



2022 AGM

MINUTES

Friday 27th May

Refreshments from 6pm. Meeting starts at 6.30pm

Hadley's Orient Hotel

1. Welcome by Chair.
2. Acknowledgement of country: Cassandra Wunsch.
3. Attendance.
 - 3.1. Colin Baldwin, Tony Bonney, Daniela Brozek, Anne Collins, Kate Eagles, Rotem Erlich, Arianne James, Sue Kennedy, David Lith Lewis, Peter Lucas, Mark Macleod, Julia Miller, Bethamy Nader, Adelaide Reisz, Jamie Riley, Leigh Swinbourne, Erika Thomson, David Webby, Cassandra Wunsch
 - 3.2. Proxy votes: Cary Lenehan,
 - 3.3. Apologies: Colin Baldwin, Janice Bird, Cary Lenehan, Anne Layton-Bennett, Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds, Robyn Mundy, Karen Treanor, Terry Whitebeach
4. Confirmation of Minutes from the 2021 AGM:
 - 4.1. Moved by Kate Eagles, seconded by David Webby.
5. Business arising from previous meeting: None.
6. Chair's report (attached).
7. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Audit Report (attached).
8. Director's report (attached).
9. Special resolution: *That the amendments to the Constitution set out in the updated document tabled at this AGM, be approved as a special resolution of members.*
 - 9.1. The Chair clarified the reasons for some of the proposed changes as one member had asked for an explanation: The reason for changing 'determine' to 'ratify' is because we don't determine what the auditor charges. They tell us what it will cost. With regards to staff remuneration, that is determined by the Board

based on our budget and the staff requirements. The Chair spoke to the person at the Department of Justice responsible for Incorporated Associations. He mentioned that some of these clauses are inappropriate for TasWriters as they were originally written for associations that had no staff. Therefore, the remuneration would be for one off tasks on a contract basis. He suggested that we change the wording which we did.

9.2. Passed with no objections

10. Subscriptions: amounts to be ratified (full \$75, concession \$50, student \$25).

Passed, no objections.

11. Staffing: hourly rates paid to staff ratified. Passed, no objections.

12. Election of Office Bearers

12.1. A number of Board members have had to leave over the last year due to personal circumstances, commitments and moving interstate. They are: Kartanya Maynard, Jackie Riley-Smith, James Payne, Jeanette Thompson and tonight Kate Eagles will not be nominating. I want to thank them all for their support and hard work.

12.2. The Chair said that she has been Chair of the TasWriters' Board of Management for the past four years. For the first 18 months she was also Acting Director. During that time, with the support and hard work of the Board and the staff, we have helped TasWriters (formerly the Tasmanian Writers Centre), move from imminent closure to relative stability. Sue was Festival Director in 2019 and Festival Manager in 2021 of the successful Hobart Writers Festivals.

12.3. She feels it is time to step down from the position of Chair, but I am happy to provide continuity by moving to the Deputy Chair position bringing my experience from the last four years in governance, project management, risk management, report writing and editing.

12.4. I have asked Mark Macleod to take over as Chair and he has kindly agreed so please give him all your support.

12.5. Erika Thomson will remain as Treasurer.

12.6. Daniela Brozek is continuing as a Board member.

12.7. Towards the end of last year we were joined by a new Tasmanian, Tony Bonney. Tony has already contributed to the Board significantly and we thank him for his enthusiasm and expertise.

12.8. We have four vacancies on the Board, including the Secretary position, and would like to fill a couple of them if possible. If you have relevant skills and experience (as we outlined in the Notice of AGM) we can take nominations this evening. Or we can co-opt Board members during the year if unable to take up a Board position now.

13. Confirmation of Auditor and cost of audit

14. Special Business – Anne Collins thanked the ongoing support of TasWriters on behalf of Seasonal Poets.

15. Close – 7.10pm