



DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF ECOTOURISM AUSTRALIA LTD

ACN 110 755 694

12:30 AEST Tuesday 13th October 2015

Ecotourism Australia Office 6/67 O'Connell Tce, Bowen Hills QLD 4006

And

Online via Redback Conferencing webinar and teleconference

MINUTES

Members in Attendance in person and online:

Rick Murray (Chair), Claire Ellis, Lizzie Corke, Dan Cove, Tobi Schnell, Angus Robinson, Wendy Hills, Peter Gash, Lisa Testoni, Rob McDowall, Rob Pennicott, Shelley Lavender, Tony Charters, Jen Fry, Michael Collins

Members in Attendance by proxy:

Alysia Brandenburg, Andrew West, Anne Dyson, Brenton Davis, Duncan MacKenzie, Graham McLean, Heath Garratt, Ian Johnstone, Jane Luckraft, Julie Smith, Peter Cochrane, Phillipa Denne, Shaun de Bruyn, Susan Cairns, Kylie Robertson, Cameron Kerr, Cindy Choi, Joanne Issaverdis, Katherine Du Vallon, Noreen Breakey, Rik Thwaites, Rod Quartermain, Russell Boswell

Observers: None

Apologies: Rod Quartermain, Peter Cochrane, Kelly Mackay

Chair: Rick Murray

Company Secretary: Rod Hillman

Minutes: Emily Ellis and Calum Wood

Meeting opened: 12.30pm AEST

1. Welcome and apologies Noted above

2. Confirmation of Minutes from 2014 AGM





Motion: that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted

Moved: A Robinson

Seconded: P Gash

CARRIED

3. Matters arising from 2014 minutes

No business arising from previous meeting

4. Report from the Chair - tabling of Annual Board Report

Chair and Company Secretary spoke to the Annual Report noting the following points

- The combined annual revenue of EA Members is now A\$1.12 billion. It is a very significant sector of the overall Australian economy and our industry.
- EA are now enabling the continued operation and development of the National Landscape program by providing the required administrative and management functions with support from the Commonwealth government.
- EA has reached an agreement with Conservation Volunteers Australia to extend the auditing program for our EcoCertification program using their resources around the country.

Chair and Company Secretary thanked the Board and each of the Directors for their contributions over the past year, and thanked the EA Office Staff for their ongoing hard work for the good of EA and our members.

Motion: that the Annual Board Report 2014 be accepted

Moved: M Collins

Seconded: L Corke

CARRIED

Director, Shelly Lavender thanked EA Staff for their hard work

5. Finance Report – tabling of Audited Statements

Company Secretary spoke to Audited Statements noting

the following points





- Surplus of \$31,000 over the past financial year.
- Sustainable growth in membership, partnerships and revenue projected to continue into next financial year.
- Strong financial position and increased resilience.

Motion: that the Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: S Lavender

Seconded: M Collins

CARRIED

Director, Tony Charters noted excellent turn around in finances

Director, Peter Gash congratulated EA and Company Secretary for their efforts and financial management

6. Election of Board Members

The Chairman thanked all five retiring Directors for their contribution to the company during their term.

He then passed the AGM to the Company Secretary to conduct the Election of Directors.

EA have received five nominations, therefore an election was held at the AGM to fill five Director positions. The ten nominees were: Rick Murray, Claire Ellis, Lizzie Corke, Peter Gash, Rod Quartermain, Michele Bain, Sharon Salvestrin, Robert Pennicott, Wendy Hills and Kelly Mackay.

Election was conducted by poll using Survey Monkey, automatically tallied, and results were announced by the Company Secretary.

The following five nominees were successful and were officially appointed as Directors for a two year term: Claire Ellis, Rick Murray, Rob Pennicott, Rod Quartermain and Wendy Hills.

Rick Murray resumed the Chair and congratulated newly elected and reelected board members.

Chair thanked all of the other nominees for their commitment and willingness to serve as Directors. He encouraged them to engage as members of some of our sub-committees and working Groups. Leaving the board are Peter Gash and Lizzie Cork.

Chair thanked Lizzie and Peter for their time & efforts on the board and encouraged their ongoing involvement with Ecotourism Australia.





Motion: that the polling ballots and proxy forms be destroyed.

Moved: M. Collins

Seconded: S. Lavender

CARRIED

Peter Gash thanked all for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors, and gave his best wishes to new Board Members

Lizzie Corke also thanked EA all for the opportunity, agreed with Peter Gash's comments

Director, Daniel Cove congratulated new Directors and expressed sincere appreciation to Peter Gash and Lizzie Corke

Director, Claire Ellis thanked all, with particular thanks to Lizzie Corke and Peter Gash, looks forward to continued collaboration

7. Other Business

Chair opened the floor for questions.

Angus Robinson congratulated board members, asked if Rick Murray will be standing again for the position of Chairman.

Rick Murray advised that he will stand again and that the Election for Chairman and Deputy will take place at Board Meeting to immediately follow this AGM.

Chair thanked all for taking part in AGM and thanked Rod Hillman for his service as CEO and commitment to the industry, our organisation and the Board of Directors.

Meeting closed: 1:03pm AEST

