



DRAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2017

ATTENDANCE

1. PRESENT

40+ members in attendance

2. APOLOGIES

Ceri Pearce, Golo Maurer, Virginia Simmonds, Mikey Kudo, Pippi Cannon, Helen Larson, Jeff Larson, Doug Herrington, Eleanor Scrambler

PROCEEDINGS

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, AND APOLOGIES

- Meeting held at Malanda Hotel, Malanda declared open at 7:00pm by Kath Shurcliff (Convenor).
- Meeting attendance and apologies taken (Secretary).

2. MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Kath Shurcliff opened floor to questions and comments on 2016 Annual General Meeting meeting minutes. No questions or comments received.
- Kath Shurcliff move to accept 2016 Annual General Meeting meeting minutes, seconded by Renee Cassels, unanimously accepted.

3. CONVENOR'S REPORT

- 2016 Convenor's Report (attached to these minutes) prepared and presented by Kath Shurcliff.
- Kath Shurcliff moved to accept 2016 Convenor's Report, seconded by Martin Willis, unanimously accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 2016 Treasurer's Report (attached to these minutes) prepared by Wendy Cooper and presented.
- \$34,618.35 in bank as at 31 December 2016.
- Profit & Loss – \$3,588 loss (Grasswren Survey landowner gift, scope and speakers).
- Wendy Cooper moved to accept 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kath Shurcliff, unanimously accepted.

5. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- Kath Shurcliff vacated the chair and all positions were declared vacant. Gary Wilson lead the election of the new committee. The following were elected, with only one nomination received per position:
 - o Convenor – Kath Shurcliff (nom. Graham Harrington, sec. Wendy Copper)

- o Deputy Convenor – Martin Willis (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Graham Harrington)
- o Secretary – Renee Cassels (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Ceri Pearce)
- o Treasurer – Wendy Cooper (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Graham Harrington)
- Current members of committee renominated and elected unopposed:
 - o Ceri Pearce (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Graham Harrington)
 - o Hidetoshi (Mikey) Kudo (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Renee Cassels)
 - o Graham Harrington (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Ceri Pearce)
 - o Sam Willis (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Peter Valentine)
 - o Tom Collis (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Peter Valentine)
 - o Peter Valentine (nom. Kath Shurcliff, sec. Graham harrington)
- Additional committee member nominated and elected:
 - o Ray Pierce (nom. Graham Harrington, sec. Kath Shurcliff)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Kath Shurcliff thanked retiring committee member Virginia Simmonds for her many years of service and work on the committee.
- Graham Harrington thanked KS for her ongoing dedication, hard work and contribution to BLNQ on behalf of the Committee and members.
- Kath Shurcliff advised that after the March 2017 edition, BirdLife Northern Queensland's Contact Call member newsletter will no longer be sent out in hard copy.

7. MEETING CLOSE

- Meeting closed at 7:30pm.
- Meeting followed by a presentation by Prof. Steve Turton on "Climate change and human activities: Evidence and implications for Far North Queensland".

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary, Renée Cassels.