

Draft Minutes Monaro Folk Society Annual General Meeting 2019

Date: 19 September 2019, 7:00 pm

Location: Beyond Q Bookshop, 11 Brierly St, Weston Creek, ACT

Chairperson: Geoff Kell – President

Minutes recorded by Anne Mathas, acting Secretary

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

1. Welcome

President and Chair, Geoff Kell, welcomed the attendees and provided housekeeping notification and a summary of the order of events for the meeting.

2. Confirmation of quorum

2.1 Attendance: Matthew Gibbins recorded membership attendance at the door. Following the confirmation of quorum being reached at greater than 18 members the meeting started.

Attending: The following are in alphabetical order:

Pauline Allingham, Linda Aunela, David Ball, Christine Briton, Lawrie Brown, Ian Bruce, Matt Gibbins, Christine Gifford, Judy Gorman, Robert Hayes, Paul Herbert, John Hewat, Bob Hodgson, Gavin Holmes, Moir Holmes, Geoff Kell, Maurice Layne, Tina Lynam, Robert Mahony, Anne Mathas, Tim McKerrow, Rodney Peters, Rodger Poole, Nelly Rogers, Antonella Salpietro, Peter Stringfellow, Julie Szabo, Bruce Taplin, Naomi Tarrant, Rebecca Tarrant, Sarah Tarrant, David Thompson, Colin Towns, Chris Ward, Dave Wardle

2.2 Apologies:

Ian Bull, Mandy Scott, Simon Wilkins, Madeline Johnson, Mark Simmons, Jim Williams, Ingrid Rehle-Williams, Gai Monahan, June Staunton, Roni Giacobetti, Adrian Giacobetti, Roger Gifford, Alan Rumsey, Franklin Mills, Leanne Meyers, Eileen Newmarch, Ellen Davies, Fran Verheul, Ray Mulligan

3. Previous Minutes – 20 September 2018 AGM

Motion: That the 2018 Minutes be accepted.

Moved: Colin Towns Seconded: David Wardle

Motion carried

4. Matters arising from 2018 AGM.

4.1 Update on Dancing in the Park. Geoff Kell outlined the issue of an unexpected request from ACT Government to charge an extortionate amount for the hire of Stage 88. Mark Simmons spoke to Andrew Leigh (ACT Government) who agreed to decrease the cost from \$500 per night to \$40. However, the MFS has not yet received an invoice for this hire.

4.2 Colin Towns queried the apparent large drop in the cost of insurance and asked if we had the necessary coverage. Antonella Salpietro explained that this was only due to the timing of payments made in relation to the financial year and there had been no actual change in costs.

5. Acceptance of Society Reports

- 5.1 President's Report
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report
- 5.3 Income and Expenditure Financial Report for 2018 -19
- 5.4 Assets and Liabilities 2018 19
- 5.5 Auditor's Report.
- 5.6 Public Officer Report and Section 73 Report
- 5.7 Membership Report

Motion: That Society Reports be accepted as tabled

Moved: Lawrie Brown Seconded: Dave Wardle Motion carried

6. Acceptance of Sub Group Reports

- 6.1 English Country Dance Report
- 6.2 Bush Dance Group Report (BDG)
- 6.3 Canberra Contra Club – Rob Mahony tabled and read the Contra report
- 6.4 End of Month Dance Organising Team (EOMDOT) Report
- 6.5 ISD Annual Report
- 6.6 Merry Muse Report
- 6.7 Monaro Musings Report
- 6.8 Settlers Annual Report
- 6.9 Set in Their Ways (SITW)
- 6.10 Tuesday Night Music Group
- 6.11 Other Reports

Motion: Sub Group Reports to be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Lawrie Brown, Seconded: David Ball Motion carried.

Geoff Kell thanked all organisers, helpers and committee members for their support during the year. Geoff specifically thanked Linda Aunela for work she'd done as bookkeeper, and Christine Gifford for taking on the role of Membership Secretary.

7. Election of New Officers for Committee

- 7.1 Appointment of Returning Officer
Colin Towns appointed as Returning Officer

- 7.2 Voting on following positions:

President:	Geoff Kell
Vice President:	David Ball
Treasurer:	Rod Peters
Secretary:	Ian Bull
Public Officer:	Antonella Salpietro
General Committee Members:	John Hewat, Matthew Gibbins, Anne Mathas, Linda Aunela

8. Standing Items of Business

- 8.1 Setting of Membership Fees

After discussion, it was agreed that membership fees would be unchanged for 2019-2020.

Motion: That the membership fees remain unchanged.

Moved: Geoff Kell, Seconded: Antonella Salpietro Motion carried.

8.2 Bank Signatories

There was discussion regarding inclusion of Bookkeeper and Membership Secretary as signatories. It was suggested perhaps the Constitution needs to be changed to allow this. The matter will be considered during the coming year. The issue was overcome for this year by the Bookkeeper, Linda Aunela, becoming a Committee member.

The signatories on the Beyond Bank account will be Treasurer: (Rod Peters); Bookkeeper: (Linda Aunela); Secretary: (Ian Bull); President: (Geoff Kell); Vice President (David Ball).

The Membership Secretary:(Christine Gifford) and Subgroup Organisers have viewing permission.

8.3 Appointment of Auditor

A new auditor will need to be appointed as the present one will no longer be available. Geoff Kell pointed out that under Regulations, the Auditor does not need to be an accountant.

9. Other Business

9.1 50th Anniversary next year: Geoff outlined briefly what form he hoped this celebration might take: a combined showcase at the Yarralumla Woolshed in conjunction with the Shearers Ball as was successfully held for the 45th Anniversary. A group needs to be formed including Sub group Organisers to plan this. Anne Mathas pointed out that we only have 6 months until the event. There was discussion about suggestion for an update to the MFS publication "Score and a Half of Folk" to include information up to the present. No conclusion was reached.

9.2 As mentioned in his President's report, Geoff feels it is necessary to form a dedicated promotional group for a push on MFS activities during the 50th Anniversary year, and that there be a significant budget approved to pay for advertising and gain editorial exposure in publications.

9.3 A 'Come and Try' bush dance is to be held at Albert Hall on the morning of the Colonial Ball from 10.30 to 12.00pm with music being supplied by the Tuesday Music Group.

9.4 The Canberra Mandolin Orchestra will hold a concert in Albert Hall on the afternoon of the Ball, from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

9.5 Special Olympics fundraising dance: Colin gave a brief resume of the 'Special Olympics' dance last Saturday night and advised the night had raised \$953. He thanked all those who had supported the night and said he hopes to do another one again next year.

9.6 Moir Holmes moved a motion of thanks to the retiring Committee. Moir is very grateful for the untiring work of the Committee and the richness the MFS brings to life in Canberra. Moir is delighted to have us continue for the year ahead.

Geoff thanked everyone for their attendance.

10. Meeting closed: 8.01pm