



## Minutes, Annual General Meeting,

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the AGM at 12:06 and warmly welcomed the quorum of members.

**Attendance:** 12 members and 10 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 8 September 2020 Moved Carl Slusarczyk 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 2020 financial year.

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

**President's Report.** President Carl Slusarczyk read his report as in Appendix 1. The Society continues to prosper. Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Colleen Ryall that the Presidents report be accepted. Carried

**Show Secretaries Report.** Show Secretary Carl Slusarczyk read his report as in Appendix 2. The show was held just as Corona virus restrictions were eased. The report included the prize winners.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 was presented by Treasurer Colleen Ryall. The Profit and Loss statement shows an Annual Income of \$9685 and Expenditure of \$12,078 resulting in a. Loss of \$2393. The loss was expected due to the once only loss of income from the planned September Garden Clubs Plant that was cancelled due to COVID -19 restrictions. It was decided to still hold the planned activities of the running of the Australian Chrysanthemum Council Championship, purchasing a new trophy and the introduction of Show prize money for the annual show.

The Balance sheet shows Current Assets were \$24,880 which included a 12 month Term Deposit of \$17,904.

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Current Liabilities were \$225 which is membership paid in advance.

Total member funds were \$24,635

The financial report was audited by Mark Toogood from Audit Services of Western Australia. In the auditors opinion the financial report fairly represents the financial position of the WA Chrysanthemum Society. In the opinion of the office holders of the Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society the accounts fairly represent the position of the society as of 30 June 2021

A copy of the report is with the Secretary.

The full Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30 June 2021 is held by the Treasurer and can be made available upon request.

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded Murray Ryall that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried

**Membership report.** Financial membership numbers are 77 including 7 Life members and zero junior members. There are 10 new members waiting verification by the committee as per the rules. This is an increase in membership compared to the previous AGM.

### Election of Officers

This part of the meeting was chaired by Ian Blackwell

The Secretary received only one complying nomination for the president's position. Carl Slusarczyk was elected to the position of President

A motion was moved by Ralph Coombes and seconded by Elizabeth Coombes that Carl Slusarczyk be elected to the position of president. Carried

President Carl Slusarczyk resumed the chair.

The Secretary received only one complying nomination for each of the following positions

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

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

- Murray Ryall

A motion was moved by Ralph Coombes and seconded by Elizabeth Coombes that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

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

**Committee:** Fran Cannon, Elizabeth Coombes and Ralph Coombes were nominated and agreed to fill the position. Motion Moved by Carl Slusarczyk and Seconded by Michael Drake-Brockman that the Committee positions be fill by Fran Cannon, Elizabeth Coombes and Ralph Coombes. Carried.

**Vice President.** There were no nominations. This will be held over to the next management committee meeting

**Assistant Show Secretary.** There were no nominations. This will be held over to the next management committee meeting

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**Chief Steward.** Ian Blackwell has held this position for 20 years and would now like to focus his attention as a Judge. There were no other nominations. The job responsibility is written in the WAHC Gardeners Handbook. This will be held over to the next management committee meeting.

**Newsletter Editor.** Carl Slusarczyk was the only nomination.

**ACC Delegates.** (2 off) The main roll is the administration of the Australian Chrysanthemum Championship. Meets every odd numbered year in Perth. Carl Slusarczyk is the ACC Secretary and is automatically a delegate. Michael Drake-Brockman nominated as the second delegate.

**WAHC Delegates.** (2 off) The current delegates Michael Drake-Brockman and Carl Slusarczyk offered themselves for re-election.

Motion moved Ralph Coombes and seconded Elizabeth Coombes That the Newsletter Editor, ACC Delegates and WAHC delegates be as nominated. Carried

**Auditor** – An audit report was available for the meeting. Position of auditor to be discussed at Committee.

### **General Business:**

Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk 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

Motion Moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Carl Slusarczyk that confirmed that that membership fees remain as \$10 single and \$15 double. Carried.

**Meeting close.** 12:25pm

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

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

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Appendix 1

### **Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society President's Report 2021**

The 2020-21 year was another successful one for our society. Our management team has been quite stable for a few years and all roles have been undertaken willingly and with skill.

The 2020 W.A. Horticultural Garden Clubs' Fair in September was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns but the 2021 Autumn Fair went ahead and was a success. After many years of service to the Horticultural Society Helen Martin-Beck has decided to stand down and we wish her well for the future and we look forward to working with her successor.

Our Distribution Day in October was well supported by growers and purchasers. On a very sad note three of our Life Members, Len Stoakes, Frank Blackwell and Betty Eastlake passed away in December 2020.

Once again the society held two home opens in March and April at Michael and Judy Drake-Brockman's and my home which were well attended.

The highlight of the year was our hosting of the Australian Chrysanthemum Championship in May 2021 after a six year wait. With a lockdown for coronavirus ending only the week before the show we were indeed lucky that we did not have to cancel the show as we did in 2020. Ron Atyeo was a deserving winner of the Championship and his set of five blooms included two of the best that I have seen. His win sees him being the inaugural holder of our new Australian Championship trophy which was commissioned due to irreparable damage to the original crystal trophy that had been donated by Garden City Shopping Centre in 1985.

It has been agreed by the Australian Chrysanthemum Council that W.A. and Victoria will host the Australian Championship in alternate years and this is something that I am sure our members will look forward to.

The Western Australian Show was another success and we are indebted to Hawaiian Forrestfield for their ongoing support. Ron Seaton and I were the State A and State B Champions.

It is very pleasing that our society continues to prosper despite the pressures that all similar societies in Australia have faced and which has led to the demise of many. It will be interesting to see if the Australian Biome project will stimulate a greater interest in horticulture in W.A. in future years.

Carl Slusarczyk  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Appendix 2 –

## **WACS Show Secretary's Report 2021**

The combined 2021 Australian and Western Australian show at Hawaiian Forrestfield was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May and was very successful. A lockdown due to coronavirus shortly before the show was to be held was a major worry but fortunately it ended in time.

We are indebted to our hosts from Hawaiian for the support that they continue to give the society. The central display was again a highlight.

A shortage of specialist judges of chrysanthemums who were not also exhibitors meant that we needed to enlist the help of WAHC accredited general judges to fulfil the requirement for three judges for the Championship classes. Fortunately John and Sue Pearson were able to assist Ian and Jan Blackwell with the judging and it was a smooth and efficient process.

The number of exhibitors was a little down on previous years but the quantity and quality of entries was still good.

There were six exhibitors in the Australian Championship with sashes awarded to the top five entries. They were as follows -

- 1st - Ron Atyeo
  - including Grand Champion & Champion Exhibition Bloom – Kokka Hare Butai
  - Champion Single – Stoakes Freesia
- 2nd - Carl Slusarczyk
- 3rd - Ron Seaton
- 4th - Richard Williams
  - including Champion Decorative Bloom – Champagne Beauty
  - Champion Fantasy Bloom – Yellow Knight
- 5th - Michael Drake-Brockman
  - including Champion Anemone Bloom – Edith Mechen

There were two entries in the State A championship and three in the State B Championship. The major prize winners were as follows –

- State A Championship – Ron Seaton
- State B Championship – Carl Slusarczyk
- Forrestfield Forum Championship – Carl Slusarczyk
- ANZAC Class – Ron Seaton
- Wallace Brook Memorial Medal – Ralph Coombes
- Pockett Championship – Ron Seaton
- Jack Eastlake Championship – Ralph Coombes
- Ken and Gladys May Trophy for Formal Floral Art – Carl Slusarczyk
- Leila Blackwell Memorial Trophy for Informal Floral Art – Jessica Drake-Brockman
- Clive Griffiths Award for Specimen Classes – Murray Ryall
- Allan Aitken Award for Champion Novice – Stephen Lenghaus
- NCs Bronze Medal for the Best Bloom, Cut or Spray of the Show – Carl Slusarczyk – Yellow Ryski

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- NCS Silver Medal for the Best Exhibit of the Show – Carl Slusarczyk – State B Championship

Sale of potted plants and blooms at the show was extremely successful this year due to an experienced sales team and a more attractive product due to the use of attractive plastic sleeves for the pots and bunches of flowers.

The Presentation dinner was again held at our John McGrath Pavilion meeting room with Nosh Catering providing an enjoyable meal. A perpetual trophy was commissioned this year for the Australian Championship and another in honour of the late Leila Blackwell for Informal Floral Art.

I am indebted to members for all the work that they did throughout the year that made the show the success that it was.

Carl Slusarczyk  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2021