

Annual General Meeting November 2014 held at Mountaingrass Festival Feathertop Resort, Harrietville Victoria.

Date :15 November 2014
Start time : 6.20pm ADST
Meeting Closed : 7.10pm ADST

Meeting Attendance:

Executive Committee:

Lachlan Davidson – President; Greg McGrath – Secretary (chair) Sue Dwyer - Admin Secretary;
Helen Ludellen - Operations; Karita Brokenshire - Treasurer;

Other ABOTMA members (approx. 40) signed in at the door and were given a voting card.

ABOTMA Annual Report to Membership 2014 was handed out to all attendees. Including:

- Written reports from President, Treasure, Secretary, Festival Operations.
- Auditors Report and Minutes of 2013 AGM.

1. Previous Minutes:

Printed Minutes from 1st ABOTMA AGM were handed out to all attendees.

Approve and confirm minutes from the previous meeting;

Moved – Barry Torkington
Seconded – Helen Ludellen
Accepted.

2. Welcome by President– Lachlan Davidson

President's Report - Lachlan readout his written report.

Seconded – Helen Ludellen
President's report accepted.

3. Treasure's Report – Karita Brokenshire

Karita presented her written report on the associations finances.

Auditors Report was tabled and a written copy given to members in attendance.

Seconded - Greg McGrath
Treasurer's Report accepted

The meeting approved a vote of thanks be sent to the auditor, Barbara Chapman FIPA, for auditing 2013/14 books.

Moved Lachlan Davidson
Seconded Keith Lugden
Treasurer's Report Approved

4. Secretary's Report – Greg McGrath

Greg presented his written report to the meeting.

Greg also added special thanks to George Jackson for the great job he has done as Artistic Director and to Mick O'Neil for programming. Current festival feedback is very positive about the quality of Acts, and the suitability of the program.

Seconded Mick O'Neill
Secretary's Report Accepted

5. Mountaingrass Festival Operations Report - Helen Ludellen

Helen presented her written report.

Helen also wanted to thank and acknowledge the contribution of:

- all volunteers for donating their hours and expertise,
- Janine and Kimberly for advertising, Lachlan for Special Consensus Band.
- The townspeople of Harrierville and local area for their support
- The hotels and accommodation venues who donated rooms for guest artists.
- Pat and staff of Feathertop for their wonderful contribution and support.
- All the people responsible for the sound and concerts.

Lachlan presented Helen with a bunch of flowers, to thank and acknowledge her incredible contribution to the Mountaingrass Festival.

6. Nomination of Returning Officer

Outgoing Secretary Greg McGrath was nominated as returning officer for the election of office bearers.

Nominated Lachlan Davidson
Seconded Karita Brokenshire

7. 2013/14 committee stand down

The returning officer declared all positions vacant.

There was some discussion concerning Lachlan Davidson not standing for President again. Michael Wheelan asked for clarification from the outgoing committee about people re-standing for positions, and plans for succession of executive.

Greg explained outgoing committee decided to only elect an executive committee this year and these people would be responsible for delegating jobs and co-opting others on to the operations committee was needed and where practical. In this way we hope to use people's skills to the best advantage.

Lachlan explained he has been on a huge learning curve this past year and was happy to continue

on the committee in possibly another position. All congratulated Lachlan on his great work over past year. Janine expressed concern about Festival Operations position. Who would take on this role if not Helen? Barry Torkington also commented on the vastness of this position.

Helen Ludellen explained that the committee see the President's role as overseeing everything. With the setting up and coordination of a Mountaingrass Festival sub committee to be organised so the load is spread between several people.

Karita Brokenshire explained the outgoing committee members are still ABOTMA members and supporters and will be happy to support the new executive in anyway.

8. Election of 2014/15 Officers

President - Helen Ludellen
No other nominations were received

Nominated Karita Brokenshire.
Seconded Kym Wheeler
Carried.

Secretary - Janine Abarbanel
No other nominations were received

Nominated Greg McGrath
Seconded Karita Brokenshire
Carried

Treasurer – Alan Abrahams
No other nominations were received

Nominated Mick O'Neil
Seconded Evan Webb
Carried

Vice President – Lachlan Davidson
No other nominations were received

Nominated Rob Lewis
Seconded Laurie Grundy
Carried

Congratulations and Welcome the 2015 executive committee.
Current committee will finalise festival business and handover to new committee in January 2015

9. General Business

Discussion about Mountaingrass Festival having it's own committee separate from ABOTMA. Most people felt it was still too soon for this to happen, and agreed that a sub-committee as Helen explained earlier, was best practice for now.

Josh Grundy suggested Artistic Director's position description be looked at by new committee.

There may be a need to share this position. Everyone agreed George had done an exceptional job, and was to be congratulated.

Outgoing committee thanked everyone for the support they had been given during the past year. Evan Webb, Thanked outgoing committee on behalf of all members and festival attendees.

10. Mountaingrass Festival 2015

The dates for the next MountainGrass Festival to be 20-22 November. with the Association's AGM to be held Saturday 21st November 2015

11. The 2014 Annual General Meeting declared closed.