha seconded
 - Carried with acclaim
- Nick for VP
 - Motioned by Steph
 - Seconded by David
- Colin for Secretary
 - Motioned by Lynette
 - Seconded Nick
- David for Treasurer
 - Motioned by Lynette
 - Seconded by Teisha
- Ordinary members
 - Matt Clancy & Maggie Haines
 - Motioned by Lynette
 - Seconded Teisha
- Events subcommittee
 - Teisha and Steph
 - Moved Nick
 - Seconded Jack O'Connor

12. Newsletter:

- Pobblebonk
- Thanks to Dave to work on it
- Dave and Lynette edited
- Thanks to Contributors
- Point of Order: Murray: Pobblebonk is a trio of frogs (chorus down the stream)
- Welcome contributions, photos, news, events

- Not too worried about length restrictions
- Plans to grow it
- Previous issue focus on *Litoria watsoni*
 - DELWP
 - Mike Mahony
 - Rena on Victorian rediscovery

10. Event locations for 2021

- Elgin Hotel for rest of year
 - Book dining table just outside room (meeting, keeping that area quiet)
 - Nick: Acoustics? (live and for recordings)
 - Lynette: lapel mic
- Other suggestions for location welcome

11. 2021 activities

- Invitation for anyone to make a presentation
- All kinds of talks, at any levels
- First Thursday of each month until Nov
 - Usually end of year event is Nov
- Nick: have we heard anything from Laura Branally?
- One speaker per month
- Any other ideas for presentation type
 - Teisha: Local field trip: Teisha to organise
 - Preeti Sharma: Frog race: Divide into teams, go find frogs.
 - Frogathon (use Frog ID for calls)

13. AOB

- Jack O'Connor: Frog art?
 - Lynette: make into a comp - winner announced at end of year
 - David: Other kinds of photos (each field work)
 - Jack - we (Let's Torque) will be running an art competition
 - Involving students in STEM

Meeting closed 8:19 pm
Next AGM 3rd March 2022

President's Report

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There's never a good time for a global pandemic, but the first full year of an inaugural elected committee is definitely not helpful.

The good news is though, that less than a year later we are all back together to plan a better year for the 12 months ahead.

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.

Massive thanks also go to our speakers from the last year. Dr Jodi Rowley and Michael McFadden. Two talks of amazing quality that were expertly delivered as well as composed and they didn't even get fed as our speakers usually do! Without speakers we couldn't have Frogs Vic events and the generosity shown by our continued enthusiastic speakers, we could not operate. Thank you Jodi and Michael.

Thanks also to last year's committee, who joined with all the appropriate enthusiasm, ideas and energy of a new committee. Only to be scuppered by a major public health crisis! But they hung in and patiently navigated together a path through lockdowns and online meetings. The team is a wonderful group of people for whom I hold great affection and admiration and I am pleased that they will be continuing to work with Frogs Vic, even if in a slightly different capacity in the future. They are irreplaceable.

I would also like to officially thank the outgoing IT support, Matt Buttress, who even today was helping me put together the list of members, even though he was supposed to have finished over a year ago!

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! We had 15 members in the 2019-2020 financial year and currently have more than that.

I am proud to present to you the 2021 AGM President's Report. That we would make it this far was never a given, coronaviruses notwithstanding.

I am looking forward to a year where we can get back to meeting in person and retain the agility to go online if necessary, but we all know that we hope that won't be the case. We will though, continue to endeavour to improve the experience for our regional members and welcome input and feedback from them on how we can better provide for them.

I look forward to what 2021 and beyond will bring. I am looking forward to growing the committee, expanding our activities and continuing to give frog enthusiasts, conservationists and experts a community and an excuse to go to the pub once a month. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping to make it happen.

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 as of now (4 March 2021) is **\$592.76**.

All income between 1st July 2019 – 31st June 2020 came from membership fees (except 3 cent interest!), amounting to **\$1,183.98**

Expenditure 1st July 2019 – 31st June 2020 amounted to **\$691.36**, including:

Account fees \$60.00

Zoom subscription\$69.27

Website \$217.23

The remainder on meals for guest speakers, end of year social event prizes and the like.

David De Angelis