

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Event	Annual general meeting
Date	Friday 5 August 2015
Location	QIMR Berghofer Medical research Institute, Brisbane
Chair	Ben Marris
Note taker	Tony Moorhead
Present	Members: Marg Rankin, Lawrie Powell, Ben Marris, Tony Moorhead, James Stephenson, Karin Calford, Linda Rule, Dianne Prince, Katie Goot, Jane Marris, Sheryl Brannan, Tom Brannan, Sheila Stevenson, Cheryl Hicks, Cheryl Thompson Guests: Rob Rule, Jeanette Dixon, John Crowe

Meeting opened at 5.30 pm

1. Apologies

Tony Marshall, Tariya Hyde, Senator Clare Moore, Sarah Weaver, Lyndon Baxter, Patricia Weston, Erika Wylie, Dan Johnstone, Bernie Stevenson

2. Minutes of previous meetings 8 August 2015.

Moved: that the minutes of the previous annual general meeting at Wollongong on 8 August 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Tony Moorhead Seconded: James Stephenson

Approved unanimously.

3. President report – Ben Marris

Ben thanked our two patrons, Mrs Margaret Rankin and Professor Lawrie Powell for attending the meeting and for their ongoing support.

Ben presented his annual report.

4. Treasurer report – James Stephenson

James presented his final treasurer's report.

5. Audited financial statements

The financial statements for year ended 30 June 2016 were provided to members at the meeting.

Motion: That the financial statement as presented to the meeting be accepted.

Moved: James Stephenson Seconded: Ben Marris

Approved unanimously.

6. Appointment of auditors

Motion: That George & Ridgeway, Public accountants, Underwood Queensland be appointed auditors for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Moved: James Stephenson Seconded: Karin Calford

Approved unanimously.

## 7. Election of Office bearers

The following nominations were received by the Secretary.

President: Dianne Prince

Vice-President: Desma Wieringa

Treasurer: James Stephenson

Secretary: Tony Moorhead

Committee member (4): Karin Calford, Linda Rule, Dr Dan Johnstone, Ben Marris

Since the number of nominees was equal to the maximum number of management committee members allowed under the rules of the association, the nominees were declared elected unopposed.

Dianne introduced herself and explained her background and vision for the group. She thanked Ben Marris and other re-elected committee members and retiring committee member Katie Goot.

## 8. Awards

Tony Moorhead announced that the committee had decided to award Certificates of Appreciation to for outstanding achievements raising awareness of haemochromatosis in the community. Last year the awards were presented to Sheila Stevenson, Tony Marshall and Judi McDonald.

Marg Rankin presented an award to Jeanette Dixon of QIMR Berghofer. Marg spoke of the many years of support, guidance and practical assistance that Jeanette provided to her and to Haemochromatosis Australia.

Tony presented an award to retiring president, Ben Marris. Ben has been president for the last six years and is currently fulfilling the role of president of Haemochromatosis International. Ben has provided outstanding leadership of the organisation during a time of great change and has driven great progress by our group.

Karin presented an award to Dr Katie Goot. Katie has been an active member of our management committee for the past three years and is continuing in the voluntary role of GP Liaison Officer. Katie has made great strides in developing GP education options with regard to haemochromatosis and has provided great assistance and advice to fellow committee members, particularly on the INFO LINE, to patients and to her peers.

Tony presented announced an award to Barbra Charles from the Blue Mountains who could not be present. Barbara has been a quiet achiever for haemochromatosis awareness in the Blue Mountains for many years. She organises regular information sessions and get-togethers for people affected by haemochromatosis in the region, distributes HA resources to local clinics, advocated for locals having difficulty with access to venesections and participates regularly in Volunteer Advocate teleconferences.

Meeting closed 6.15 pm

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2015/2016

### Auditor's Report

George and Ridgeway, Public Accountants, have published their audit report dated 25<sup>th</sup> July.

*"In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981, the financial position of Haemochromatosis Australia as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended."*

### Assets

The main asset of HA (in financial terms) is cash, and a small amount of computer equipment.

Combined cash in bank accounts at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 was \$53,819.84

Of course our biggest asset is our members, volunteers (including volunteer advocates & committee members), and public goodwill.

We operate out of our volunteer's premises, so we neither own nor rent premises.

### Income and Expenditure

In the recently completed financial year (2015-16) we experienced the following trends relative to the prior financial year:-

- Income from member subscriptions and from donations fell approx 26%
- Expenses increased approx 2%

The net position changed from just over \$14,000 surplus at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to a shortfall of just over \$7,000 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Financial Year	Income	Expenses	Surplus (Shortfall)
<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>\$62,058.92</b>	<b>\$69,329.60</b>	<b>(\$7,270.68)</b>
2014-2015	\$81,979.27	\$67,706.79	\$14,272.48

Due to our strong savings, the recent shortfall is sustainable for the foreseeable future, and the committee will be taking steps to reverse this position.

**James Stephenson**

**Treasurer**