



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11th September 2018.

Venue: Social Room, John McGrath Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth. 12.10pm.

Welcome: President Carl welcomed the members.

Attendance: 18 members, Apologies: 13 members.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion moved to accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 12th September 2017. Moved Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Murray Ryall. Carried

Correspondence: This was held over to the General Meeting.

President's Report. The report of a successful year and optimistic future was delivered to the meeting. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Ralph Foster that the Presidents report be accepted. Carried

See 2018 Presidents report in Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report: Annual Income was \$6,882 and Expenditure \$4,643. Profit was \$2,239. Total assets were \$23,657 which included a Term Deposit of \$16,829. Total Liabilities were \$80. Total member funds were \$23,537.

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

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

The full Financial Statement for the period 1st June 2017 to 30 June 2018 (13 months) is held by the Treasurer and can be made available upon request.

Show Secretaries Report. The report of a successful Chrysanthemum Flower show was delivered to the meeting. The show profit was \$1480.

Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Ian Blackwell that the Presidents report be accepted. Carried

See 2018 WACS Show Secretary's Report 2018 in Appendix 2

Honorariums

Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Colleen Ryall that an honorarium of \$250 be paid to the Secretary. Carried

Election of Officers

The President invited Ian Blackwell to take the chair for the election of the office bearers for the 2018/19 year.

President. Carl Slusarczyk was the only nomination. Motion moved by Ralph Coombes and seconded by Murray Ryall that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Newly elected president Carl Slusarczyk resumed the Chair.

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

Secretary. Michael Drake-Brockman was the only nomination. Motion moved by Ralph Coombes and seconded by Elizabeth Coombes that the position be filled as nominated. Carried.

Treasurer. Colleen Ryall was the only nomination. Motion moved by Murray Ryall and seconded by Michael Drake-Brockman that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Committee. Up to 6 members can be elected. Nominations were received from Murray Ryall and Ralph Coombes and Elizabeth Coombes. Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Carl Slusarczyk that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Show Secretary. Carl Slusarczyk was the only nomination. Motion moved by Ian Blackwell and seconded by Elizabeth Coombes that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

Assistant Show Secretary. No name was put forward for election. The position has been empty for some time. The position remains open pending further developments.

Chief Steward. Ian Blackwell was the only nomination. Motion moved by Elizabeth Coombes and seconded by Roy Shilling 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. Carl Slusarczyk, a current delegate offered himself for re-election. Michael Drake-Brockman was nominated. Motion moved by Roy Shilling and seconded by Carl Slusarczyk that Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman to be the WACS delegates to the ACC for the coming year. Carried

WAHC Delegates. (2 off) The current ACC 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 was nominated and elected. Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Michael Drake-Brockman that the position be filled as nominated. Carried

General Business:

Chrysanthemum Register. Discussion has been held with the ACC. Western Australia has gone it alone and updated the register as if it was for the whole of Australia. It is still to be approved. The draft document was presented to the meeting. Active cultivars have been identified and allows for a small copy of active cultivars to be printed. Moved Ian and Seconded Colleen That the register as presented be the new register. Carried

There was no other AGM business

Meeting close. 12:45pm

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

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

Appendix 1 - **President's Report** AGM 11th September 2018

The Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society has completed another successful year. I have been greatly assisted by the excellent work of our Secretary and Treasurer aided by other Management Committee members. In addition many other members have given their time and effort in support of the Society's activities.

While our membership remains at a smaller number than is ideal, we nevertheless have a continuing level of enthusiasm that leads to optimism for the future of the Society and chrysanthemum growing in this state.

After several years of decline our financial balance sheet is now back in positive balance. This is despite an absence of major sponsorships and is due largely to the membership's agreement to forego prize money at our annual show. An increase in our range of trophies has compensated prize winners to some extent for the lack of financial reward and it is thought that the financial strain required to produce a good crop of blooms does not exceed that incurred pursuing alternative sporting, hobby or other leisure time pursuits. We are indebted to former Society office bearers and members who through good governance and hard work established a significant war chest of funds that allowed the Society to weather a period of financial drain.

The annual show is now well established at Hawaiian Forrestfield and the management is keen for us to show there again in 2019. The 2018 show was well received by the public and the central display was once again a highlight after a successful reintroduction in 2017.

Two social days were held in the season with visits to the homes of the President and Secretary.

Our promotion of chrysanthemum growing has included participation in both the September and February Garden Clubs Fairs at the South Perth Civic Centre. A good level of interest was noted from the attending public. Additionally the Society has provided plants to assist with the creation of a heritage garden at the National Trust administered Samson House in Fremantle and to also to assist students at the W.A. College of Agriculture in Harvey with their horticultural studies.

Plant sales at our show and at the Fairs has ensured that exhibition style chrysanthemums are available to the general public as well as providing a useful boost to the funds of our Society.

I look forward to the coming year and am confident that the Society will continue to prosper.

Appendix 2 - WACS Show Secretary's Report 2018

The Annual Show was once again held at the Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre. The show was held from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th May. The show was officially opened by City of Kalamunda Councillor Sara Lohmeyer on Friday 11th. This was our fourth show at this venue and we have now established a good relationship with the Hawaiian management who have indicated a desire for the 2019 show to be held at Forrestfield in 2019.

The highlight of the show was once again the central display featuring formal and informal cascades and charms. Ralph Coombes deserves a special mention for the magnificent plants he produced.

A number of growers expressing frustration with a variety of difficulties experienced that reduced the number and quality of their blooms. However the show still had good numbers entered, with the exception of fantasy blooms which were well down on previous years. Thirteen exhibitors, all WACS members, exhibited a total of four hundred blooms as well as six Formal Floral Art and twelve Informal Floral Art exhibits.

There were two entries in both the State A and B Championships. Noel Blunt added his name to the list of State Championship winners with his success in the State A Championship and the quality of his blooms was of a very high order. There were seven entrants in the Hawaiian Forrestfield Championship, four in the Pockett Championship and three in both the Wallace Brook and ANZAC Memorial classes.

There was minimal competition in the WACS Championships with only Section 8 having multiple entries and Sections 3, 7 Cuts and 10 having no entries. This is most likely an indication of the difficult season referred to above. However the absence of Section 7 Cuts was compounded by an absence of entries in the Specimen Classes as well.

The Formal and Informal Floral Art Classes were both contested by four exhibitors. The Novice Classes were contested by three members with a total of twenty one blooms and containers entered which was very pleasing.

A special exhibit of twelve blooms of Primrose Mount Shasta was an attractive addition to the show.

I look forward to the 2019 Show.