



BRISBANE SENIORS ONLINE ASSOCIATION INC.

Computer Lessons for the Over 50s

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Minutes for the 20th Annual General Meeting 14th Oct 2021

Held at 1:30pm via Zoom

The meeting was opened by Brian Korner acting as Chair.

- 1. Welcome and Attendance:** Members present to log in to Zoom
13 members were required to form a quorum for the AGM to meet BSOL's constitutional requirement of twice the number of Management Committee members plus one. Brian Korner welcomed 29 members to the meeting via Zoom including our new Patron Mark Tucker-Evans.
- 2. Apologies**
16 apologies were recorded.
- 3. Previous AGM Minutes:** 19th Annual General Meeting held 22nd October 2020
There was no business arising from the Minutes of 2020, so Brian Korner moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Steve Dixon and the motion was carried.
- 4. President's Report**
In his President's address Ron Horst outlined two main areas of interest – Highlights and Issues.

Highlights

- **20 years of BSOL:** Ron noted that BSOL is 20 years old this year which he has been covering with a series of articles in the News and Views.
- **Membership:** increased this year from 604 to 658 which is quite an achievement considering the Covid environment. Ron indicated that this was due in large part to Dick Bennett's effort in obtaining grants which have been used for advertising.
- **Hub Coordinators' Meeting:** held at BSOL Office in February
- **BSOLutions:** held at the Queensland Cricketers' Club in October
- **New Patron:** Mark Tucker-Evans, CEO of COTA (Qld)

Issues

- **COVID:** Managing Covid, disseminating information, and devising Protocols.
- **Staff Movements:** 10 Hubs which have seen some changes in 2021 along with the Office which has also had considerable movement of staff, detailed in Ron's report.

Also included in the President's report:

Publicity: Dick Bennett has worked hard all year to get the word out about BSOL, using many avenues which include, contact with Councillors and MPs, Presentations to multiple organisations, Advertisements in print media such as local newspapers and collaborations with ASCCA and OPSO. Dick has applied for numerous Grants and Donations and has been successful in a number of these which have been used for advertising and have certainly been instrumental in increasing member numbers this year when we are still in a Covid environment.

IT: run by a small group of willing volunteers



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- Mal Gamble and Gary Alcorn look after the PCs, Servers, and Network.
- Helen Gibbs handles Backups.
- Simon manages the website and Mailchimp mailouts.
- Ron supervises the Member Information System (MIS)
- Ron, Dick Bennett, and Margareta deWilde run BSOL's Facebook page.

Newsletter: known as News & Views is published by Editor Simon. It has had a major revamp delivering a more professional looking publication. High quality photos are submitted each month by the Digital Photography group and Brainteasers are submitted by Brian Korner.

Management Committee 2021: Six committee members; Ron Horst, Jonathan Smith, Ethna Brown, Kevin Brown, Richard Bennett, and Les Webb.

Outreach Programs: Hubs organise presentations and information sessions at Local Libraries. Special Interest Groups such as the Digital Photography Group, Linux Users Group, and Apple Group. Presentations at Retirement Villages, Neighbourhood Watch etc.

Resources: Website, Special Interest Groups, ASSCA, Facebook and the BSOL Forum.

Costs: Rent, Insurance, Advertising, IT, Phone services, Printing, and Postage.

Revenue: Learner subscriptions, Grants, and Interest.

Ron moved his report be accepted, seconded by Brian Korner. The motion was carried. On matters arising from the President's Report Steve Dixon asked if the increase in member numbers was mainly due to the new Peninsula Hub. Ron replied that on analysis of the figures this was not the case.

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

The treasurer Jonathan Smith presented his Financial Report for the year noting that revenue raised from subscriptions was 20% up on last year from \$20k to \$24k. Jonathan noted that money raised by Dick Bennett from Grants etc. was around \$6.2k from virtually nothing last year, a fantastic effort. Total expenditure on advertising was \$6.5k resulting in a minimal spend from BSOL funds to cover the gap. This advertising has resulted in a membership increase, contra expectations in a Covid environment.

Expenses were nearly 50% down on last year, 22.8k down from 42.9k. Mainly attributable to the MIS upgrade, and this year has been mostly rent-free (Covid). The cash position is up from 76.8k to 85.2k. Jonathan noted cost cutting had reached the point where there was nothing much left to prune. BSOL is in a comfortable position to survive any future difficult periods.

Jonathan confirmed all accounts have been reconciled and audited by George and Ridgway, Public Accountants, and all regulatory obligations are ready for submission after this AGM.

He moved his report be approved. Seconded by Colin Waugh, the motion was carried.

Matters arising from the report, it must be noted that the Balance Sheet was incomplete. The complete report will be published on BSOL's website.

Steve Dixon noted that we are paying less insurance and asked if we are under-insured. Jonathan



replied that the Management Committee looked at this and decided to take out Public Liability and Volunteers' Insurance only, thus the reduced premium.

Brian Korner asked what the Workshops and Social Functions were that incurred some expense. Kevin Brown replied this comes under the \$500 each Hub Coordinator is given to spend on social functions they organise through the year. He pointed out that most of this money is never claimed.

Gino Contessa asked about the previous year's expenditure being available to members and it was explained that these reports will be published on BSOL's website in due course.

6. Auditor's Report

There being no issues with the Auditor's Report Jonathan moved that the Audited Financial Statements be approved. Seconded by Ethna Brown, the motion was carried. The report will be published on BSOL's website in due course.

7. Appointment of an Auditor for the next 12 months

The Management Committee would look at the appointment of an auditor for the next 12 months.

8. Appointments to the Management Committee

All positions on the Management Committee were declared vacant and the following nominees proposed.

Appointment	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
President	Ronald Horst	Ethna Brown	Kevin Brown
Vice-President	Colin Waugh	Jonathan Smith	Ethna Brown
Treasurer	Jonathan Smith	Ethna Brown	Kevin Brown
Secretary	Ethna Brown	Ronald Horst	Richard Bennett
Member	Kevin Brown	Ronald Horst	Ethna Brown
Member	Richard Bennett	Jonathan Smith	Ethna Brown
Member	Les Webb	Ronald Horst	Jonathan Smith

9. Election of Executive and other Members of the Management Committee

The Chair advised the meeting that as there were no contested positions the nominees were appointed by acclamation. A round of applause was given for the new committee.

10. Other Business: questions from the floor

11. Mark Tucker Evans

Newly-appointed Patron Mark Tucker-Evans gave a short address. He expressed his appreciation at being asked to be BSOL's Patron and that he was looking forward to being involved in the work we do.

12. Meeting closed: 2:20 pm.

Ethan Brown
Secretary

Ronald Horst
President

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