

Australian Photographic Collectors' Society Inc.

Reg. No. A0016888V

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019-2020

Opening

The AGM was held on the 18th October 2020 under Victorian COVID-19 restrictions. The Rules of Association provide for participation using technology, and the meeting was held via the Internet ZOOM. The President Rod Reynolds took the chair.

Present (all on-line via ZOOM)

Rod Reynolds, Kevin Saunders, Leigh Harris, Max Amos, Michael Parker, Alex Spektor, John Young, John Werrett, Alan King, Ray Schatz, and Stephen Chung.

Registered Proxies

Proxies were received from Chi Chan, John Corneille, John Millar, Stephen Mills, David Miller and Neill Smith all nominating the Chairman. Also from Wayne Styles nominating Ken Anderson and thus was not counted.

Apology

Ken Anderson

Quorum

The Rules of Association require a Quorum of 10% of the members entitled to vote – that number being 140 members thus the quorum of 14 was met, and the meeting open at 2.00 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 16th June 2020 were previously available from the APCS website. It was moved by Kevin Saunders, seconded by John Young that they be confirmed. Carried. There were no matters arising.

President's Report

Rod Reynolds presented his report which had been distributed to all members in Back Focus NO 115. The President confirmed that the COVID-19 restrictions had impacted on the Societies income for the year but that it was still in a strong financial position. It was moved by Max Amos, seconded by Leigh Harris that the report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

John Young presented his report and financial accounts for the year ended 31st May 2020. These had been distributed to all members. It was moved by Max Amos, seconded by Leigh Harris that the report be accepted. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

The meeting determined that the past practice of appointing a committee of 6 in addition to the executive should continue. The following nominations had been received prior to the meeting.

President	Rod Reynolds
Vice President	Ken Anderson
Secretary	Kevin Saunders
Treasurer	John Young
General Members	Leigh Harris, Andrew Korlaki, Matt Makinson, John Millar, Ray Schatz.

As there were only sufficient nominees for the positions available no election was required and the nominees were declared elected. Under the Rules, the Committee is able to fill vacant positions of General Members without a further general meeting.

Annual Subscription

The Committee had recommended that the annual subscription remains unchanged at \$30.00. This was agreed but the incoming Committee will consider this further in light of the lack of events during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Other Business

The president led a discussion on the major issues facing the Society as outlined in the Annual Report. This included the concern on the lack of quality content for Back Focus magazine, issues with using content published in other magazines and the universal move from hard copy to on-line publication. It may not be practical to produce another issue until 2021.

There was agreement that there will most probably be a drop-off in meeting attendance even when restrictions are eased due to the higher risk of COVID-19 to the Society's age demography.

The presence of a number of fakes held innocently in collections will need to be watched for and managed in future auctions – and this poses difficulty in other forms of advertising and sale.

Those present asked that the outgoing Committee be thanked for its work during a difficult year. Also special thanks to Stephen Chung for his work as Secretary and to Ray Schatz for joining the Committee.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 3.00pm.