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ST KILDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 September 2020 at 4.00pm via ZOOM

Item 1 – Welcome

Acting President and Chairperson, Helen Halliday, welcomed members to the 50th Annual General meeting of the St Kilda Historical Society.

Item 2 – Indigenous acknowledgement of country

Acknowledgement as follows –

“We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung language of the Kulin Nation, the first people of the land on which we meet today. We acknowledge their elders: past, present and emerging, and strive to uphold their relationship to land and water.”

The Chairperson advised the meeting that the proposed amendments to the Constitution included recognition of the indigenous history of the area (See Item 6 below).

Item 3 - Attendees

See Appendix 1

Item 4 – Proxies

We were not able to offer members the ability to use a proxy, as the meeting was held by Zoom.

Item 5 – Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 22 September 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record.

(Jennifer Bryce/Gail Hastings)

Item 6 – Life Membership

On behalf of the committee, Phillip Stewart recommended to the meeting that honorary life membership be awarded to long-standing member Sheila Harris.

(Phillip Stewart/ Maureen Walker)

Recommendation accepted and Sheila Harris presented with life membership certificate.

Item 7 – Presentation of new/amended constitution

The proposed new constitution together with a list of changes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Chairperson explained that it now aligned with the 2012 Associations Incorporation Act but was still consistent with the constitution adopted by the Association back in 2002.

Moved Phillip Stewart, Seconded Liz Kelly that -

“The proposed constitution as endorsed by the committee and circulated to all members be adopted’.

Accepted

Item 8 – Election of committee of management for forthcoming year

The chairperson reported the following nominations had been received for the committee

President	Helen Halliday
Vice President	Phillip Stewart
Treasurer	Anne Thompson
Secretary	Maureen Walker
Ordinary committee members	
	Liz Kelly
	Janine Burke
	Sally Moore
	Adam Ferrier

Sally Moore, who had been co-opted to fill a vacancy during the year and Adam Ferrier, who was nominating to fill a vacancy occurring with the resignation of Jennifer Bryce on health grounds, both addressed the meeting.

Given that the nominations to hand aligned with the committee positions as stipulated in the constitution, the above nominees were confirmed as the committee for the 2020/2021 year.

Item 9 – President’s report

Helen Halliday (Acting President) advised the meeting that Jennifer Bryce who had spearheaded the short stories project was now retiring from the committee on health grounds. Helen Halliday also acknowledged the contribution of the previous president, Jen Stone particularly in relation to negotiating additional office space in the library for the Society and for obtaining funding for the Mirka Mora project.

The ongoing support from the City of Port Phillip was also recognised

The chairperson then invited committee members to briefly address the meeting on some of the highlights of the year.

1. Mirka Mora project (Janine Burke/Krystyna Kynst)
Project completed during the year and would be presented by Janine Burke and launched at the conclusion of the AGM. It had been funded from a grant from the City’s Cultural Development Fund and from the Society.
2. Mansions and Terraces project (Sally Moore)
Building on work commenced by Peter Johnston, properties owned by major ‘movers and shakers’, together with subsequent land divisions, were being identified and added to the website. A work in progress.
3. Short stories competition (Jennifer Bryce)
The short story completion to mark the Society’s 50th anniversary was curtailed somewhat by the restrictions in place (eg contact with schools). However, 134 entries (100 senior, 34 junior) had been received and were currently being judged by Lee Kaufman. Winners to be announced on 30 October.
4. Vardy maps (Liz Kelly)
The Society’s copy of the 1873 maps by John Edward Vardy had been ‘rediscovered’. They had been professionally scanned and uploaded to the website together with associated index. Future plans involve an interactive exhibition utilising Vardy and other maps with a mansions overlay (See 2 above)
5. St Kilda Army and Navy Club centenary (Maureen Walker)
Committee members had responded to an approach from SKANC to compile a short history and mount a display to help celebrate the Club’s centenary. The Society is also represented on a Council committee formed to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of World War Two. It is planned that 2022 be a focus – 80 years since 1942 and very significant to Australia.

Helen Halliday concluded with remarks re future directions, including development of a 5-year plan and a celebration to mark the 50th anniversary, together with a history being written

Helen Halliday was thanked for her leadership over the past year.

Item 10 – Treasurer’s report

Anne Thompson commented as follows-

1. COVID19 had curtailed the finalisation of some activities and expenditures had been deferred
2. Bank accounts had been consolidated
3. Grants included both general and special grant
4. Subscriptions would remain at current level; \$20 and \$15 and would be payable on 31 October

In response to a query meeting advised that RHSV was now using a different base to calculate premiums and hence a reduction to Society’s account.

Item 11 – Acceptance of Annual Report

Concern was expressed that the financial statements, as presented, did not comply with Community Affairs Victoria (CAV) requirements. Contended that statements should be re-done and resubmitted to the membership.

After discussion it was resolved that the committee seek professional advice to redo the accounts in a format consistent with CAV requirements and to present them at a special meeting of members.

Elizabeth Burns/Phillip Stewart

Adjournment of meeting

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the St Kilda Historical Society be adjourned to date to be set when the Annual Report, including the amended Financial Statements, be presented to members.

Peter Johnston/Liz Kelly

(Noted that decisions recorded above will require ratification at reconvened meeting)

APPENDIX 1 – List of Attendees 27 September 2020.

37 + Brendan Moore

Claire	Barton
David	Brand
Jennifer	Bryce
Janine	Burke
Robbie	Burns
Elizabeth	Burns
David	Fernandes
Adam	Ferrier
Robyn	Foy
Jack	Halliday
Helen	Halliday
Gail	Hastings
Sheila	Harris
Barbara	Hoad
Peter	Johnson
Liz	Kelly
Randall	Kent
Desleigh	Kent
Krystyna	Kynst
Sarah	Lowe
Carmel	Mc Kenzie
Sally	Moore
Elizabeth	Newman
Margaret	Pagone
Christine	Perkal
Michael	Perkal
Suzanne	Provis
Marilyn	Rudd
Catriona	Sinclair
Lindy	Smith
Phillip	Stewart
Ulla	Svensson
Helen	Sykes
Anne	Thompson
John	Thompson
Maureen	Walker
Margaret	Wells



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ADJOURNED

1 November 2020 at 4.00pm via ZOOM

Item 1: Ratify resolutions from AGM held on 27 September 2020:

Resolution 1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM held 22 Sept 2019

Moved: Jennifer Bryce

Seconded: Gail Hastings

Ratified

Resolution 2

Life Membership Committee recommendation for Sheila Harris to be awarded a life membership

Moved: Phillip Stewart

Seconded: Maureen Walker

Ratified

Resolution 3

New Constitution. That the proposed constitution as endorsed by the committee and circulated to all members be adopted.

Moved: Phillip Stewart

Seconded: Liz Kelly

Ratified

Item 2: Presentation of Revised financial statements

Presentation of reviewed/revised financial information, including auditor's review report and committee's certification, in relation to the financial position of the Society.

Resolution 4

To accept the reviewed financial statements (presented in the revised annual report 2020) and its accompanying report of the review, as being the fair and accurate representation of the financial position and performance of the St Kilda Historical Society in the financial year 2019/2020.

Moved: Janine Burke

Seconded: Claire Barton

Motion Carried.

List of Attendees 1 November 2020

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