



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2020.

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

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

Attendance: 17 members and 8 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 13th September 2019. Moved Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Murray Ryall. Carried

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence:

In from:

Associations and Charities Branch, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Important points on Rules and AGM. 3 year transition period has past. Model rules override any short comings in your existing rules.

Associations and Charities Branch Consumer Protection – FAQ on operating your society with respect to Coronavirus.

Out to:

Members - Notice of AGM with management position nomination forms

Associations and Charities Branch, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, - report of the 2019 financial year.

Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Jenny Olsen that the correspondence be accepted. Carried

President's Report. President Carl Slusarczyk read his report as in Appendix 1. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Ralph Foster that the Presidents report be accepted. Carried

Show Secretaries Report. While the Chrysanthemum Annual Flower Show was cancelled due to Corona virus associated restrictions, Show Secretary Carl reported on location and judging matters as in Appendix 2

Motion moved by Jenny Olsen seconded by John Pascoe that the Show Secretaries' report be accepted. Carried

Treasurer's Report: The financial statement shows an Annual Income of \$3,869

and Expenditure of \$3,087 resulting in a Profit of \$782

Current Assets were \$27,252 which included a Term Deposit of \$17,604.

Current Liabilities were \$155.

Total member funds were \$27,098.

The financial report was audited by Mark Toogood from Audit Services of Western Australia. In the auditors opinion the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the WA Chrysanthemum Society.

A "Going Concern" audit issue was noted as moderate. The basis for this was the impact of Corona virus and decreasing membership.

A copy of the report is with the Secretary.

The full Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is held by the Treasurer and can be made available upon request.

Membership numbers are 72 including 9 Life members.

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded Judith Drake-Brockman that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried

Election of Officers

This part of the meeting was chaired by Ian Blackwell.

The Secretary received 2 complying nominations for the Committee management positions from Fran Cannon and Murray Ryall.

A further 4 nominations were received from the floor for Ralph Coombes, Elizabeth Coombes, Ian Blackwell and Frank Blackwell.

Motion moved Jenny Olsen and seconded by Colleen Ryall that the 6 committee positions be filled by Fran Cannon, Murray Ryall, Ralph Coombes, Elizabeth Coombes, Ian Blackwell and Frank Blackwell. Carried

The Secretary received only one complying nominations for each of the 4 following management positions.

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

A motion was moved by Carol Turner and seconded by Noel Blunt that the 4 management positions be filled as nominated. Carried

New president Carl Slusarczyk resumed the chair.

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

Vice President. Judy Drake-Brockman was the only nomination. Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Colleen Ryall that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Assistant Show Secretary. Judy Drake-Brockman was the only nomination. Motion moved by Noel Blunt and seconded by Frank Blackwell that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Chief Steward. Ian Blackwell was the only nomination. Motion moved by Noel Blunt and seconded by Frank Blackwell that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Newsletter Editor. Carl Slusarczyk was the only nomination. Motion moved by Judy Drake-Brockman and seconded Colleen Ryall that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

ACC Delegates. (2 off) The main roll is the administration of the Australian Chrysanthemum Championship. Meets every year and in 2021 is in Perth. Carl Slusarczyk is the President of the ACC and Michael Drake-Brockman is the Vice President.

A third delegate is required. Ian Blackwell was nominated

Motion moved by Murray Ryall and seconded by Carl Slusarczyk that Ian Blackwell and Michael Drake-Brockman be the WACS delegates to the ACC for the coming year. Carried

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WAHC Delegates. (2 off) The current delegates offered themselves for re-election. Motion moved by Ian Blackwell and seconded by Ralph Coombes that Michael Drake-Brockman and Carl Slusarczyk be the WACS delegates to the WAHC for the coming year. Carried

Auditor – Mark Toogood of Audit Services of Western Australia has advised that he is available to continue his auditing service.

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Michael Drake-Brockman that the auditor be Mark Toogood of Audit Services of Western Australia. Carried.

General Business:

Motion moved by Carol Turner and seconded by Colleen Ryall 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. 12:30pm

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

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

Appendix 1 **WACS President's Report 2020**

The last year has been one of contrasting halves. The success and enthusiasm of 2019 turned to frustration and disappointment due to the arrival of the Coronavirus at the beginning of 2020.

Our participation at the Western Australian Horticultural Council's Garden Clubs' September Fair was again successful due to both the revenue raised through plant sales as well as exposure of chrysanthemums to the horticulturally minded public.

The AGM proceeded smoothly and the Society has continued to be well served by an experienced and enthusiastic management group. I thank all of the office bearers for their sterling efforts and support.

The Distribution Day saw an excellent supply of cultivars across all the Sections which was especially pleasing given that this was an Australian Championship year in Western Australia.

The number of members who were intending to grow plants for show blooms was the most for several years and so I was optimistic that the Annual Show would be a tremendous spectacle.

Unfortunately, the worries and restrictions brought about by the Coronavirus pretty much brought an end to our other planned activities. In particular, the February Garden Clubs' Fair, both of our home visits and the Annual Show were all cancelled.

One bright spot was that the Australian Chrysanthemum Council organised a photographic chrysanthemum show. This show was mainly the idea of the Bendigo group and their efforts in this regard are greatly appreciated. Three members submitted entries, the quality of which were equal to those from other states.

At the season end ACC meeting delegates agreed that Western Australia should host the Australian Championship in 2021, which I hope will again be enthusiastically embraced by our members. It is to be hoped that the trial run this year will ensure that the quality of entries will be of the highest order.

I thank the membership for entrusting the stewardship of this venerable society to my care and I am sure that with your support the society will continue to prosper.

Carl Slusarczyk
7th September 2020

Appendix 2 - **WACS Show Secretary's Report 2020**

Due the cancellation of the 2020 Show there is little to report.

However, it should be noted that Hawaiian Forrestfield were keen to host the show and the Show Schedule and other organisational matters can readily be reused for the 2021 Show.

While we have a number of qualified judges in our society a number of them are active show growers and so there is a potential difficulty in providing sufficient judges for the State and Australian Championships where multiple judges are required. This is being partly addressed by the current judges' training programme which, fortunately, was able to continue despite the cancellation of the show.

Carl Slusarczyk
7th September 2020