



Minutes of Annual General Meeting, October 19 2023

Meeting held at God's Bandroom 57 Barkly Street Mornington.

Meeting commenced: 7pm

1. Robin Griffiths, President, took the Chair. The Chairman acknowledged the traditional owners, the Bunurong/Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation on whose country the meeting was conducted and paid respect to their elders, past present and emerging.

2. Present: Robin Griffiths, John Nolan, Lysette Ashford, , Dan Swan, Max Wilson (Maxon) Max Clarke-Stringer Michael Clarke, (committee) Helen Griffiths, Jane Nolan, Nayomi Pattuwege, Geoff Carruthers, Maddy Herbert, Alan Long, Marnee Wills, Heidi Luckhurst, Tim Stout, Kym Stout Leigh Vial, Simon Mills, Billy Baxter, Stephen Butler, Chris Davies, Barry Fraser, Bruce Jacques, Marcelle Knapp, Genevieve Mathieson, Lisa Terry, Marty Williams, Carole Patullo, Loraine Bulwyn , Sharon Clarke, Krystabel Forward, Michael Haskett

Council attendees: Tori Hayat, Michael Stowers Howard Nicklas

3. Apologies: Claire Thorn, Tony Robertson, Tim Dewhurst, Sarah Race, Steven Romig, Beth Lawson, Chris Swain, Finn Swain, Chris Smith and Dave Walker and those appointing proxies below.

4. Proxies:

David Hansen appointing	John Nolan,
Jan Barbieri	" John Nolan
Sandra Kane	" Lysette Ashford
Alys Griffiths	" Chairman,
Lisa McGregor	" Chairman
Benn Manie	" Chairman
Tracee Hutchison	" Lysette Ashford
Kris Sommerfeld	" Lysette Ashford
Liz Walker	" Lysette Ashford
Claire Thorn	" Lysette Ashford

The Chairman noted that a quorum of members for a General Meeting was present or represented by Proxy being in excess of 10% of members eligible to vote.

The Chairman welcomed those present, thanking them for attending the meeting noting that the number present appeared to be the biggest turnout for an AGM in recent memory.

5. Minutes of 2022 AGM: The 2022 Minutes, forwarded with the Notice of Meeting were tabled and a motion to accept the 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes was moved by Tim Stout and seconded by Leigh Vial. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Presidents Report: The Chairman, spoke the report prepared by him and committee members, outlining in detail the activities and initiatives, which took place since the previous AGM. The Chairman acknowledged the efforts of the diverse team represented by the Committee. The President's Report is attached. The Secretary responded on behalf of the committee of the untiring work and effort put in by the President and moved a vote of thanks to Robin.

7. Motion to accept the President's Report
moved by Leigh Vial seconded by Tim Stout - Motion carried unanimously

8. Treasurer's Report for year ended 30th June 2023: The Chairman noted that for the second year in succession, the Network committee lacked a Treasurer. Fortunately the contents and subject matter of the financials were straightforward and did not include large figures. The Chairman presented details of the Financial Statements prepared by a qualified person on behalf of the Network, copies being made available for scrutiny by the members. The Chairman spoke to aspects of its contents and noted that despite the lack of external funding resulting in a small operating loss, the Network was at year's end in a healthy financial position and remains so at the date of the Meeting. The MPMN Income and Reconciliation Statements are attached.

9. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report/Financial Statement
moved by Lysette Ashford seconded by Carole Patullo. Motion carried unanimously

10. Item for discussion as required by the MPMN Rules: Should the MPMN charge a subscription or membership fee?

The Secretary confirmed that under its Rules, the members must consider and decide whether or not the Network charges an annual subscription or joining fee. This position must be considered at each AGM. The Chairman stated that he had spoken with Geoff Carruthers who was passionately of the view that the Network should charge its members with an annual subscription to give them "skin in the game" and so that that MPMN was not as reliant on external funding (from Council) in order to carry forward its agenda for the year and the Network should seek alternative means to cover its operational costs.

Geoff, upon invitation from the Chairman, spoke briefly in favour of this proposition. The Chairman then invited Geoff to submit a proposal to the Committee from which a proposal could then be formulated before being submitted to the members.

A show of hands was taken indicating that in principle, the members present were in favour of paying a small subscription (e.g. \$20.00) for membership. An alternative was then suggested that there could be two classes of membership, free and paid.

The Chairman indicated at his current position is that the charging of a membership fee would inhibit gaining and retaining members but that the matter would be further considered by the committee once informed by Geoff's submission He submitted that the resolution be held over until after committee consideration.

13. General Business

A discussion took place following the comments made by Geoff and Robin. Leigh Vial stated that while the Network currently relied on volunteering, the Network would be eligible for certain Council grants which would enable the MPMN to carry out its objectives. He indicated that he had experience in the Council grant process and while not a committee person he had knowledge which would assist the Network in this

regard. There were suggestions made from the floor that Leigh should consider nominating for committee membership to provide the best level of assistance to the Network.

Robin responded saying that he had carried out some research on the available grants and also sponsorship and he would put the results of this research before the new committee to enable applications to be made for eligible funding for MPMN projects.

Marty Williams spoke to commend Robin and the Committee for continuing and revitalising the Network which he had founded over ten years ago.

The question was asked of the secretary as to the current number of members of the Network. The answer given was 328 including both voting and non-voting members.

Musicians are the largest group followed by music industry professionals but venues are under-represented.

12 . Nominations for incoming Committee:

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the following nominations for election or re-election, set out below, received prior to the commencement of the meeting were tabled to the Meeting.

The chairman outlined the duties of committee members including the volunteering of time, skills or experience. He indicated that three existing committee members, Michael Clarke, David Hansen and Maxon, opted not to nominate for re-election and the Chairman thanked them for their service.

Nominations have been received from existing committee, Robin Griffiths, Dan Swan, Max Clarke-Stringer, Lysette Ashford and John Nolan for an additional term and in addition, two members, namely Marnee Wills and Alan Long also nominated for committee membership.

Accordingly, vacancies remain, notably for the offices of vice-president and treasurer and the Chairman invited any additional member present to submit a nomination.

NOMINEE	COMMITTEE POSITION
Robin Griffiths	President <i>(continuing)</i>
-	Vice-President
-	Treasurer
John Nolan	Secretary <i>(continuing)</i>
Dan Swan	Committee Member <i>(continuing)</i>
Lysette Ashford	Committee Member <i>(continuing)</i>
Max Stringer	Committee Member <i>(continuing)</i>
Alan Long	Committee Member <i>(new)</i>
Marnee Wills	Committee Member <i>(new)</i>

12. Election of Office-Holders and Committee No further nominations were received, and all of the above, presented to the meeting for approval are elected unopposed to the positions nominated.

Resolution for ratification of committee appointments: moved by Leigh Vial, seconded by Tim Stout.

No nomination was received for Vice-President or for Treasurer so those positions remain vacant. The Network is entitled (but not obliged) to have a number greater than seven committee members so vacancies remain on the committee.

The Chairman welcomed the new committee members and thanked the existing Committee for their past and continuing service to MPMN.

14. Closure of meeting There being no further business to hand, the Chairman declared the meeting closed but encouraged the members and attendees to remain and socialize and enjoy the refreshments provided.
The Meeting closed at 8pm

Confirmed as a true record of the Annual General Meeting.

Robin Griffiths (Chairman)