



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30th OCTOBER 2014

7:00pm in the Unley Community Centre, Arthur Street, Unley

1. ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson: Narelle Berry (Acting Chair, Board WSA)

Treasurer: Ian Budenberg

Secretary: Margaret Gadd

Brian Goodhind, Jean Foster, Di Land, Isobel Barrett - ARPA

Pam Uppill – Gawler Bushwalkers

Lyn Knight, Jeff Knight, Fiona Robertson – WEA Ramblers

Judith Smith, Kathy Hennessy – Skyline Walkers

Cate Mettam – Keep Walking

Begonia Dierickx, Laurie Harmon – St Agnes Bushwalkers

John Eaton – Retired Teacher's Walking Group

Richard Webb – 4 Seasons (& Friends of Heysen Trail)

Michelle Wilson, Jenni Carr – Heart Foundation

Andrew Robertson, Robert Alcock – Friends of Heysen Trail

Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson – BLSA

Michelle Ingrames, Industry Advisor, Office of Recreation and Sport

Dannielle McBeath – Executive Officer, Walking SA

+ Board/Individual members: Melanie Smith, Jim McLean, Wendy Keech, Bill Gehling (Adelaide Bushwalkers), Jeremy Carter (Adelaide Bushwalkers/ Friends of Heysen Trail)

+ Marc de Lange, Adelaide Hills Council (Guest Speaker)

2. **APOLOGIES:** Liz O'Shea, Andrew Govan, Rob Marshall, Alan Bundy, David Close, Eleanor Martin, Trevor Jones, Mark Proctor, David Baroney, Ron Capel, Michael Giacometti, Ernie Richards, Ron Jackson.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Copies of the Minutes were made available at the meeting)

The Minutes were confirmed as a true record of proceedings, but it was noted that Kathy Hennessy, Fiona Robertson and Jean Foster had all been listed twice as attendees

Wendy Keech moved that the Minutes be accepted.

Seconded: Melanie Smith.

CARRIED.

4. ANNUAL REPORTS and OFFICERS' REPORTS

(Copies of the 2014 Annual Report were made available at the meeting)

(a) **Chairperson's Report:** Narelle Berry referred those present to the 2014 Annual Report for full details, and highlighted the following points: (NB: Annual Report also available on Walking SA website www.walkingsa.org.au)

- 15 Board members were elected to the Board at the 2013 AGM. Some resignations occurred through the year, with new members being co-opted to fill temporary positions. Thanks were extended to all who had served on the Board, and a welcome extended to Ian Budenberg, co-opted as Treasurer. Special thanks were extended to Cate Mettam, inaugural Chair of the new Walking SA Board, who stepped down during the year, and to Brian Goodhind, Administrative Officer, who retired.

- Walking SA has received positive support from the Office of Recreation and Sport throughout the year. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Michelle Ingrames, Industry Advisor.
- 2013-2014 necessitated a focus on Governance, including development of a new Vision and Mission, new Constitution and Strategic Plan. The Mission of WSA is “More People Walking More Often” and embraces all forms of walking and related issues (health, public transport and walkable cities)
- 2014-2015 will focus on the development and implementation of an Action Plan, in consultation with members and other stakeholders.
- Dannielle McBeath was welcomed as Walking SA’s new Executive Officer.
- Walking SA has moved from former premises at Greening Australia.
- Thanks were extended to all Clubs who led guided walks at Walking EXPO in April. Event was very successful with high attendance and interest.

(b) Treasurer’s Report: Ian Budenberg referred those present to the Annual Report 2014 for full details, including budget and audited financial reports, but highlighted the following matters.

- Walking SA received 2 government grants during 2013-2014. With no guarantee of ongoing government funding, progress towards self-funding will be critical in coming years.
- At June 30th, surplus was \$17,500.
- The official Bushwalking Australia system for insurance renewal will be followed in the 2014/15 financial year. Clubs will receive an invoice on July 1, with payment to be made by August 15, based on the numbers declared in their insurance questionnaires. The affiliation fee per head will be increased, in line with Bushwalking Australia’s and other cost increases and this will be advised before Christmas. Treasurer advised that a detailed letter outlining insurance requirements will be provided to Clubs with the Bushwalking Australia questionnaire in 2015

The following motion was put to the meeting:

- *To receive and adopt the Annual Report, including the Chairman’s Report, the Treasurer’s Report and audited financial statement for the year ended 30th June 2014.*

John Eaton moved that the motion be accepted. Seconded: Brian Goodhind **CARRIED**

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mr Peter Hall was the auditor for the 2014 financial year. Walking SA is very grateful to have received his audit services pro-bono and is pleased that he has offered this again for the 2015 financial year.

The following motion was put to the meeting:

- *That we acknowledge the services provided by auditor Mt Peter Hall and accept his offer to continue as auditor for the 2015 year.*

Bill Gehling moved that the motion be accepted. Seconded: John Eaton **CARRIED**

6. 2015 BOARD

The Chair explained that 15 Board members were appointed for a 2-year term at the AGM in 2013. With some resignations during the year, 2 new members co-opted on the basis of their skills and expertise (Ian Budenberg, Treasurer; Michelle Wilson, Heart Foundation) and one member joining the Board and seeking election this year (Jim McLean), only one substantive vacant position remained. One nomination for this position was received from Alan Bundy.

For purposes of continuity beyond 2015, 3 current Board members (Andrew Govan, Bill Gehling and Melanie Smith) have volunteered to stand down this year and seek re-election for a further 2-year term, thereby staggering the 2-year appointments.

The Chair moved that all current members and nominees be declared elected. **CARRIED.**

7. REPORTS

(a) Bushwalking Australia

- Bill Gehling reported on the activities of Bushwalking Australia Inc. during the year, and referred those present to the BWA website for additional information. .
- International Conference Walk 21 recently held in Sydney
- National meeting of Bushwalking Australia to be held in South Australia in November 2014.

(b) Verdun Bridge and Trails issues

- John Eaton provided an update on progress towards building a 'breakable' bridge at Verdun for access to Pioneer Women's Trail, the bridge engineered to break and be rebuilt in event of flooding. Funding for construction to be sought.
- Emphasized the need for vigilance in relation to the preservation of Unmade Road reserves
- Noted work being continued by Liz O'Shea and others on Mt Lofty Ranges Trails project.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 8.45pm