

AUSTRALIAN BUSH POETS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Via Zoom

Wednesday 16th February 2022

Meeting opened: 1.08pm EST

Present: Brian Alston, Tom McIlveen, Greg North, Jan Lewis, Manfred Vijars, David Stanley, Bill Gordon, Meg Gordon, Marion Fitzgerald, Judy Boyd, Peter Frazer, Bill Kearns, Tim Sheed, Christine Middleton.

Apologies: Ray Essery, Irene Conner

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Tim Sheed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (as attached)

Presidents Report (as attached)

Greg North took the chair and declared all committee positions vacant.

Election of office bearers followed.

President: Tim Sheed – nominated by Christine Middleton and seconded by Meg Gordon

Vice President: Ray Essery – nominated by Christine Middleton and seconded by Tim Sheed

Secretary: Meg Gordon – nominated by Tim Sheed and seconded by Christine Middleton

Treasurer: Christine Middleton – nominated by Meg Gordon and seconded by Christine Middleton

Committee: Tom McIlveen, Manfred Vijars and David Stanley.

Victorian Rep: Jan Lewis

Qld Rep: Peter Frazer

NSW Rep: Bill Kearns

WA Rep: Irene Conner

President Tim Sheed took the chair and thanked everyone who returned to the committee.

General Business: **Membership Fees.** After much discussion regarding the increase in printing cost of magazine, it was moved by Manfred Vijars and seconded by Greg North – That the membership fee for posted magazines would increase by \$3.

Therefore single membership for posted magazine would now be \$48. Single with e-magazine \$35

Dual membership for posted magazine would now be \$63. Dual with e-magazine \$50

Juniors remain at \$20 with e-magazine

The number of extra printed magazines would be reduced also from 50 to 25.

CONSTITUTION - “that it was moved and duly passed that the proposed resolutions and amendments to the Model Rules for ABPA be accepted and that these changes be lodged with the NSW Office of Fair Trading by the Treasurer”

Future of Golden Damper. The GD will not go ahead at the revised date of Tamworth Country Music Festival (April). Discussion regarding Conditions of Entry for GD was held and it was decided that the condition that competitors must be over 16 years would be removed.

Meeting closed: 2.04pm