

## **Minutes of Annual General meeting held via Zoom on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 at 7pm**

The meeting was opened by Martina who had agreed to Chair and Pauline was taking minutes.

Martina started by introducing members of the current committee who were in attendance. The total number of attendees on Zoom was 14.

Apologies were received from Tim P, Linda M, Julie C, Gary M, Coogie and Gilly

### **Minutes of AGM 2020**

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as correct.

### **Reports by Committee**

#### **Secretary**

Pauline reported that she continues to send out the weekly e-mails and has been involved in some policy making e.g. Covid guidelines. Pauline continues to minute the meetings of the committee and has an additional role of investigating complaints.

Pauline made it clear that AGM's are not always the best place to raise issues but she wants members to be aware she is open to hearing complaints, compliments or suggestions at any time.

#### **Social Secretary**

Diane reported that the social programme was now up and running following the lock downs and these socials are going really well, with a good selection of events, including festivals, comedy nights, musicals, pubs and restaurants etc

Diane added that Facebook interest was now up by 90% so this was great news.

#### **Membership Officer**

Jan reported that the current membership was heading towards 300 members which is fabulous news. Jan explained there is a slight change in the way we are recruiting via Meetup which means that if a meet up person joins and comes on a walk, they pay £10 and get an automatic membership to HAWOG.

Mike said he had not received a reminder regarding his membership and Jan explained these are sent out automatically but perhaps it had been diverted into spam and she was sorry he didn't get it. The meeting was reminded if you have obtained points by putting on an event this is used to renew your membership.

Chris asked if it is possible to set up a standing order for his membership. This might be able to be done via PayPal but cannot be done via a bank at this time. There is some ongoing work on sorting out the bank account for HAWOG.

#### **Programme Planner**

Brian had already provided a report to the members (attached) with all the details and which he talked about. The programme has been very full since we have been able to put on more events and weekends and is now filled until January. The meeting thanked Brian for all of his hard work.

Mike and Nick asked about updates for points and Brian said this had been sent out and the meeting was advised to again check spam.

## Information and Publicity Officers

Coogee and Gilly sent their apologies and there was nothing specific to report.

## Treasurer

Martina had also sent out a full report (attached). The report provides a full income and expenditure account summary for the year, with the balance sheet of the groups assets. These reports have been independently audited.

A number of questions were raised by Mike, Rachael and Nick regarding the accounts but these were resolved. Martina explained that there had been some difficulties re PayPal and a refund to a member and this had incurred costs. Chris again felt a bank account would be better and Martina assured the group she was working on it.

## Election of Committee for 2021/2

All members of the committee formally stepped down and then the nominations and seconders were put forward (see chart below) and accepted by the meeting. The chair, information and publicity officer remain vacant.

	Nominations	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	no nomination		
Secretary	Pauline	Diane	Brian
Treasurer	Martina	Jan	Pauline
Programme Planner	Brian	Martina	Diane
Information Officer	no nomination		
Publicity Officer	no nomination		
Social Secretary	Diane	Brian	Jan
Membership Officer	Jan	Pauline	Martina

## AOB

Mike asked about the Christmas event in the Church Hall and Brian explained that the church was not taking bookings at this time, but if this got sorted, we would look at a Christmas event.

Nick asked if the committee was happy with the changes to the meet up recruitment membership and it was agreed this was a good move and working well.

Special thanks and an acknowledgement of the hard work of the committee were given by Tim P, Dean T and Sarah.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

Pauline Ciereszko  
Secretary for HAWOG