



Willow Wren Club Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD BODDINGTON

10 DEC 2022

Meeting opened 9am

Attendees: Rod Sweet, Helen Dymond, Terry Jackson, Geraldine Jackson, Ron Davey, Julie Davey, Ros Thompson, George Thompson, Colin Steer, Christine Steer, Caroline Fouche, Ron Fouche, Jim Stewart, Lynne Stewart, Alan Griggspall, Chris Griggspall, Trevor Prebble, Chris Prebble,

Apologies: Diane Silcock, Alex Robinson, Sally Brown, Dave Brown, Paul Massarotto, Caroline Massarotto, Blair Shackleton, Kathleen Shackleton

Confirmation of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Moved: Ron

Seconded: Christine

Accepted

Actions arising from the Minutes of the last General Meeting:

Nil

General Business:

Proposed changes to by-laws

The committee feels that we need to update the bylaws. The only change to our bylaws is section 12 titled Committee Membership Tenure.

All office holders, chair etc, can be filled by the same person for no more than 4 years as per the model rules. They can then move to another office say vice chair and serve in that position for a maximum of 4 years. In the end it is quite possible that there is little turnover on the committee.



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The committee would like to ensure that they encourage new committee members to help refresh the ideas and to also make sure that with the welcoming of new committee members that the committee remains in touch with the general membership i.e. not to become the 'purple circle'.

The proposed by-laws section 12 is designed to address this. The recommended changes to the by-laws require that the committee has at least 2 new members admitted at each committee election.

Web Master Role

Elevation of Webmaster/Social Media Position to Membership Committee

At the previous committee meeting held at our Margaret River rally the committee agreed that because of its importance the position of Webmaster/Social Media should be elevated to the committee with the same voting rights as all other positions on the committee.

It was decided that this new position be at the same level as the General Committee Member rather than adding to the official list of Office holders which includes the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Coordinator and Registrar. This was to ensure that we can more easily hold a committee meeting even if a couple of members are away. The quorum is 50% plus 1 of the number of Office holders so at the moment it is $6 \times 50\% + 1 = 4$. If we made the new position an Office holder then the new quorum requirement would be $7 \times 50\% + 1 = 4.5$ which must then become 5.

The management committee seeks the endorsement of the general membership to approve the changes to by-laws which is designed to ensure fresh faces on the management committee

Ron Fourche made a suggestion that these changes be left to new committee, discussion took place about this but Rod insisted that it be done with the existing committee and general members present.

Helen Dymond and Ron Davey spoke about changing the committee regularly and getting new faces and new ideas.

Against this proposal – Nil



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Motion:

To vote for 2 or more people to vacate positions each year.

Moved: Collin Steer

Seconded: Jim Stewart

Carried

Web Master Position:

The Management Committee seeks the endorsement of the General Membership to elevate this position to become a member of the Management Committee

FOR:

Rod spoke about the role and thinks that the Web Master should be a committee member which is important for Quorum.

Ros suggested that there not be two members of same family on committee but unfortunately with such a small club, this may not always be possible.

AGAINST:

Geraldine spoke against the motion stating that the web-site hadn't been long enough in use and it would be better left for another year until all members were familiar with its use and the Web Master is better suited to be a support role.

Vote was held and the FORs won.

MOTION:

Web-master position to be a committee role

Moved: Alan Griggspall

Seconded: Helen Dymond

Carried

Ron Fouche was asked to be an advisor for setting up the role of Web Master.



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There was no urgency for this position to be filled immediately and nominations would be called for in the New Year.

New committee would decide, at next committee meeting, the end date for nominations.

General Meeting closed and AGM meeting followed.