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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2015-2016

Date: Saturday, 12 November 2016

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba

Time: 10.00am

Meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea and lunch provided
 - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Sue Higgins, Steve Cupitt, Andrew Nicholson, Janet Bishop, Anjan Roy and Miriam Sharp, Barry Miller
 - b. Apologies: Sheena Gillman (Qld PtBA), Jerry Coleby-Williams (our patron), Steve Gribble, David Shipp, Tom Cole, Joy van der Wyk, Charmaine Turnbull, Kerry Kruger and Barry Miller
 - c. Proxy votes: Votes from David Shipp, Charmaine Turnbull, Joy van der Wyk and Kerry Kruger held by Frank Ondrus
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict – Nil
3. Guest speaker – HOPE member Andrew Nicholson on “Linking research on environmental art advocacy to the community capacity building work of HOPE.”

Andrew is in the middle of a two year, Master of Science research study on the role of arts advocacy in public engagement with environmental sustainability. The purpose of this work is to contribute to an international research field that is evaluating the use of art as a novel way to enhance public engagement with environmental problems, impacts and risks. Andrew will talk in more depth on this topic at the forthcoming AGM. He is seeking research participants from the HOPE membership to come into his study for a total time commitment of about 4 hours over 12 months. He is also seeking ideas of how this research might be leveraged to connect with the community capacity building work of HOPE.

- a. Andrew invited meeting attendees to participate in his research project. Andrew will also submit a newsletter item call for more research participants.
 - b. Andrew and Frank spoke about the possibility of HOPE undertaking an environmental art-science project in 2017-201. The project will adopt processes from the Bimblebox Art Nature Exhibition, but focus on issues affecting the Darling Downs area. Additional comments on both aspects were provided by Steve Cupitt, Anjan Roy and Barry Miller
4. Minutes of 2015 AGM held on 14 November 2016 confirmed as a true record.
Moved Miriam, seconded Steve. Agreed by all.
5. President's Report (attached – plus copies of quarterly summary reports)
6. Treasurer's Report
 - Opening balance as at 31 October 2015 = \$1,348.30
 - \$5,000 private donation
 - Audited accounts for 2015-2016 (see attachment)
 - ATO (Business Activity Statement (BAS) return for 2015-2016
 - Closing balance as at 31 October 2016 = \$3,678.24

7. Motions and/or constitutional amendments

- a. To discontinue the non-essential positions of Volunteer Coordinator, IT Advisor and Librarian
Moved by Steve, seconded by Miriam. Agreed by all.
- b. To change Facebook & Twitter Administrator to Social Media Administrator
Moved by Sue, seconded by Barry. Agreed by all.
- c. To apply for a Visa Debit Card to allow for online banking
Moved by Barry, seconded by Anjan. Agreed by all.

10. Election of 2016-2017 Executive Committee members, etc.

- President - Frank Ondrus nominated by Sue, seconded by Steve. Accepted.
- Vice-President - Steve Cupitt nominated Dan, seconded by Miriam. Accepted.
- Secretary - Sue Higgins nominated by Anjan, seconded by Barry. Accepted.
- Treasurer - Sue Higgins nominated by Dan, seconded by Anjan. Accepted.
- Ordinary members who fulfil administration support roles as:
 - Office Manager- Frank Ondrus with support from Sue Higgins
Nominated by Steve, seconded by Miriam. Accepted.
 - Newsletter Editor- William Bridgeman (to be confirmed)
 - Website Administrator - Dan Cannan
Nominated by Sue, seconded by Anjan. Accepted.
 - Membership Officer - Barry Miller
Nominated by Steve, seconded by Dan. Accepted.
 - Social Media Administrator - Charmaine Turnbull
Nominated by Miriam, seconded by Dan. Accepted.
 - Admin assistants (media /publications, etc.) - (various)

11. Nomination of Patron: Jerry Coleby-Williams (from ABC's Gardening Australia program)
Nominated by Dan, seconded by Steve, Agreed by all.

12. Nomination of auditor: Robert Crosato of Crosato Country Enterprises
Nominated by Barry, seconded by Miriam. Agreed by all.

13. Next AGM scheduled for 11 November 2017

14. Meeting closed at 10.50am.