

Minutes Monaro Folk Society Annual General Meeting 2023

Date: Wednesday 1 November 2023 7:30 pm

Location: Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson St, Weston ACT 2611.

Video conference meeting via ZOOM

Chairperson: David Ball – President

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Present:

David Ball, Jean Bennett (zoom), Estelle Blackburn, Lawrie Brown, Ian Bull, Matthew Gibbins, Roger Gifford, Christine Gifford, Alison Goodman (zoom), Judy Gorman, Bob Hart, Robert Hayes, Bob Hodgson, Moir Holmes, Gavin Holmes, Kirsten Hulse (zoom), Geoff Kell (zoom), Jim Lissaman, Tina Lynam, Eileen Newmarch, Rodney Peters (zoom), Arminel Ryan, Pat Ryan, Mark Simmons, Rebecca Tarrant, Naomi Tarrant (zoom), Colin Towns, David Wardle, Rita Turnbull, Chris Ward.

Apologies:

Mandy Scott, Christine Briton, Anne Mathas, Janine Foster, June Staunton, Debbie Wiltshire, Cassidy Richens and Antonella Salpietro.

2. Attendance Register.

2.1 Confirmation of quorum. Quorum confirmed. 24 in person plus 5 online.

3. Welcome

4. Previous Minutes – 20 October 2022 AGM

Moved: David Ball. Seconded: Rita Turnbull. Accepted.

5. Matters arising from 2022 AGM

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 President's Report

David Ball summarised positive trends in sub-groups. Bush Dancing has restarted. Dancing in the Park very good in 2022-23. Increased promotion, including ABC radio spots, City News and social media. Square online payments introduced.

6.2 Treasurer's Report

MFS is in a good financial position. Made a surplus in 2022. \$1000 from celtic choir joining MFS. We support the Friends of Albert Hall, Australian Choir Organisation, Trad & Now, 2XX, and ArtSound. Eileen Newmarch noted that the Merry Muse has contributed significantly in the past to the MFS revenue.

Vote of thanks to reviewer Graham McDonald. Moved: Ian Bull. Seconded: Moir Holmes. Carried.

6.3 Income and Expenditure Financial Report for 2022-2023

6.4 Assets and Liabilities 2023

6.5 Auditor's Report.

6.6 Public Officer Report and Section 73 Report

6.7 Membership Report

Reports to be Accepted. Moved: David Wardle. Seconded : Rita Turnbull. Carried.

7 Sub Group Reports.

7.1 English Country Dance Report

7.2 Bush Dance Group Report (BDG)

7.3 Canberra Contra Club (not yet provided)

7.4 End of Month Dance Team (EOMDOT) Report

7.5 ISD Annual Report

7.6 Merry Muse Report

Eileen Newmarch looking to have two acts at some Merry Muse events in 2024.
Andy Irving concert to be held in January 2024. Tickets will be sold via TryBooking.

7.7 Settlers Annual Report

7.8 Set In Their Ways (SITW)

7.9 Celtic Choir of Canberra

7.10 Tuesday Night Music Group

7.11 Other Reports

Reports Accepted: Moved: David Ball Seconded: Moir Holmes. Carried.

8 Election of New Officers for 2023 Committee

8.1 Appointment of Returning Officer - Colin Towns.

President Nomination: David Ball

Vice President : No Nomination received.

Treasurer Nomination: Moir Holmes

Secretary Nomination: Ian Bull

Public Officer: Antonella Salpietro

Committee Members: Matthew Gibbins, Tina Lynam; Rita Turnbull; Colin Towns; Rebecca Tarrant.

No other nominations. All elected unopposed.

9 Standing items of business

9.1 Appointment of reviewer

It is proposed that the reviewer for 2023-24 be appointed by the Committee in 204.

Moved: David Ball. Seconded Ian Bull. Carried.

9.2 Membership fees

It is proposed that the membership fees for 2024-25 be the same as determined at the 2022-23 AGM for 2023-24, and that the committee be empowered to reduce the fees if it considers it desirable to do so.

Monaro Musings is not being published at present, so there are no additional mailout costs. The Committee will revisit this if production of the Musings restarts.

Moved: Colin Towns. Seconded: Christine Gifford. Carried.

10. Other business

Mark Simmons said that the address for MFS is the All Saints Church at Ainslie and the phone number is Bob Hodgson's home number. Lawrie Brown and David Ball noted that this was probably a result of Google's own data gathering, and was very difficult to address.

Mark Simmons noted the importance of sub-groups keeping the MFS website up to date. He noted that the What's On page was still showing events from August 2024, and that website editors should review their practices. . Committee to follow up and review the process. Content is updated by the sub-groups.

Jim Lissaman sought more details on membership demographics. Christine Gifford provided a response:

24% had not renewed. David Ball and Christine Gifford are following up. Membership drive required. David Ball looking at this. Couples are now 30. Families: three. Remote down as well. David Ball noted that the membership list as the the date of the AGM had more members (nearly 200) than shown in the Membership Report. David Ball to follow up ahead of the 2024 AGM.

Membership cards: Last year 40% hard 60% PDF. Now 30% hard PDF 70%.

Judy Gorman sought advice on how you show PDF at events. Moir Holmes and Christine Gifford provided a response.

Meeting closed at approximately 8.45pm.