

# TOOWOOMBA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 - 7pm	<b>Venue</b>	De Molay House, Toowoomba
<b>Chair Person</b>	Travis Lord	<b>Secretary</b>	Pete McDonald
<b>Attendees in person</b>	Alan Rosser, Tony Harrison, Barry Whisson, Bruce Tame, Charlotte Lord, Dean Mengel, Denis Dowling, Gary Cullinan, Gracie Lord, Graham Harris, Jane Lobegeier, Jasmine Lord, Jo-Ann Aspromourgos, John Stewart, Les Maidment, Margaret Kebble, Melanie Emeny, Michael Smith, Nina Sorley, Pete McDonald, Peter Allison, Richard Wyton, Roberta Edwards, Robin Widdowson, Scott Sorley, Tim Dunn, Travis Lord, Val Shield, Veronica Sorley		
<b>Attendees via ZOOM</b>	Dianne Horrocks, Genifer Russ, Iris Castle, Kim Kuhnemann, Megan Rees, Stewart Russ, Tryg Helander		
<b>Apologies</b>			
<b>Guests</b>	Matt Bergough, Jason Emeny		
<b>Proxies</b>			
<b>1.0</b>	<b>PROCEEDINGS</b>		
1.1	<b>Open meeting and welcome</b>	President	
1.2	<b>Apologies</b>	President	
1.4	Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting  <i>Proposed Resolution: That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting are a true and accurate record of the meeting.</i>  <i>Moved: Pete McDonald      Seconded: Tim Dunn      All in favour: Passed</i>	President	
1.5	<b>Appointment of Club Patron</b> Following the death of the Society's Patron (Graham Burstow OAM), the Committee approached Graham Harris to undertake the role.  Graham Harris accepted the role as TPSI Patron.	President	
1.6	<b>President's Report</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The President reported that the Committee had met monthly to provide leadership and the ongoing management of the Society and thanked Committee members for their work and efforts throughout the year</li> <li>Most Committee meetings were long with late finishes and many issues addressed with always the aim to make the Society relevant to its members and the changing world (esp post COVID)</li> <li>President encouraged members to consider a position on the Committee to help with the running of the Society even if it was for a specific activity only</li> </ul>	President	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members provided 12 images for our Japanese sister city, Takatsuki for their Photographic Exhibition</li> <li>The society saw a steady increase in membership particularly in the latter part of the year</li> <li>The Society was able to purchase a new laptop and projector (to replace the previous 12-year-old unit)</li> <li>ZOOM became a regular feature for meetings</li> <li>Club shirts, partly subsidised by TPSI were introduced and offered to members. Pleasing to see the growth in the number of members wearing club shorts to meetings and events</li> </ul>	
1.6.1	<b>Adoption of President's Report</b>  <i>Proposed Resolution: That the President's Report as presented be accepted.</i>  <i>Moved: Val Shield      Seconded: Dennis Dowling      All in favour: Passed</i>	
1.7	<b>Treasurers Report and Financial Statement</b>	Treasurer
1.7.1	<b>Adoption of Treasurer's Report</b>  The Treasurer tabled the following:  The financial statements have been verified by Richard Wyton in accordance with Unincorporated Association Act (Qld) as a level two association and can be summarised as follows:  As of 31 December 2022, the net assets of the Society stood at \$19348.97 (a decrease of \$4752.12 from 31 December 2021). Income for the year \$6850.11 and expenditure including equipment purchase of \$6071, was \$11,602.23. The operating surplus was \$1318.88.  <i>Proposed Resolution: To accept that the Treasurer's Report is a true and accurate record.</i>  <i>Moved: Val Shield      Seconded: Roberta Edwards      All in favour: Passed</i>  <i>Proposed Resolution: That the budget submitted by the Treasurer be adopted for the 2024 Calendar Year.</i>  <i>Moved: Val Shield      Seconded: Tony Harrison      All in favour: Passed</i>	
1.8	<b>Acknowledgement to outgoing Committee</b>  Travis Lord handed the proceedings over to Graham Harris.  Graham Harris acknowledged the work and efforts of the outgoing Committee, declared all Committee positions vacant, and called for nominations for all positions.	Graham Harris
1.9	<b>Election of New Committee</b>  The following nominations and outcomes were declared for 2024:  <i>President:</i> Nominee: Travis Lord Nominated by: Roberta Edwards Seconded by: Val Shield Travis Lord accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations. Travis was duly elected (re-elected). Carried	Graham Harris

	<p><i>Vice President:</i>  Nominee: Roberta Edwards  Nominated by: Val Shield  Seconded by: Travis Lord  Roberta Edwards accepted the nomination.  There being no other nominations.  Roberta Edwards was duly elected (re-elected). Carried</p> <p><i>Treasurer:</i>  Nominee: Val Shield  Nominated by: Melanie Emeny  Seconded by: Veronica Sorley  Val Shield accepted the nomination.  There being no other nominations.  Val Shield was duly elected (re-elected). Carried</p> <p><i>Secretary:</i>  Nominee: Pete McDonald  Nominated by: Melanie Emeny  Seconded by: Val Shield  Pete McDonald accepted the nomination.  There being no other nominations.  Pete McDonald was duly elected (re-elected). Carried</p> <p><i>Member representatives (3 positions):</i></p> <p>Nominee: Veronica Sorley  Nominated by: Melanie Emeny  Seconded by Roberta Edwards  Veronica Sorley accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Nominee: John Stewart  Nominated by: Melanie Emeny  Seconded by Veronica Sorley  John Stewart accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Nominee: Tony Harrison  Nominated by: Melanie Emeny  Seconded by John Stewart  Tony Harrison accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There being no other nominations.  Veronica Sorley, John Stewart and Tony Harrison were duly elected.  Carried</p>	
1.10	<p><b>Appointment of Auditor</b>  The Society is a level 2 organisation for not-for-profit organisations under the Office of Fair Trading Queensland.</p> <p><i>Proposed Resolution: To appoint Richard Wyton as the Auditor for the year ended December 31st, 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Val Shield    Seconded: Margaret Kebble    All in favour: Passed</i></p>	Treasurer

1.11	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>The President thanked the following members for their contributions to the Society throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bruce Tame</i> for being the first person to arrive at monthly Society meetings, put out the chairs for members, and assist with the setup and the pack up of the room, kitchen and equipment after meetings</li> <li>• <i>Margaret Kebble</i> for managing elements of the MyPhotoClub particularly the Competitions Management (a task that is vital but unseen) and for running the various lightroom courses for members</li> <li>• <i>Sandra Neill</i> for managing the monthly print submissions and ensuring that they make their way to the relevant judge. Again, another unseen but vital role</li> <li>• <i>Tryg Helander, Veronica Sorley, Michael Smith, John Stewart, Pete McDonald, Tim Dunn and Val Shield</i> for undertaking the de-framing of the Annual Heritage Bank Photographic Awards images. This is a significant income source for the Society</li> <li>• <i>Val Shield</i> for organising the major fundraising activity for the year through members attending “Pride and Prejudice” performed by the Toowoomba Repertory Society. Over \$1000 was raised</li> <li>• <i>Alan Rosser</i> for the tireless efforts in producing the 2023 Annual Award Certificates for members</li> <li>• <i>Veronica Sorley, Scott Sorley and Nina Sorley</i> for their ongoing running of the entire Photographic Competition of the Toowoomba Royal Agricultural Show of which many members submit and some are successful in winning categories. This is a great external opportunity for members to showcase their work</li> </ul> <p>The President outlined plans for 2023 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular outings that are relevant to the upcoming set subject</li> <li>• A buddy system for members</li> <li>• Sharing of images from outings</li> <li>• Mentoring – where members could be a key contact for a particular topic or genre; organised special interest groups</li> <li>• Judging – more lenient and relevant feedback according to the grade (ie scaling from B Grade to Salon Grade)</li> <li>• Non Graded section for members not wanting to participate in the Monthly Aggregate Competition but as aligned to the monthly set subject topic</li> <li>• Guest Speakers at meetings</li> <li>• Salon Grade – a progression within the grade for higher level members</li> <li>• Review of the TPSI 5 Year Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Review of the TPSI Constitution and By Laws</li> </ul>	President
1.12	<p><b>Meeting Closed at 8.42pm</b></p>	President