



## Minutes

### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Venue:** Social Room, John McGrath Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth at 12:10 noon

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the AGM and warmly welcomed the members.

**Attendance:** 14 members and 2 apologies as per the attendance book.

**Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting were available as printed copies and on the WACS website. Motion moved to accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 13 September 2022. Moved Ralph Coombes and seconded by Murray Ryall Carried

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Correspondence:**

In from: Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection – Newsletter regarding meeting procedure for the AGM and General meeting. Also appointing and removing an auditor.

Out to:

Members - Notice of AGM with management position nomination forms

Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection - report of the 2022 financial year.

Motion moved by Ralph Coombes and seconded by Murray Ryall that the correspondence be accepted. Carried

**President's Report.** President Carl Slusarczyk presented his report for the 58<sup>th</sup> year of the Society as in Appendix 1.

Motion moved by Ian Blackwell and seconded by Ralph Coombes that the Presidents report be accepted. Carried

**Show Secretaries Report.** Show Secretary Carl Slusarczyk reported on the May flower show at the Hawaiian Shopping Centre and judging matters as in Appendix 2.

An Awards Celebration Dinner was held on 23 May 2023 at the John McGrath pavilion. The meal was prepared by Josh catering. President Carl presented the trophies, medals and certificates to the prize winners. The highlight of the dinner was the presentation of "Life Membership" to President Carl Slusarczyk by the secretary Michael Drake-Brockman.

Motion moved by Ralph Coombes seconded by Murray Ryall that the Show Secretaries' report be accepted. Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial Profit and Loss statement (See appendix 3) shows an Annual Income of \$5,660.58 and Expenditure of \$8,192 resulting in a Loss of \$2,532.22

The Balance sheet (see appendix 4) shows Current Assets were \$20,335.69 and Current Liabilities were \$0. Total member funds were \$20,335.69

Included in the assets is a \$13,000 Term Deposit.

There was no Auditors report. The financial report is to be reviewed by the committee.

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The full Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30 June 2023 is held by the Treasurer and can be made available upon request.

Motion moved by Ralph Coombes seconded by Murray Ryall that the Show Secretaries' report be accepted. Carried

**Membership report.** Membership numbers are 80 including 8 Life members and no junior members. This was a decrease of 10 compared to the previous AGM

### Election of Officers

The Secretary received only one complying nominations for each of the following management positions.

- **President.** Carl Slusarczyk
- **Secretary.** Michael Drake-Brockman
- **Treasurer.** Colleen Ryall
- **Show Secretary.** Carl Slusarczyk

And one complying nominations for the possible 6 Committee positions from:

- Murray Ryall

A motion was moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Ian Blackwell that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

The secretary also received one nomination for each of the following positions:

- **Newsletter Editor** Carl Slusarczyk
- **Chief Steward** Ian Blackwell
- **IT Manager** Murray Ryall

A motion was moved by Chris Place and seconded by Liz Coombes that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for the following vacant positions:

For the 5 vacant **Committee** positions 2 nominations and acceptances were received from members Elizabeth Coombes and Ralph Coombes. A motion was moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Colleen Ryall that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

**Vice President.** No Nominations

**Assistant Show Secretary.** No nominations

**ACC Delegates.** (2 off) The main roll is the administration of the Australian Chrysanthemum Council and Championship. Meetings are electronic. The championship is held in Perth every 2 years. Carl Slusarczyk is the Current Secretary of the ACC. 2 more delegates are allowed. Michael Drake-Brockman and was the only nomination and acceptance.

Motion moved Colleen Ryall and seconded by Liz Coombes that Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman be the WACS delegates to the Australian Chrysanthemum Council for the coming year. Carried

**WAHC Delegates.** (2 off) The current delegates offered themselves for re-election. Motion moved Colleen Ryall and seconded Liz Coombes that Michael Drake-Brockman and Carl Slusarczyk be the WACS delegates to the Western Australian Horticultural Council for the coming year. Carried

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**Auditor** – No Auditor was nominated. The management committee shall select a reviewer from outside the Society to pass an opinion that the accounts reflect the true position of the society.

There is a Cultivar Register Review subcommittee consisting of Carl Slusarczyk, Murray Ryall and Ian Blackwell in operation.

### **General Business:**

Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Ian Blackwell that an honorarium of \$400 be paid to the Secretary to offset his WACS related expenses from performing his duty as the Secretary. Carried

**Meeting close.** 12:40pm

These are a true and correct record of the meeting. Signed

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

### Appendix 1 **WACS Presidents Report 2022 - 2023**

The society continues to function well despite a lower than ideal number of active members. Fortunately, we continue to attract some new members each year and I hope that they will see enough value in belonging to the society to continue their membership. We have a number of dedicated members who perform all the necessary functions of our society. I would particularly like to thank all of our office bearers for their contributions. In addition, there are a number of other members who have provided service to the society during the year and their efforts, while mostly unsung, are also appreciated. All of our members are valued, including those that we have little formal contact with and hopefully our newsletters, Facebook page and website allow them to maintain their contact with the society.

Our Annual Show was again held at 'Hawaiian Forrestfield' shopping centre. This included the Australian Championship. The show was up to our usual standard and well received by the public and the management of the centre. The central display was once again a highlight.

We were fortunate to have three 'open gardens' including a visit to our Life Member Ron Seaton's home. Ron has been very active in the last two seasons and members were able to see his newer releases and seedlings. Some were also seen at our annual show with two of them being Section Champions. New additions to the range of available cultivars always creates some additional interest and hopefully Ron will be continuing to release some more good ones and other members may be encouraged to have a go themselves. The ABC's 'Gardening Australia' production crew visited Ron and Lynn's home in early May when the blooms were close to their best. Having spoken to the director of the production I know that they were very impressed by what they saw. We all look forward to the broadcast of their work.

I am confident that the society will continue to prosper in the next year.

### Appendix 2 - **WACS Show Secretary's Report 2022 -2023**

The 2023 Annual Show was again held at 'Hawaiian Forrestfield' shopping centre. Due to extensive renovations only one half of the complex was available for the display. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as exhibitors saved a lot of time and energy not having to spread their exhibits so far and wide. Additionally, there was a vacant tenancy opening to the inside of the available building making the setting up easier still.

The central display was the star of the show with the larger cascades being a highlight. The visual effect of the show was by having all exhibits in a smaller area, although there was some crowding of the individual blooms due to a reduction in the number of tables that could be accommodated.

With the show dates being the latest in May that is possible there was some concern about the number of blooms that would be exhibited. Fortunately the number of blooms was about average for the last several years. However, more than half of all blooms shown were exhibited by only two members. Hopefully, other members will have a better season in 2024.

The show incorporated the Australian Championship. There were four entrants which was significantly less than hoped for. Possibly the late show was to blame.

The State Championships were well contested and the quality of all entries was excellent.

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All trophy and championship classes had at least two entries, which is very encouraging. The large number of seedlings that were exhibited was notable and provides something to look forward to when they are flowered at their full potential.

A good number of Novice entries were seen and some blooms were of the highest quality.

The informal floral art classes were well contested and the quality of exhibits was excellent.

After a large number of formal floral art entries last year there was only one at this show.

The show seemed to be well received by the public and the sale of blooms was very successful. The management of Hawaiian Forrestfield were very happy with the show. I would like to thank all those members and friends that assisted with the running of the show. It is a major undertaking and requires a considerable amount of work during show week to make it successful.

Carl Slusarczyk

### Appendix 3 Balance sheet

Statement of Financial position Period ending 30 June 2023

#### Current Assets

	2023	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	7,076	22,608	6,696
Term Deposit	13,000	-	17,904
Cash on hand	260	260	260
Trade Debtors	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>20,336</b>	<b>22,868</b>	<b>24,860</b>

#### Current Liabilities

Membership in Advance	-	70	225
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	

#### Excess Assets over Liabilities

	20,336	22,798	24,635
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Represented by:

#### Members Funds

Accumulated Funds EOY 2022	22,868	24,635	27,098
Surplus/Deficient Funds – Current year	(2,532)	(1,837)	(2,463)
<b>Total Member Funds</b>	<b>20,337</b>	<b>22,797</b>	<b>24,635</b>

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### Appendix 4 - Profit and Loss Statement

#### Income

	2023	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$
Donations Received	150	30	610
Interest Received	-	45	303
Membership Subscriptions	570	765	627
Plant Sales	2,201	1,074	1,798
Presentation Lunch	200	-	916
Raffle Proceeds	102	146	132
Sale Items to Growers	280	217	1,516
Show Proceeds	2158	-	3,537
Sundry Income	-	-	192
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,661</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>9,631</b>

#### Expenditure

Affiliation Fees	213	192	329
Annual Show Expenses	5,272	1,713	6,639
Grower Supplies	-		1,285
Honorarium – Secretary	400	400	400
Internet expenses	148	110	129
Social Expenses	46	40	1,532
Stationary and postage	127	107	481
Venue Hire	1,138	496	748
WAHC GC&S Fair	478	273	376
Sundry Expenses	373	783	175
SquareUp Fees	(2)		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,193</b>	<b>4,114</b>	<b>12,094</b>

<b>Net Surplus (Deficiency)</b>	<b>(2,532)</b>	<b>(1,837)</b>	<b>(2,463)</b>
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#### Notes to accounts

- 1) There was no income from the term deposit because due to very low interest rates being offered in April 2022. The money was reinvested for 12 months in October 2022.
- 2) The Society hosted the Australian Chrysanthemum Council Championships and incurred costs for prize money, medals, certificates and trophies.
- 3) The prize money for the WACS show was increased to \$1 per point.

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society is in a sound financial position going into the 2023/2024 financial year.