

The Australian Heart/Lung Transplants Association Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

8th December 2019

Held at Hornsby RSL Club, Hornsby

Meeting Opened at 11.20am by Andy Gough

Attendance:

Members: Andy Gough, Peter Knoop, Lyn Kerlake, Lisa Slater, Peter Lewis, Diane French, Rebecca Ellen, Mary Meng, Louise Jones, Bob Boyd, Marilyn Burn, Wayne Broady, Jill Parker, Cody Sheehan.

Associates: Joy Gough, Lea Marheine, John Marheine, Richard Kerlake, Amy Drury, Robyn Lewis, Winifred Garland, Roi Bogard, Robert French, Gemma French, Jo Ellen, Steve Meng, Jennifer Boyd, Diane Pill, James Pill, Bob Burn, Bill Mahommad, Anna Broady, Michael Parker, Ash, Martin Sims (Ivad).

Apologies: Karen Kennedy, Jim and Barb Beverstock, Stephano and Trish Boccanfuso, Robert and Lyn Greaves, Ron Spriggs, Rita Dahdah, Elizabeth Maher, Beau Bedelph

Andy Gough: Introduction of current committee members to meeting and thank you for the past year.

Approval of last Minutes: Accepted Lisa Slater; seconded Lyn Kerlake

Questions arising from the minutes: None

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

President's Report:

Thanks to all members present for adopting the new Constitution at our SGM, this will be forwarded to Registry Services at NSW Office of Fair Trading as required.

Well what a great year! Lots of activity, a great deal due to Committee member Lea Marheine who in her role of roving reporter organised member meetings in different places such as the Manly and Wahroonga wine festivals, and the Gunnedah Get-together, thanks also to Committee Member DLTx Karen Kennedy for her substantial efforts there.

My thanks too to Lyn Kerlake for her amazing management of the foyer stalls & Vice Presidency, Secretarial duties and other tasks that she manages with apparent ease.

Again we thank the "Doll Ladies" for their wonderful support, this year they donated \$17,000 which allows us to assist patients through our Financial Assistance Programme, helping towards the 2 Fresenius Medical Chairs for the Transplant Clinic and towards other aspects of running this Association. We value their efforts very highly, especially in this 35th year of Transplantation, and the beginning of this Association, under the guidance of Dr Victor Chang. The Fresenius treatment chairs for the clinic have an expected date of delivery at the end of January, early February. Thank you to all who have donated towards these chairs and I am sure they will meet all expectations, for both staff and patients.

To all who have donated to the AHLTA through Facebook and our regular donors We also thank you. We hope the new committee can look at other ideas for fundraising given by HTx Ron Spriggs and DLTlx Cody Sheehan for 2020.

MailChimp has become a great success for the AHLTA and we thank DLTx Beau Bedelph for his excellent work and patience in dealing with technical troglodytes such as I.

This year we had to change our Website platform and we thank Darren for his assistance to get us up and running. Darren unfortunately became unwell and we wish him the best for the future.

We've been needing someone who can bring the site up to date and make it more relevant to the younger transplant recipients, consequently, we have great hopes of Cody.

We acknowledge the effort of Kerri Barbour and June Kearns who admin our Support Page for Carers. Both Recipients and carers pages have been of great benefit to many being able to share anxieties and gain encouragement from others.

We know a lot of particularly LTx members suffered with the bushfire smoke and some were hospitalised, we wish them all a full and speedy recovery.

Also Bob Boyd DLTx, had organised a giant fundraiser for the Ahlta at Marrickville, unfortunately it's now postponed to 22nd February 2020 due to Bob's ill health...get well soon, Bob! Put it in your diaries for next year.

Andy the introduced Cody Sheehan who has committed to assist the committee in the following year.

Cody – March 2017 introduced to AHLTA stall and became interested. He has served on several not-for profit boards in the past. His skills include fundraising. He feels he can assist in two specific ways; with the market stalls and engaging the public with what AHLTA does. He proposes to hit the ground running in 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Sheet

The Association remains in a positive financial position however, to continue the work of the Association increased donations and revenue is required.

From the balance sheet (see end of minutes) we can see that the total cash assets equal \$39,688.17 and our total equity is \$168,453.88. Our only liabilities are petty cash reimbursements to committee.

Income: Donations to AHLTA equalled \$26,557.88, mainly thanks to the Doll Ladies and a generous donation from the Blue Sands Foundation. The St Vincent's Market Stalls raised \$4,526.47.

Our activities as well as connecting members raised funds for us. The ferry day showed a profit of \$209.79, however the Gunnedah meeting and Thanksgiving service was a cost to the Association.

Expenditure: Financial Assistance of \$4,519.29 was provided to members. We donated 2 chairs to the Heart/Lung clinic at a cost of \$12,260. Other member activities cost \$7,207.94 This includes a regular donation to AHLTA House, maintaining the Aquarium in the clinic, post office box and postage of Bugles.

The money we raise is mainly going out to the members or being used for member activities.

Membership report:

This year we welcomed 40 new members which is a good result but we are still missing people as there are many more than 40 transplants performed in a year at the hospital. We have 2 new members waiting for their transplant and we hope their call comes soon.

Currently we have 543 members and 236 active email addresses. Emails allow us to send our Bugle and messages much more cost effectively than mail so we hope to collect more.

It is important to notify AHLTA of a change of address or contact email so we can continue to send you information and the Bugle.

The Facebook Carers support page is a good connection for carers and has interesting information.

All committee positions were declared vacant and Richard Kerslake was invited to take the chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – RICHARD KERSLAKE

President – Andy Gough – nominated by Louise Jones; seconded Lisa Slater

Vice President – Lyn Kerslake – nominated by Lisa Slater; seconded Cody Sheehan

Secretary – Louise Jones – nominated by Cody Sheehan; seconded Andy Gough

Treasurer- Cody Sheehan - nominated by Louise Jones; seconded by Andy Gough.

Ordinary Member-

Bob Boyd - nominated by Lyn Kerslake; seconded by Andy Gough

Ron Spriggs – nominated by Andy Gough; seconded Lyn Kerslake

Karen Kennedy – nominated by Andy Gough; seconded Lyn Kerslake

Beau Bedelph – nominated Andy Gough; seconded Joy Gough

Lea Marheine – nominated by Lyn Kerslake; seconded Joy Gough

Jenny Boyd - nominated by Andy Gough; seconded Peter Lewis

Joy Gough – nominated by Louise Jones; seconded Cody Sheehan

Richard introduced new President – Andy Gough who thanked those present for putting their trust in the new committee, he welcomed new Committee members HTx Louise Jones and DLLvx Cody Sheehan, and is excited to meet the challenges of 2020 being fundraising, Membership Support, support for organ donation and assistance to the Clinic where possible. Andy also thanked Lea Marheine for her excellent Treasurers Report which clearly detailed the different areas of AHLTA expenditure through the year.

He thanked all present and on behalf of the committee wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting Closed: 12.00pm

Signed: Andy Gough

President

Australian Heart Lung Transplants Assoc

Balance Sheet

As of October 2019

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$11,154.11	
Power Saver	\$28,534.08	
Total Cash On Hand	<u>\$39,688.17</u>	
Investments		
Fixed Interest Investments	\$127,365.50	
Total Investments	<u>\$127,365.50</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>\$167,053.67</u>
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Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$1,683.17	
GST Liabilities		
GST Paid	<u>-\$3,083.33</u>	
Total GST Liabilities	<u>-\$3,083.33</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-\$1,400.16</u>
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Net Assets		<u>\$168,453.83</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$9,963.01	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,772.60	
Historical Balancing	\$162,263.42	
Total Equity		<u>\$168,453.83</u>