

Minutes for 2020.11.07 ANTaR Victoria Annual General Meeting

ANTaR Victoria

Held at Zoom

07/11/2020 @ 12:30

No. Minutes

1. Attendance

Brigid Knight-Braniff

Jenne Perlstein

Peter Lewis

Angus Frith

John Farlow

Alex Eugene

Sam Porz

2. Apologies, Proxies, Quorum

Apologies

- Ivan Kolker

3. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of last years AGM have been circulated previously

Angus Frith moves with one change: it s ays at the start of the meeting 'location TBC', this needs to be updated

Second by Jill Webb

4. Business Arising of Previous Meeting

5. Correspondence

Brigid and Jenne will be co-chairing today's AGM. They gave an introduction and an overview of how today's event would work. They thanked everyone for joining on Zoom, and Brigid briefly ran through the AGM would operate on Zoom. The 'raise hand' function will be used to vote.

Jenne conducted an acknowledgement of country; acknowledging that we are all on varying land of First Nations people, paying respect for elders past, present and emerging and thank you to any First Nation people here today.

6. Executive Reports

Chairperson report - Brigid

Brigid has announced that she is stepping down from her role as co-chair this year.

Brigid spoke to the fact that this year has been particularly challenging for many, which has allowed her to reflect on her role and the role of ANTaR Vic in the reconciliation space. This space is changing so much and so many more Aboriginal voices are coming through. There is also growing support for these conversations, people are willing to de-colonise their minds and listen to the voices of First Nations. Therefore, our purpose is changing within this space.

Brigid then briefly spoke to the key (albeit limited) events ANTaR Vic undertook this year. Share The Spirit in January was the biggest yet, largely due to the growing 'Change the date' movement. In March, we started working from home, which obviously reduced our capacity. This meant we couldn't collaborate in the office, it was hard for merchandise distribution and so a lot of the work has fallen on Ivan, so thank you Ivan. In May we moved office, to Alexandra Parade, still in Fitzroy. The new space is bright and fresh, we haven't had a good opportunity to use it yet, but look forward to that next year hopefully.

Due to the limitations of the pandemic, we haven't been able to conduct school talks, stalls at events etc. this year. However, we have been able to shift our focus to social media - mainly to grow our reach in this space. Thank you to all the social media team, most of them are studying full time or have full time jobs, but all have put in time and remained passionate about spreading knowledge and sharing Aboriginal voices and stories through social media. The team has grown from 3 to 7 people, and this has encouraged more conversations internally. Our ongoing campaign 'Truth Telling Tuesday' has grown. We have received great feedback from this and it has been able to teach us what things people are aware of and where people need to learn more.

Finally, we again gave a % of book sales during the week of Indigenous Literacy Day to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This year was by far the best we've had, which is indicative of how much people are willing to learn themselves.

Brigid thanks Ivan for all the hard work he has done in incredibly difficult circumstances this year. And thanks particularly for all Ivan's efforts in moving to the new office space, given this was done during lockdown, he did most of it on his own. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers for their dedication, despite not being able to work face to face. We have been able to grow our volunteer capacity. We now have volunteers working towards making the website more resourceful and easier to use.

Brigid thanks Jenne, who has been co-chair the whole time she has been with ANTaR Vic, has provided great guidance and been a mentor. Thanks to the whole CoM. Thanks to Diana and Otis and everyone at Reconciliation vic, it has been great working with you for the last few years.

Chairperson report - Jenne

This year we have continued to build a relationship with key First Nations people. We continue to be strong allies and focus on educating non-Indigenous people.

Next year we are looking to increase cultural awareness training, governance training and to involve volunteers in the committee as much as possible. We need to revitalise the committee in order to grow and expand ANTaR Victoria. The social media committee has been huge for this, we are looking to continue the great work we have

done this space and also look to increase our presence in the marketing space.

Thank you to all the volunteers, Ivan, CoM and Reconciliation Vic. Brigid has devoted her time over 3 years to develop volunteers, mentor them and make sure the organisation runs the way it does. A NTaR Vic would be struggling without her input, we need to acknowledge the huge amount of work Brigid has done. Jenne asked the crowd to show their appreciation with a round of (virtual) applause to thank Brigid for her incredible hard work.

Moved - Georgina Gartland

Second - Howard Tankey

7. Finance Reports

John Farlow

In summary, revenue is down and costs are up, which is not the ideal way to run an organisation, however this is indicative of the year we and many others have had. 2020 ended with a surplus of \$6. Given the circumstances, any surplus is a good outcome.

More specifically, donations are down (\$16,000 compared to \$24,000 last year), however we did have one large donation of \$10,000 last year, therefore this appears to be about even. Membership fees were also down, however merchandise sales were up. This wasn't enough to give us a total revenue increase but again was a good result across the board all things considered - we can only hope next year is more profitable.

As Brigid mentioned, we moved office space this year. Unfortunately the rent situation is not sustainable for us moving forward. We need to look at this and find alternative accommodation next year.

Thank you again to Ivan for his work managing the office and to all the CoM for their efforts this year

John puts motion forward that financial reports be moved

Second Peter Lewis

8. General Business

Nominations for CoM 2021

We have received nominations from the following people:

- Jenne Perlstein
- Jill Webb
- Angus Frith
- John Farlow
- Sam Porz

Those people are automatically accepted

That leaves 5 vacancies, we will now take nominations from the floor

- Peter Lewis
- Alex Eugene
- Natalie Duffy
- Brenda McDermott

John Farlow puts a motion forward that those people are accepted to CoM



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Second Howard Tankey

9. Any Other Business

10. Next Meeting/Close