

Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.
Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting
held at WhiteGum Farm
Saturday 18th August 2018 at 1:30pm



PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING

The President, David Hiscock, opened the meeting at 1:35pm and welcomed all of the members to the 20th AGM. He thanked the days trippers for making the trip and said we had approximately 60% of members at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

There were 26 members in attendance, 1 Friend of Club, 3 past members, and 21 apologies with the Attendance List attached.

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the 2017 Annual General meeting held at Collie Caravan Park on Saturday 26th August 2017 were distributed to all members on 25th July 2018 by email.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were read out by Dianne Young.

Matters Arising:

Alan Parkinson advised that the Constitution states we should have a review, Tier 1 can have an audit or a review. (refer below, General Business)

Alan Parkinson asked if we had enquired into the purchase of a marquee. Chris Young said it had been discussed within the Club and decided that the Club had no need for a marquee in the past 12 months and therefore not required at this time.

Alan Parkinson asked if the Associate Membership category had been passed, he said that he believes it wasn't passed. David Hiscock said he believes it was passed at the 2016 AGM but will follow this up and revert back.

Glenda Olesen asked if anyone had looked into lock boxes for caravans. Helen Schell said they would be handy to have and that they were available from Bunnings for a cost of between \$25-\$35. Chris Young said he had seen one recently that was of good quality and had been purchased on the web, he offered to make further enquiries. A discussion took place over codes that each person could use if they purchased a lock box and then David Hiscock asked for a show of hands from anyone that would be interested in purchasing one and the majority of members were keen.

Margaret Kerrigan mentioned that other clubs have rallies where the elderly can join them for day outings. Gerry Kerrigan said one example was a rally at Busselton where the elderly pay \$25 for lunch and it includes the bus trip to lunch. David Hiscock said it was a matter for Venue Officers to arrange if possible. Chris Young said that he believes we have had several rallies that members without vans have been able to attend, stay in Chalets and members have driven them to various outings.

Proposed Graham Gough, seconded Chris Young, that the 2017 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report prepared by David Hiscock had previously been distributed to all Members.

David Hiscock announced the resignation of Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan, van no. 1. He acknowledged the contribution both Gerry and Margaret had made to caravanning and caravan clubs in Western Australia. He also said it was a sad moment for the Club and he hopes they become Friends of the Club. David presented Gerry & Margaret with a gift and flowers.

Gerry Kerrigan said he had enjoyed their 44 years of caravanning, they have met some nice people and he thanked Sandgroppers for their friendship over the years. Margaret Kerrigan said she had really enjoyed her years and all the people and that she has met.

David Hiscock welcomed all new members and thanked the committee for their work over the past 12 months and especially while he has been working away.

Proposed Margo Nicoll, seconded Peter Celenza, that the President's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report which included a Financial Statement, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet was prepared by Mary Neale and had previously been distributed to members. The Auditor's Report prepared by Alan Parkinson formed part of the Treasurer's Report.

Helen Schell asked why we hired the hall for 4 nights in Jennacubine when the rally is officially only for 2 nights. David Hiscock said the committee discussed the hall and decided to supply the hall for 4 nights on this rally as there was a number of members arriving on Thursday and leaving on Monday. He also said that hall hire for OBT's is reviewed on a case by case basis and for the committee to review and decide in the best interest of members. It doesn't mean its sets a precedence for each rally.

Proposed Clelia Gough, seconded Ronnie Adams, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Alan Parkinson read out the Auditor's Report and then informed the members that he had reconstructed the Sandgroper accounts in a different accounting package. He said that the new package was free and that the old one proved to be cumbersome.

Proposed Elva Littely, seconded Glenda Olesen, that the Auditor's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Rally Coordinator's Report which included a report on 2018 rallies and 2019 proposed rallies was prepared by Ian Moore had previously been distributed to all members.

Ian informed the members that the Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary in September next year and that he has booked Golden Ponds for a meal and rally.

Proposed Clelia Gough, seconded David Hiscock, that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Membership Secretary's Report prepared by Clelia Gough, had previously been distributed to all members.

Clelia reminded members that we now have an "unavailable for rally" section on our website and requested that members fill this in if they are unavailable for rallies. Clelia informed members that the emergency contacts were now up to date and that we were looking to increase member numbers in the club.

Proposed Elva Littley, seconded Graham Gough, that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President

A formal nomination had been received from Glenda Olesen proposing that **David Hiscock** be elected as President. There being no further nominations, **David Hiscock**, was duly elected.

Vice President

A formal nomination had been received from Dianne Young proposing that **Helen Bizzill** be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, **Helen Bizzill**, was duly elected.

Club Secretary

A formal nomination had been received from Helen Bizzill proposing that **Dianne Young** be elected as Secretary. There being no further nominations, **Dianne Young**, was duly elected.

Treasurer

No formal nomination received, however, Alan Parkinson stated that in the absence of a Treasurer he would be happy to do it or if anyone steps up he would help. David Hiscock said that as a committee member he would take on the role with Alan's assistance.

Committee positions

Dianne Young advised that the following had submitted nominations for Committee positions;

Rally Coordinator, no nomination received

Membership Secretary, Clelia Gough, proposed, Dianne Young

Ronnie Adams, proposed, Dianne Young

Glenda Olesen, proposed, David Hiscock

Helen Schell, proposed, Dianne Young

Dianne Young asked members if anyone would like to nominate as Treasurer or Rally Coordinator or if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the above were all duly elected.

New members of the committee joined existing members to continue the AGM.

FEES

Annual subscription

Mary Neal said that she did not want to see fees raised but we have a celebration next year that the Club would like to contribute to.

Notice of Motion

Helen Schell proposed a motion to increase club fess from \$55 to \$65 per annum plus \$10 voluntary payment to RFDS. Peter Neale proposed an amendment to motion and that fees increase fees from \$55 to \$75 per annum plus \$10 voluntary payment to RFDS.

Amended Motion seconded Jim Schell that Club fees increase to \$75 per annum. A show of hands was held, 24 accepted the motion & 2 rejected – Motion Carried

Nomination fees

Glenda Olesen moved that there be no increase in Nomination Fees, seconded Chris Young. Carried unanimously.

Special purpose fees

The President advised that we did not need to have a special purpose fee seeing as the Club fees had been increased.

CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES

It was confirmed that any two of the President, David Hiscock, Vice President, Helen Bizzill, Secretary, Dianne Young and Treasurer, to be advised, be the authorised signatories on the Club's bank accounts.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Format for 2019 AGM

Dianne Young said that it had been suggested at a recent committee meeting that we hold our AGM later each year as many members go away for months at a time during winter and autumn and it would be more suitable around the first week of October. Dianne also said that with our 20th Anniversary celebration rally in September next year and the National rally to be held in October it may be a good idea to hold our AGM at a central hotel. We could all meet for the AGM and then have lunch. Graham Gough said he would second that and Peter Neale suggested we hold the AGM approximately 1 week after the September rally as many Sandgroper members were on the National Rally committee and would be in Albany for much of October.

Glenda Olesen suggested that with so much discussion about numbers being down on winter rallies perhaps we should not hold a rally each month in winter.

Ronnie Adams suggested that we meet somewhere for lunch during one of the winter months and that could count as a rally. David Hiscock said we must not lose sight that we are a caravan club.

Alan Parkinson asked what was happening with our new constitution and said it had been going on for too long. Chris Young said that WAACCI was very close now to having the model constitution finalized. Once this is completed it will be very easy for clubs to adopt this version and then make amendments as each club requires. He said that a few clubs had tried to write their own constitution but it proved very difficult to achieve and it would need to be reviewed each year and the exercise was very time consuming.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 3:40pm

After the closure of the AGM, Ian Fullerton, offered to take up the position of the Rally Coordinator's.

Although not formally mentioned at the AGM, David would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Ronnie Adams for her great work on the Groopers Gossip each month. We all look forward to the monthly read and we are all very grateful for the outstanding effort Ronnie puts in. Thank you very much Ronnie.

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President

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Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS

Attendance List, President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Rally Coordinator's Report, Membership Secretary's Report and Nomination forms.