

Strathnairn Arts Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 26 May 2022

Meeting opened 5pm

1. Attendance

Present - Josie White, Martin Fitzpatrick, Chrissy Grishin, Roger Hancock, Anita McIntyre, Nanette Bak, Peter Haynes, Neil Cobram, Barbie Robinson, Hannah Costello, Vanessa Brettell, Peter Latona, Leo Loomans, Leah Molony

Apologies - Rosemary Brock, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Shannon Wilson McClinton, Tim Bohm, Jill Clingan, Joanne Searle, Jo Hollier

2. Confirm the minutes of the 2021 AGM

Accepted by Nanette Bak. Seconded by Chrissy Grishin.

3. President and Director Reports

Presidents report was given by Nanette Bak on behalf of the President, Tim Baum.

There was one meeting with artsACT regarding the new funding model. Congratulations to Studio Holders for working within the COVID restrictions. In terms of SAA we are operating on a licence until the end of 2022. The Board thanked the Café for their contribution to the life and vitality of the organisation.

The Directors report was delivered by Peter Haynes and included in the AGM papers.

Accepted by Nanette Bak. Seconded by Anita McIntyre.

4. Auditors report – presented by Treasurer Martin Fitzpatrick

The financial transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been audited by an external auditor and found to be in order and in accordance with accounting and regulatory requirements and provided at the meeting. Four items warrant specific comment:

- First: The annual grant from artsACT was \$156,368 – slightly up from the previous year of \$153,867.
- Second: The operating surplus for the year was \$40,677 – up from \$32,776 from the previous year.
- Third: The ACT Government provided \$40,000 a capital-based grant as part of the government's continuing response to Covid19. The funds are being used to refurbish accommodation for an artist-in-residence. At the end of the financial year (31 December 2021) \$6,000 had been paid for works to date.
- Fourth: Also, the government provided \$8,000 as part of its program to organisations to keep them viable during Covid19.

Finally, a big thank you to Strathnairn staff who have continued to manage the finances and accounting to a high standard during difficult times.

Accepted by Chrissy Grishin. Seconded by Peter Haynes.

5. Election of Board Members

Nominations received:

General Members; Nanette Bak, Martin Fitzpatrick

Returning:

President – Tim Böhm

General Members – Joanne Searle, Shannon Wilson McClinton,

Peter Haynes ex officio

All nominations accepted – no vote required

6. Other business - questions raised by members.

When is the maintenance of SAA being moved to Property ACT (Anita McIntyre)? - artsACT are in the process of transitioning to share facility management with Property ACT. It was noted SAA is not provided a maintenance budget. There have been a number of staff changes at artsACT in this area.

How has Covid impacted on SAA administration costs (Neil Cobram)? - SAA has adapted to the changing legislation and requirements. General discussion around how Strathnairn moved through the impacts of not having artists and visitors on site.

Could we combine with other arts orgs to approach artsACT (Neil Cobram)? - Minister for the arts wants to make Canberra the 'Arts Capital 'It was noted that policies don't make an arts capital – artists make an arts capital. Keen interest in licence renewal and concern that a developer could apply. Peter confirmed that artsACT had advised that developers cannot apply. Strathnairn supports a wide range of arts.

Will the doubts over the licence have any impact on the sub-licences (Peter Latona)? - General discussion on the time limit for studio holders and implications on sub-licences. Clarification to be sought by Peter.

Is there any thought of putting the money into building new studios (Peter Latona)? - The Masterplan has had many iterations, including consideration of new studios. The Link building will be given over the SAA and could include new studios. This presents some challenges. The Artist in Residency program is open for applications and we need to advertise for positions.

Meeting closed 5:52pm

