

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2007 AT PADDINGTON UNITING CHURCH

## 1. ATTENDANCE

**Present** : James Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Peter Miller-Robinson, Christina Mimmocchi, Bruce Cameron, Paul Buckberry, Carol Hirt, Mary-Jane Field, Pam Davis, Terry Clinton, Christine Wheeler, Kathleen Delaney.

**Apologies** : Margaret Walters, Wayne Richmond, Pam Merrigan, Julie Bishop, Sandra Nixon, Alex Bishop

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the AGM held 27<sup>th</sup> August were tabled. Moved Kate Merrigan, seconded Mary-Jane, agreed by majority vote that the Minutes be accepted.

## 3. REPORTS

a) President's Report – tabled. The President outlined progress on key activities of the Folk Federation, future proposals and ongoing initiatives, including the following :

- Henry Lawson Songbook Project.

Response is currently awaited from the Board of the Mechanics Institute regarding the proposal to house the Folk Federation library at the Mechanics Institute's Sydney premises. Christine noted that there are facilities at the Institute in which it may be possible to hold FF activities.

- Portfolio Structure

The Committee established a portfolio structure in 2006/07, which has been adopted in part but requires more active involvement of Committee members to ensure its future success.

- Website

The website attracts an average of approximately 30 visitors per day. Once the new version of the software package is introduced, Wayne will create a training package and undertake further promotion.

- Almost Acoustic

Management of these concerts has been transferred to Eastside Arts.

- Cornstalk

The magazine remains the predominant public face of the Folk Federation. – thanks to Coral.

Members' Social event – thanks to Kate Delaney. Another one in November. Chorus Cup. 4<sup>th</sup> November.

FOG – one meeting during the year. Email discussion group.

Farewell from Chris. Thanks to all.

Moved Kate, seconded Dallas, agreed by majority vote that the President's Report be accepted.

Vice-President Kate Delaney paid tribute to Chris's tireless work for the FF in her 8 years on the Committee and 3 as President. Kate noted that the FF is in a much healthier position because of Chris's efforts and thanked Chris on behalf of the Committee and the FF membership.

b) Treasurer's Report – tabled.

The Treasurer noted the following :

- Membership income slightly increased
- Advertising income has declined, consistent with the trend over the past few years
- Affley money - \$900 held in trust – agreed to determine how this money is to be spent (Kate to pursue)
- In recent months, only expenses have been related to Cornstalk

(Discussion followed on ways to improve the editorial content of Cornstalk. Mary-Jane to discuss with Jim & Dallas & report to 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of new Committee.)

- Weekes & Clements to be reappointed as auditors.

Moved Bruce Cameron, seconded Chris Wheeler, agreed by majority vote that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

c) Membership Report – tabled

Noted that, although membership numbers appear down on previous years, the AGM is being held earlier this year which gives an incorrect view of total membership.

Moved Chris Wheeler, seconded Kate Delaney, agreed by majority vote that the Membership Report be accepted.

#### **4. ELECTIONS**

Chris Wheeler was appointed as Returning Officer. The following were elected unopposed :

President – Christina Mimmocchi

Treasurer – Bruce Cameron

Vice-President – Kate Delaney

Secretary – Pam Davis

Committee – Jim Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Carol Hirt, Peter Miller-Robinson, Terry Clinton, Wayne Richmond, Mary-Jane Field.

The following were approved as bank signatories : Christina Mimmocchi, Wayne Richmond, Chris Wheeler, Bruce Cameron.

The date/time of first meeting of the Committee will be advised.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.25 pm.