



Whittlesea University of the Third Age Incorporated

Annual General Meeting No. 18

August 27th 2020

Commenced 2.00pm via ZOOM

Minutes

Welcome to Members and Guests:

The President, Glen Wall welcomed members and guests and recognised the Indigenous owners of the land and Elders past and present. Glen also welcomed invited guest Craig Ondarchie MP.

Glen acknowledged past Presidents: Joe Felice, Brenda Gorely and Beryl Clarke and Life Members: Kathy Lizio, Brenda Gorely, Beryl Clarke, Mary Renshaw and Helen Campbell.

Members Present / Apologies:

A total of 128 members were present and the following apologies were recorded. – Peter and Nellie Edmonds, Ron and Brenda Gorely, Helen Kong, Michael Murray and Gerry Fay. One proxy was received from Ronda Boughey on behalf of Michael Smith.

Glen acknowledged the sad passing of Rae Beers. Rae was a long term member and together with her sister Robyn, Lead the Art for fun group. Rae will be sadly missed and our condolences are extended to her family.

Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Minutes of Annual General Meeting N^o 17 were circulated and approved.

Moved by: Elaine Bateman

Seconded by: Jan Marshall

Carried

Reports:

1. **President's Report – Glen Wall**
2. **Treasurer's Report – Peter Rodaughan**
3. **Network Representative's Report – Bryan McNally**

1. President's Report: emailed to members. Glen Wall spoke to the report.

Questions and Comments from members as listed:

Question: Paz Angelini – Do we have to continue sharing the male toilets at Peter Lalor College (PLC)?

Answer: Glen advised that portable toilets will be installed initially until permanent toilets can be built.

Comment: Jenny Loring – Portable toilets are hard to access for members with disabilities.

Response: Glen advised that disability access will be taken into account when installing portable toilets.

Question: Charlie Delia – Will the parking issue be resolved soon?

Answer: Glen advised that the parking issue will be resolved prior to the re-opening of PLC.

Question: Rebecca Lee – Will there be access to PLC for members with disabilities and mobility issues?

Answer: Glen advised that future discussions will include disabled access, toilets and parking.

Question: Jan Marshall – Is there a time frame for the decisions and resolutions?

Answer: Glen advised that decisions and ultimately the commencement of work is expected prior to re-access to PLC. Hopefully before the start of the first term in 2021.

Comment: Bryan McNally – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we may not be using venues, including PLC for some time.

Response: Glen agreed with Bryan's comment.

Comment: Jenny Loring – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a number of members may not want to resume face to face classes for some time.

Response: Glen agreed and explained that is why we are encouraging ZOOM classes.

Comment: Bryan McNally – There may be a lot of interest in hybrid classes in future.

Response: Glen agreed and stated that a lot of work is being done to develop hybrid classes.

Glen stated how important it is to maintain contact with members even without face to face classes. He explained that as per regulations, we had suspended face to face morning teas and in July we held a ZOOM morning tea which attracted 56 members. The next morning tea attracted 76 members and today's Annual General Meeting has attracted 128 members.

Glen stated that the success is, we are turning a negative situation into a positive one and it is very worthwhile to see the smiles on member's faces when they see each other at the ZOOM meetings.

In conclusion, Glen stated that the new normal is going to be a lot different to the previous normal and we have exciting times ahead.

2. Treasurer's Report: emailed to members. Peter Rodaughan spoke to the report.

Peter stated that due to Covid-19 restrictions, he was unable to deliver the relevant reports to the auditor for approval and the Committee of Management agreed that approval of the report would be completed when restrictions are lifted.

Peter thanked Yolanda Avery for her support and assistance with the ongoing financial management.

Questions and comments from members as listed:

Question: Bryan McNally – Are we optimistic that we will increase numbers in future, given the Covid-19 situation?

Answer: Glen advised that there are potential members from other clubs and groups within the Whittlesea Shire area who are interested in joining Whittlesea U3A in future.

Comment: Rocel Bautista – We could reduce membership fees as we are not paying for venues at the moment.

Response: Peter advised that even though we aren't paying for venues, we still have our other operating costs. Bryan McNally advised that due to ZOOM classes, our electronic costs will increase. Glen advised that we will be sourcing further grants to assist with ongoing costs.

Comment: Jenny Loring – Even though a large percentage of our members are pensioners, the \$50.00 membership fee is still very reasonable.

Response: Glen agreed and confirmed that we will continue to manage the operating costs.

Comment: Rocel Bautista – Lowering the fees would encourage more members.

Response: Glen thanked Rocel for her comment.

Comment: Teresa Wong – \$50.00 per year is a very reasonable amount for members to pay.

Response: Glen thanked Teresa for her comment.

Resolution No. 1

As recommended by the Committee of Management - The fee structure to be set for 2021 is as follows:

Full membership \$50 year	Associate member \$30 year
Full membership \$30 half year	Associate member \$20 half year
Full membership \$10 last term	Associate member \$10 last term

Moved: Peter Rodaughan **Seconded:** Bryan McNally Member voting results: 100% Yes. **Carried**

3. Network Representative's Report: emailed to members. Bryan McNally spoke to the report.

No questions or comments.

Acceptance of all 3 Reports:

Moved: Peter Rodaughan **Seconded:** Charlie Delia Member voting results: 100% Yes. **Carried**

Resolution No. 2

As recommended by the Committee of Management – Setting Committee size for 2020/2021 as follows:

A total of 10 Committee members - 4 Executive Committee members and 6 General Committee members

Moved: Peter Rodaughan **Seconded:** Beryl Clarke Member voting results: 100% Yes. **Carried**

Appointment of Committee of Management for 2020/2021

Past President Beryl Clarke asked the current Committee of Management to stand down. Beryl thanked the outgoing Committee members for their hard work during these difficult times.

Beryl stated that all nominations for the 2020/2021 Committee of Management had been received by the Secretary according to the Rules. The following nominations were received:

Executive Committee Members:

President	Glen Wall
Vice President	Kathy Lizio
Secretary	Elaine Bateman
Treasurer	Peter Rodaughan

General Committee Members:

Kevin Whelan, Afroditi Toso, Michael Murray, Yolanda Avery, Bryan McNally, Peter Cleary

As all of the positions were unopposed, Beryl stated that she was pleased to declare the listed nominees duly elected as the 2020/2021 Committee of Management and introduced each newly appointed Committee member to the members in attendance.

Glen thanked Beryl for introducing the Committee of Management for 2020/2021.

Appointment of Auditor

Confirmation of the Appointment of: Mr Raj Vyrilingam B Com F.C.A.C.F. as honorary Auditor for 2020/2021.

Moved: Peter Rodaughan **Seconded:** Beryl Clarke Member voting results: 100% Yes. **Carried**

General Business:

Enrolments for 2021 – Kevin Whelan

Kevin advised that the current UMAS member system has been enhanced to allow user friendly access via mobile phones and devices such as tablets. The enhancement will be useful for members to complete their enrolments for 2021. Kevin explained how it works and advised that he would be showing the system further at the next morning tea and holding some training sessions in the near future.

Conclusion:

Glen thanked everyone for attending the 2020 Annual General Meeting and supporting Whittlesea U3A throughout the past year. He stated that we look forward to the next 12 months.

Glen also thanked Craig Ondarchie MP for attending the Annual General Meeting and his ongoing support.

Craig Ondarchie MP thanked Glen and the Committee for the great work they do in making such a big difference to the Senior Community of Whittlesea.

Glen closed the meeting at 3.45pm

Provisional Date for Annual General Meeting No.19 – Thursday 19th August 2021 at 200pm