

## Monaro Folk Society (MFS) Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 15 September 2016

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Irish Club

### Apologies

Anne Mathas, Meredith Gawler, David Johnson, Vivien Johnson, Daryl Powell, Diana Powell, Ann Lehman, Colin Towns, June Stanton, Roger Gifford, Christine Ridgeway, Annette Colonna, Paul Carr, Gavin Holmes, Mark Simmons

1. **Attendance Register. Quorum** confirmed at 7:30pm by Membership Secretary Declan O'Connell.
2. **Welcome.** The Chair, Geoff Kell welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Minutes:** The secretary of the MFS, Ian Bull confirmed as meeting minute taker.
4. **Previous Minutes.** Eileen Newmarch noted correction for 2015 Draft Minutes for Item 5.11 that the date of the 2015 AGM was 17 September 2015. Correction to be made by Secretary.

Robert Hayes asked for Correction for Tuesday Night Music Group report.

Previous minutes accepted with corrections Moved Antonella Salpietro, seconded Keith Sayers. Motion Carried.

5. **Matters arising from 2015 AGM.** Nil

### 6. Reports

- a) **Presidents Report.** Tabled at Meeting and attached. **Action.** Geoff to provide Secretary with Electronic Version. Tabled report accepted. Moved Geoff Kell, Seconded Linda Aunela.
- b) **Treasurer's Report.** Matthew Gibbins Presented Treasurers Report. Tabled at the meeting. Noted corrections to be made to tabled reports. This noted that the Merry Muse float was \$502. Treasurer's Report accepted with corrections. Moved Geoff Kell, Seconded John Hewat. Action Items. Eileen Newmarch to confirm corrections.
- c) **Auditors Report.** This was published on the website. Keith Sayers read the report to the meeting as not many present had seen the report. Report accepted. Moved Geoff Kell, Seconded Matthew Gibbins.

A letter of thanks is to be sent to the Auditor. Moved Geoff Kell, Seconded Matthew Gibbins. **Action.** Secretary to send Vote of thanks to Auditor.

- d) **Public Officer Report** and Section 73 Report. Antonella Salpietro provided background to the submission of the Section 73 Report as Public Officer. Antonella to proceed to submit report for 2015-2016. Item Carried. Moved Antonella Salpietro, Seconded Eileen Newmarch.
- e) **Membership Report.** Declan O'Connell provided an update on membership. Advised that membership numbers remained steady. Membership records moving to electronic. Report accepted. Moved Geoff Kell, seconded John Hewat.

## Sub Group Reports

- f) **Bush Dance Group Report.** Report tabled by Geoff Kell as the convenor Mark Simmons was overseas. Keith Sayers asked that consideration be given to continuing dancing in the park through February in conjunction with the Monday Workshops held at Ainslie All Saints Hall. Geoff Kell undertook to discuss this matter with the other members of the BDG to ascertain interest and feasibility and indicated that Keith Sayers could present his views to the BDG and participate in the discussion.  
Moved Geoff Kell and seconded John Hewat. Geoff Kell to refer this matter to the Bush Dance Sub Group.
- g) **Contra Club of Canberra.** Convenor Robert Mahoney. No reports, budgets or annual reports tabled before the AGM. Secretary and President to follow up.
- h) **End of Month Dance Team** Convenor Antonella Salpietro. Report highlighted efforts to cut costs for balls and dances. Report tables. Acceptance of the report moved Michael Anderson, Seconded Bob Hodgson.
- i) **Tuesday Night Music Group.** Julie Szabo provided a verbal report. Highlights of the year were the performances for MFS Kids' Dances, schools and at the Irish Embassy. Report accepted.  
Moved Geoff Kell, seconded John Hewat.  
**Meeting adjourned for Supper 8:35 pm to 8:50 pm**
- j) **English Country Dance.** Convener Colin Towns. Report Accepted. Moved Ian Bull, Seconded John Hewat.
- k) **Merry Muse Report.** Convenor Vacant. Eileen Newmarch provided an update and reported that the Merry Muse has a healthy surplus in the financial year. For the Muse to continue it requires volunteers. Eileen has some support from volunteers but need a new coordinator to take over. Marianne Petersen, who has been volunteering at the Merry Muse for many years, has moved to East Brisbane to a retirement village. Report Accepted.  
Moved Tina Lynam, seconded John Hewat.
- l) **Equipment and Public Address Equipment Report.** Stocktakes completed and returned. David Wardle has tested and tagged equipment as required. Each equipment list should now be part of the annual report for each group.
- m) **Set in Their Ways Report. Convener Paul Carr.** Report tabled and published on the website. Report Accepted. Moved Geoff Kell, Seconded John Hewatt.
- n) **Irish Set Dancing. Convenor Christine Britton.** Runs at a profit. Weekend in October a great success with some sponsorship from the Irish Embassy. Report Accepted. Moved Antonella Salpietro, Seconded John Hewat.
- o) **Monaro Musings.** Verbal Report Tabled. Cost steady as many members now receive electronic copy only. Note a new editor is being sought and volunteers invited to contact Tina. Vote of thanks to Tina Lynam and report accepted. Moved Matthew Gibbins, Seconded Eileen Newmarch.

## **7. Election of New Committee**

7.1. Vote of general thanks to outgoing committee.

7.2. Election of new Committee. Tina Lynam appointed Returning Officer

### **MFS Committee for 2016-2017**

President Geoff Kell

Vice President Peter Gamble

Treasurer Matthew Gibbins

Public Officer Antonella Salpietro

Secretary Ian Bull

Ordinary Members

John Hewat

Anne Mathas

Chris McGinty

Julie Szabo

One vacancy

Declan O'Connell to continue as Membership Secretary.

**8. Membership Fees.** These are to remain the same for 2017-2018.

### **9. Other Business.**

9.1. Peter Gamble and Geoff Kell reported on Website redevelopment under way. Antonella requested clarification on the preservation and retention of the historical content on the current website and the need for preservation.

9.2. Muse discussion concluded that a thorough revamp is required to attract and retain members in an alternate venue to just dance and musical performance. Volunteers to be actively sought by the MFS Committee and Muse Volunteers.

**10. Next AGM 14 September 2017 Should we make this 21 September as it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.**

**11. Meeting Closed 21:55 pm**