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Minutes of the 2024 AGM, 22nd February 2024 held in the Blue Gum Room, Bomaderry Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Rd, Bomaderry NSW 2541. PH: (02) 4421 2733

Present: Rae Harris, Ken O'Neill, Max Croot, Ona Frazier, Jenny Hurst, Geoff & Julia Armstrong, Kerrie Corish, John Anderson, Margaret Parsons, Clr. Patricia White, Elaine Langshaw, Tania McGrath.

1. President welcomed attendees.

2. Apologies: David Foley, George and Betty Windsor, Gill & Neil Rutledge, Leanne Windsor, Olivia Corish, Roy Frazier, Joanna Gash, Michael Harris, Susanne O'Neill, Margaret Perkins, Peter McGrath, Emily McKenzie

3. Minutes of 2023 AGM (23rd February 2023) meeting were read and accepted without amendment. Moved: Ken O'Neill 2nd Ona Frazier

4. President's report: See Report for full details. Rae Read the report to all present and copy is also attached to these Minutes.

Acceptance of report. Moved: Rae Harris Seconded: Ona Frazier

5. Treasurer's Report: See report for full detail.

It is with pleasure that I present the 2023 Financial Statements. The accounts were audited this year by Mr. David Wilson (B. Commerce: JP.) in an honorary capacity. He has examined the accounts and certified that they are a true record of the financial activities of our Organisation.

2023 concluded with an operating loss of **\$6,098.52**.

Our Total Equity has reduced from the previous year to \$32,678.14 due to the operating loss mentioned above and reduction in prepayments.

The liabilities identified in the Balance sheet is Sponsorship money for 2024.

Finally, the Balance Sheet is of concern, the continued high cost to run the Eisteddfod means we must continue to seek support from Sponsors, or we will continue to run at a greater loss. Council has reduced their donation to \$9,000.00 for 2023/24 and it is perceived that future donations could be reduced further. If the trend continues the Eisteddfod will not be financially viable to have sufficient funds in reserve to meet our commitments.

I move that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved: Ken O'Neill 2nd: Geoff Armstrong

6. General Business

Introduction and interview with Margaret Parsons: Introduced by Ona Frazier

Margaret provided an overview of her past involvement with the Eisteddfod through being a school teacher and NCS and considered that she and her daughter Emily can bring to the Eisteddfod ideas that will help publicise its value to the community.

Margaret has also volunteered to join the Committee as Publicity Officer (Acting).

The President thanked Margaret for her words and welcomed her to the Committee into the future.

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Election of office bearers:

Mr John Anderson was asked to act as Returning Officer and was given the floor. John declared all Committee positions vacant and called for nominations. The following nominees were accepted and voted on in the affirmative.

President & Organising Secretary (1): Rae Harris

Proposer: Ken O'Neill Seconder: Ona Frazier

Vice-President & Schools' Convener: Ona Frazier

Proposer: Ken O'Neill Seconder: Rae Harris

Secretary: Susanne O'Neill

Proposer: Ken O'Neill Seconder: Ona Frazier

Treasurer: Ken O'Neill

Proposer: Ona Frazier Seconder: Rae Harris

Assistant Treasurer: Peter McGrath

Proposer: Tania McGrath Seconder: Julia Armstrong

Dance Convener: Rae Harris (Acting)

Proposer: Seconder:

Speech & Drama Convener: Margaret Parsons

Proposer: Ona Frazier Seconder: Rae Harris

Instrumental Convener: Tania McGrath

Proposer: Julia Armstrong Seconder: Rae Harris

Vocal Convener: Kerrie Corish

Proposer: Rae Harris Seconder: Margaret Parsons

Volunteers Co-ordinator: Ken O'Neill

Proposer: Rae Harris Seconder: Susanne O'Neill

Publicity Officer: Emily McKenzie & Margaret Parsons

Proposer: Margaret Parsons Seconder: Rae Harris

Technical Manager: tba

Trophies Co-ordinator: Julia Armstrong

Proposer: Ken O'Neill Seconder: Rae Harris

Organising Secretary (2): Michael Harris

Proposer: Rae Harris Seconder: Ona Frazier

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Mr Anderson declared all nominees elected to positions and returned the meeting to the President.

The Committee appointed Ms Elaine Langshaw as the Child Protection Officer and Ms Leanne Windsor as the Web Manager and thanked them for their continuing support of the Eisteddfod through these roles. The President thanked Jenny Hurst for her work as Volunteer Coordinator and wished her well as she prepared for her move to Sydney in the future.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

End of meeting

Next meeting: 20th February 2025