

# MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. HELD AT HOPETOUN

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## Meeting commenced at 10:40am.

Present:- Steve & Geraldine Janicke, Gil Craig, Andy Chapman, Jessie Brampton, Angela Sanders, Rosemary Jasper, Alan & Donna Higgins, Helen Taylor, Leonie McMahon, Tracy Ross & Blake, Paul Cory, Merle Bennett, Pat Meadows, Bill & Jane Thompson, Russell Peterkin, Nathan McQuoid, Ian Weir, Kylie Feher, Keven Giles, John Tucker, Priscilla & Ken Broadbent, Susanne Dennings, Anne Gadsby.

Apologies: - Robyn Cail, Nigel Metz, Libby Sandiford, Peter Dawson, Annie Brandenburg, Ric Pepper, Eliza Spengler, Ron Richards, Kingsley & Sandy Vaux, Kim Bennett, Kaye Vaux, Alan Dennings, Vicky Bilney, (Paul & Benedict), Frank & Noelene Rejavic (?spelling).

## Welcome

Members and guests welcomed by Anne Gadsby. Especially the new ranger David Nash.

## Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the meeting held at Quaalup were circulated.

### *Motion*

That the minutes of the previous AGM be confirmed as a fair and true record of the meeting.

Moved by Ann, seconded by Geraldine – Carried

## Presidents Report

Anne Gadsby gave a report of Friends activities over the 2013-2014.

- 2013-14 has been dominated by the restoration work at Twertup. Anne thanked Ric and Gil for the overall management of this formidable project.
- The Friends received a generous gift from Ron & Sue Wooller (who have moved to Tasmania), in the form of copies of their Honey Possum book, 'Sugar and Sand'.
- 3 Market days were held and Andy conducted a successful walk during the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.
- Park advisory committee has been re-convened and Nathan McQuoid and I are community representatives from the Jerramungup (Western) area. Andy is our current Friends representative
- Various 'Friends' are members of or are liaising with various other groups and are an important part of our network.
- Several activities were held over the past year and more are planned for this coming year.

Anne finished her report by thanking past committee members and encouraging members to "join the committee and get involved with this terrific organisation".

## Secretary's report:-

Correspondence had been tabled. Most of the correspondence related to the various grants that had been applied for and works on the Twertup restoration.

### *Motion*

That the correspondence report be accepted

Moved by Andy, seconded by Leonie - Carried

## Treasurer's report.

Vicky Bilney was unable to be present but had emailed her report to the secretary. Copies of these were made available and the key details were read out by Geraldine.

### *Motion*

That the Treasure's report be accepted.

Moved by Gil on behalf of Vicky, seconded by Andy - Carried

### **Business arising from the treasurer's report**

Appointment of Auditor

#### ***Motion***

That the same auditors (Watson & Syme) be appoint again for next year.

Moved by Helen, seconded by Priscilla - Carried

### **Twertup Restoration Report**

Gil Craig gave a report on progress on Twertup. She said Ric does not want anyone to thank us – claps are easy, come along and volunteer.

Gil gave a short history of the Twertup Field Studies Centre culminating on it being burnt down in 2008. Since then we have been fundraising to rebuild the centre. Gil outlined the working bees, volunteers and contractors involved in the pouring of the concrete slab, the remedial work required and the roofing of the centre. Over 2013, in-kind contributions the building of the centre included 536 volunteer hours and travel and materials worth \$2,280.

Gil also outlined the grants that were acquitted during 2013, those that were on-going and recent grant applications. Gil finished by thanking all the volunteers and DPAW rangers who had helped over the year.

Gil fielded several questions and comments re the use and the character of the building.

Jesse suggested that Pardelup had a task force that might be a resource for Twertup. They also can construct items in their workshop.

### **Senior Ranger's Report**

Paul Cory gave a report prepared by Peter Masters. He outlined the recent division of DEC into DPaW and DER and the new vision for DPAW.

- Activities in the park included cat baiting, the Western Shield fauna monitoring, Western ground Parrot surveys, Island seal surveys, helicopter dieback surveys and remedial work on the Bell Track..
- Geoff Young has retired and David Nash (who has a lot of experience) is the Dieback ranger on the Eastern end of the park. Now there are 7 rangers working in the park so much of the management tasks are being accomplished.
- Paul also reported on road works, firebreak and prescribed burns planned.

There was a query about the indigenous native title heritage that is now recognised. Paul commented that there is already access to the park by aboriginal people wanting to conduct cultural activities.

Paul was thanked for his report.

## Acknowledgement of long term members

Anne had the pleasure of giving life membership to Ken and Priscilla Broadbent.

Ken and Priscilla responded and commented that the framed print was beautiful. They commented that getting old needs courage and Ken apologised for the loss of the print but they both love what they have been doing. Ken commented on his gratitude to various friends for opening his eyes and ears to the beauty of nature in the park.

## Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2012/13

Susan Denning took the chair as the Returning Officer. Geraldine Janicke remained to record.

All positions were declared vacant.

The following members were elected. Susan reflected on Anne Gadsby's contribution.

Position	Nominee	Nominated	Seconded
President	Anne Gadsby *	Merle Bennet	Leonie McMahon
Vice President	Rosemary Jasper	Merle Bennet	Gil Craig
Secretary	Donna Higgins	Merle Bennet	Leonie McMahon
Treasurer	Angela Sanders	Anne Gadsby	Priscilla Broadbent
Newsletter Editor	Andy Chapman	Geraldine Janicke	Steve Janicke
Twertup Building Committee	Steve Janicke	Steve Janicke	Gil Craig
<b>General Committee</b>			
1.	Gil Craig	Anne Gadsby	Rosemary Jasper
2.	Ellen Hickman declined, Leonie McMahon	Gil Craig	Anne Gadsby
3.	Geraldine	Ellen Hickman	Angela Sanders
Building Sub-committee	Ric Pepper		
	Bill Johnson		
DPAW Liason officer	Peter Masters		

\* Anne accepted the nomination on the condition that the vice president could step up in 6 months time.

Steve and Geraldine were nominated but declined however Geraldine offered to be minutes secretary.

Passed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee members. Volunteers are a valuable resource.

## Signatories:

### Motion

That the following be granted signatory authorisation for e-payment and check payments

Andy already is on the electronic signatory, Angela will become a new e-signatory. Leonie agreed to also be an e-signatory.

Cheque signatories - Anne and Andy have current signatory authorisation, Angela and Geraldine to be added as other cheque signatories.

Anne moved that these be accepted, Gill seconded - Carried

## GENERAL BUSINESS

## **Membership rates.**

### ***Motion***

That membership rates remain the same, i.e. \$30 – family membership, \$20 – individual membership, \$12 – concession membership.

Moved by Anne, seconded by John - Carried

## **1. Payment of recurrent accounts.**

### ***Motion***

That insurance accounts be paid.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Angela - Carried

### ***Motion***

That the CCWA membership be renewed.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Merle - Carried

### ***Motion***

That the EDO membership be paid.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Gil - Carried

### ***Friends Website***

A short discussion on the website ensued. Anne moved that the committee discuss the operation of the Friends website into a workable format.

Moved

That the website domain name fees be paid.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Steve - Carried

## **Future activities by Friends discussion**

A thankyou weekend. Steve talked about the need to build new connections with the scientific community in a similar way to the way it was in the early days of the group. He asked the group to think about activities. e.g. the Albany Men's shed might like to come out and see where the windows

Anne talked about the concept of Workshops for younger people – Beachcombing for plastic especially the small stuff that birds and turtles eat. There were small grants available for this.

Andy said there was funding left over from numbat tracking - following on from a Numbat scat and scratching identification course at Dryandra, a "search for Numbat activity at Cocaneerup". John said he had seen evidence of their activity

The meeting closed at 12:45