

# **DARWIN BUSHWALKING CLUB INC**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on 23 May 2016 at the Nightcliff Scout Hall, 7.15 to 8.00 pm.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jan Allen, Yasmin Barnes, Craig Bellamy, Sue Berger, Mara Dobrini, Chris Duncan, Ruth Eberhardt, Marj King, Margaret Littler, Betty Lum, Alan Moy, Eric Nunn, Emily Pritchard, Amanda Robertson, Sarah Ross, Liviu Schera, Melinda Schera, Sophia Thomas, Verena Tinning, Vali Yousefpour (Duncan Rance, visitor).

### **APOLOGIES**

Kausalya Ajaykuma, Mike Dunbar, Pam Nunn, Andy Peart

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM (25/05/15)**

Members accepted the minutes of the meeting (*moved* Craig Bellamy, *seconded* Betty Lum, unanimous).

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The President's address follows –

“Thank you all for attending our AGM this evening.

And so my first year as Club President comes to a close.

Highlights:

1. Membership has reached the 100 mark!
2. Thanks to last year's committee, and a grant, there was a well- attended weekend of members accessing remote first aid, stickers have been printed with our logo and brochures were organised and printed. The banner is still to come.
3. The DBC Logo was updated.
4. The DBC website has been updated and well maintained. The membership forms have been updated and are online.
5. DBC is now on MEET UP
6. The DBC FACEBOOK page is updated frequently and trip reports and photos are added on a frequent basis.
7. Andy organised a successful weekend for potential LEADERS.
8. Monthly meetings, here at the Scout Hall started off quiet, but the last few have been well attended.
9. There has been a variety of activities; day and overnight walks, social occasions, bike rides, canoe trips, historical walks-all have been offered and accepted by members.

I would like to sincerely thank the committee for giving up their Friday evenings once a month, to meet and discuss and make this club-YOUR club-a thriving, alive concern.

I would also like to thank all those LEADERS that have organised amazing experiences in Litchfield, Kakadu, Katherine and beyond. Without their dedication there would be no walks.

A reminder-this club is run by volunteers-if everyone helps out, then we can only benefit. Get involved!”

Members accepted the report (*moved* Mara Dobrini, *seconded* Marj King, unanimous).

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Treasurer tabled her report (previously circulated via website), particularly noting the NT Government grant income (\$3,299, used to fund the remote first aid course, purchase a replacement EPIRB and promotional material) and the operating surplus for the year (\$1,465). Members accepted the report (*moved* Amanda Robertson, *seconded* Emily Pritchard, unanimous).

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE**

Craig Bellamy took the Chair and called sequentially for nominations. The following were appointed –

- Mara Dobrini as President (*moved* Marj King, *seconded* Emily Pritchard);
- Amanda Robertson as Vice President (*moved* Eric Nunn; *seconded* Marj King);
- (there were no nominations for Secretary<sup>1</sup>);
- Sue Berger as Treasurer (*moved* Eric Nunn, *seconded* Verena Tinning); and
- Eric Nunn (*moved* Sue Berger, *seconded* Amanda Robertson), Ruth Eberhardt (*moved* Jan Allen, *seconded* Eric Nunn), Andy Peart (*moved* Betty Lum, *seconded* Jan Allen) and Jan Allen (*moved* Sophia Thomas, *seconded* Mara Dobrini) as general Committee members.

Mara Dobrini resumed the chair.

## **DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members decided that there would be no change (*moved* Eric Nunn, *seconded* Yasmin Barnes, unanimous).

## **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

The Chair invited Eric Nunn to explain the proposed changes. He noted that amendments were desirable to remove references to Associate Members (of which there were now none) and to tidy up financial administration. The detailed amendments (listed below) had been incorporated into a new proposed Constitution (tabled). He clarified that there would be no change to the treatment of visitors.

Members decided that “the Club adopt the Constitution identified as [www.darwinbushwalkingclub.org.au/documents/Constitution2016.pdf](http://www.darwinbushwalkingclub.org.au/documents/Constitution2016.pdf)” (*moved* Eric Nunn, *seconded* Emily Pritchard, unanimous).

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other formal business, and the meeting closed at about 8pm. Subsequently, in response to a query from Alan Moy, Marj King summarized outcomes from Parks Australia’s review of its Kakadu bushwalking strategy.

Mara Dobrini

Chair

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<sup>1</sup> The Constitution provides that the position will be filled at the Committee’s discretion in due course.

## DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

*In clause 5 (Membership), replace 5.1 to 5.5.7 with the following....*

- 5.1 Any person who wishes to further the interests of the Club may be admitted to membership on payment and acceptance of the annual subscription. If under the age of 16 years, the person would become a junior member.
- 5.2 Any person denied membership by return of the subscription shall be advised in writing.
- 5.3 Each person admitted to membership shall be bound by the Club's constitution and by-laws, liable for such fees and subscriptions as it may determine and, with the exception of junior and unfinancial members, entitled to vote at Club meetings.
- 5.4 A member who has given outstanding service to the Club may be elected at an Annual General Meeting as a life member – who shall have all membership rights without payment of annual subscriptions.
- 5.5 The Club may, for any specified term, elect a patron - though he or she shall not thereby acquire any membership rights.

*.....and revise clause 6.1 by deleting “false or inaccurate statements made in the member’s application for membership of the Club”.....*

*.....and revise clause 7.3 by replacing “full or life member” by “member or life member (but not junior member)”.....*

*.....and revise clause 9.1.2 by replacing “full or life members” by “members or life members (but not junior members)”.....*

*.....and revise clause 10.1.2 by replacing “full member and life member” by “member and life member (but not junior member)”.....*

*In clause 11 (Finance), replace 11.2 and 11.3 with the following.....*

- 11.2 All Club funds shall be deposited into Club accounts at such bank or recognised financial institution as the Committee may determine. Up to four Committee members may be authorised to sign cheques and bank transfers, which shall require two such signatures.
- 11.3 The Treasurer may make payments in advance of Committee approval, up to a limit set by the Committee.

*Delete clause 12 (Common Seal).*

*Insert an index at the front of the constitution, and renumber all clauses as appropriate.*