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EFA Annual General Meeting

2018-11-24

Meeting Opened

Meeting opened at 4:00pm.

Attendance

Board Members

- Lyndsey Jackson
- Peter Tonoli
- Lachlan Simpson
- Liam Pomfret
- Shaun Haddrill (from 4:51pm)
- Stuart Grieg
- Alex Shlotzer
- Richard Burleigh

Members

- Branda Moon
- Mark Suter
- Angus Murray
- Nigel Waters
- Mi Strom
- Alan Isherwood
- David Cake
- Jon Lawrence
- Andrew Pam
- Fletcher Boyd

- T Wilson-Brown
- Liz Williams
- Richard Prangel
- Ashwin Vasanth
- Simone Denereaz
- Kris
- Eliza Sorenson
- Fiona Tweedie

A quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion: That the EFA AGM accepts the minutes of the 2017 AGM.

There was discussion about the minutes of the previous AGM, and questions were raised about a transcript of the meeting. The original motion was amended to include the attached transcript of the meeting.

Motion: That the EFA AGM accepts the minutes of the 2017 AGM with the attached transcript of the meeting.

Moved: Angus Murray; Seconded: Mark Suter.

2 abstain, 1 against; All others in favour. Motion carried.

Brenda Aynsley

The Chair expressed the EFA's sorrow at the death of Brenda Aynsley, a founding member of EFA. Brenda was an active member of EFA throughout its existence, and her presence will be missed.

The board extended its condolences to Brenda's family and friends on behalf of the members.

Motion: That the board formally recognise Brenda Aynsley's passing and her contribution to EFA.

Moved: Lyndsey Jackson; Seconded: David Cake.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

The Chair discussed highlights from the [2018 board report](#) provided to members.

Particular note was made of the refresh of the board after the 2017 AGM and the subsequent restructuring of staff.

The meeting's attention was drawn to the [report by the audit and risk committee](#).

Motion: That the EFA AGM accepts the Chair's report.

Moved: Lachlan Simpson; Seconded: Mark Suter

1 abstain; All others in favour. Motion carried.

Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

The committee identified irregularities in record keeping and financial management. The irregularities were such that inquiries were made with South Australia Consumer and Business Services (the regulator for EFA's jurisdiction as a South Australian incorporated association) about EFA's obligations to report to the regulator. These inquiries were ongoing.

The committee concluded that poor account- and record-keeping were a significant contributor to EFA's poor financial performance in recent years.

The meeting noted that members had directed past boards to audit the finances of EFA at previous AGMs but these directions had not been acted upon. The committee informed the meeting that no explanation for the failure to act had so far been provided, despite its inquiries. The meeting noted that members had not pressed the matter at the time.

FY2018 Financial Reports

The board commissioned an external firm to audit the financial accounts for EFA for FY2018, and the audited financial reports were provided to members.

The Treasurer, Mr Shaun Haddrill, discussed the reports with the meeting.

Mr Warren expressed his thanks for Mr Haddrill's assistance throughout the year, and congratulated the organisation for having accomplished a clean audit.

Motion: To accept the financial statements and auditor's report as a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation.

Moved: Lachlan Simpson, Seconded: Peter Tonoli.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Appointment of Auditor

The board expressed its desire to once again audit the financial accounts for FY2019.

The meeting discussed the merits of rotating auditors periodically. Mr Warren noted that it would likely be cheaper to use the same audit firm next year, but that changing auditors periodically was a good idea and should be supported. A change of auditor every three years was suggested.

The expected audit cost was discussed.

Motion: That the board will cause an audit of the FY2018-19 financial accounts of the organisation to occur.

Moved: Lachlan Simpson, Seconded: Lyndsey Jackson.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Election of Board Members

The returning officer reported the results of the election of board members.

Board members elected were:

- Justin Warren
- David Cake
- Yassmin Abdel-Magied
- Liz Williams
- Richard Prangell

There was a robust discussion regarding the composition of the board. Matters of board composition were left to the new board to resolve, in accordance with the Rules of the organisation.

Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 6:05pm AEST