

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Choral Institute Melbourne (CHIME) Inc.

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Wantirna College 8th Oct 2019

Meeting Opened: 8:45 pm

Attendance: Laura Bain, Jessica Bakker, Kevin Barrell, Kristin Bishop, Jon Calleja, Angela Carruthers, Scott Carruthers, Anne Carruthers, Phil Casey, Karen Clarke, Chris Coller, Michelle Dang, Debbie Davis, Chris de Jong, Lia Draffin, Lauren Grewcock, Geoff Hall, Chris Hall, Lisa Henley, Janet Holmes, Tony Hosemans, Debbie Hudson, Kiran Jessie, Fiona Kennett, Merle Lamb, Anne Matisi, Rushen Mendis, Rachelle Mosca, Tania Neil, Denise Nethercote, Alison Outhred, Halimah Perez-Torres, Coral Rafferty, Fiona Robertson, Jeanette Ryan, Di Sleeman, Sally Turnbull, Caterina Turnbull, Gina Upward, Tatiana Vega, Marten Visser, Kathryn Wallace, Lesley White, Val Wilkie, Karin Williams.
(Stuart Little, Liz Little, Marten Visser)

Tabled Apologies: Heather Connor, Eliane Coller, Dale Steel, Annie Yeh, Andrew Tupper, Maryse Meale

Proxy Appointments Received: Nil

Meeting Chair: Kevin Barrell

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's welcome

Kevin welcomed the members to the meeting and introduced the order of business.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were reviewed and confirmed by the meeting

Moved: Tony Hosemans; Seconded: Sally Turnbull

3. Review of FY 2018/19 Financial Results

Jessica Bakker delivered the Treasurer's Report and provided a review / explanation of the Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2019.

Member questions and clarifications were raised and addressed during the discussion.

Business Arising:

- a. Tony Hosemans commented on printed music costs which was due to the purchase of new works and ensuring we are compliant with music licensing.
- b. Tony also asked about the drop in merchandise sales from last financial year but that was due to the age of the recording and that most people already have a copy.
- c. Rachelle Mosca asked about the number of printed scores we will be using each year, but we can only estimate due to several variables. We hope that we will be able to keep it to two scores per year to help keep costs down.

Motion to accept FY19 Financials AGM Report was tabled and carried by the meeting.

Moved: Chris Coller; Seconded: Rushen Mendis

4. 2019 Annual Fee Subscription

Jessica proposed to reduce the fees slightly for 2020 by applying the early payment discount of \$20. This will result in a simpler structure and will reduce the complexity of our accounting administration.

Motion to accept the proposal, that annual membership fee subscriptions should be amended as above for 2020, was tabled and carried by the meeting.

Moved: Jeanette Ryan; Seconded: Sally Turnbull

5. Additional Committee Reports

Questions were invited from members on any of the additional committee team reports that had been posted for review on Team App.

Business Arising: a. The members thanked Marty for his amazing efforts over the last 10 years. The sentiment was enthusiastically supported by the meeting.

6. Committee Member Retirement

Stuart thanked Janet Holmes for her hard work on the Chime Committee. This recognition was endorsed by the meeting.

7. Election of committee members

As only one nomination had been received for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, no voting for these positions was required. The position of Ordinary Member saw five nominations received for four positions. Those nominating were Laura Bain, Janet Holmes, Caterina Turnbull, Rachelle Mosca and Jon Calleja. Each nominee had the opportunity to speak on the contribution they could make to the choir. Voting took place.

The new Office Bearers and Committee of Management were therefore confirmed as:

President: Kevin Barrell
Vice President: Anne Matisi
Secretary: Chris Hall
Treasurer: Jessica Bakker
Ordinary Members:
Jon Calleja
Laura Bain
Rachelle Mosca
Caterina Turnbull

Confirmation of the above appointments was carried by the meeting.

8. General business

a. Di Sleen asked that the reports for the AGM be uploaded earlier for future meetings. The committee agreed to endeavour to do this.

b. Tony Hosemans asked if we would be taking up the offer of the Hamilton Civic Choir to visit New Zealand. It is still a possibility but will depend on the new Artistic Director.

c. Tony Hosemans asked if we would be considering any country performances in the near future. These performances are still to be aimed for but do not work unless we have someone from the area doing the groundwork and promoting the performances.

d. Karen Clarke asked about the audition date for potential Artistic Directors. Tuesday 12th November 2019 has been set aside for the short-listed candidates to take part of the rehearsal.

e. Sally Turnbull asked how information regarding the Artistic Director auditions will be passed on to the committee. The subcommittee that has been set up to interview those who have applied for the position will observe and report to the committee their findings.

f. Phil Casey asked if our relationship with Wantirna College would change once Marty was no longer our Artistic Director. Our arrangement with Wantirna College is independent of Marty's association with the choir.

g. Tony Hosemans asked about our performance time slot at the Knox Carols – would we be performing later this year. No – we don't have a say in what time we perform. That is up to the organisers each year.

h. Di Sleeman asked who was on the subcommittee to choose our new Artistic Director. Kevin Barrell, Laura Bain, Coral Rafferty, Debbie Hudson and Jessica Bakker(if needed)

i. Di Sleeman asked for the Uniform Policy to be updated as she feels it is not specific enough. It is on the agenda for future meetings to further clarify information regarding our performance attire.

Kevin concluded the meeting by talking about his vision for the future where sharing the load and providing our new Artistic Director with a great team will help to ensure the success of Chime in years to come.

Meeting closed: 9.41pm