



GRIFFITH BUSINESS CHAMBER INCORPORATED
Annual General Meeting Minutes (67th AGM)
Thursday 15th October 2020 | 6.00pm | Griffith Leagues Club – Southside

Incorporation # Y1358815

MINUTES OF AGM

Meeting declared opened at 6.15pm

Attendance: Amanda Quarisa, John Collins, Paul Pierotti, Pat Pittavino, Peter Schirripa, Natasha Keoller, Darryn Savage, Dean Owen, Sophie Sun, Yani Sun, Denis Salvestrin, Aaron Salvestrin, Ross Davidson, Michael Rowley, Paul Snaidero.

1: APOLOGIES

Matt Gidley

2: PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Pat Pittavino extended his thanks to everyone who attended and especially Paul Pierotti for stepping in as President and being the driving force of Chamber, whilst Pat had been occupied this past year for personal reasons. Pat also thanked Amanda Quarisa for her years of service along with Peter Schirripa for his efforts as Treasurer, Natasha Keoller who this past year came on board with Chamber and John Collins for being returning officer.

3: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM MEETING

Moved: Natasha Keoller

Seconded: Dean Owen

Motion carried

4: AGM FINANCIALS

Financials were made available to download on Griffith Business Chamber website prior to AGM.

Treasurer- Peter Schirripa presented a summary of report and reasoning's behind the figures.

Moved: Peter Schirripa

Seconded: Dean Owen

Motion carried

5. ELECTION OFFICER BEARERS

John Collins was invited to be returning officer & declare all positions vacant.

Nominations for President:

Nominated: Paul Pierotti

Seconded: Michael Rowley

No vote required. Elected, congratulations!

Nominations for Vice-President:

Nominated: Pat Pittavino

Seconded: Michael Rowley

No vote required. Elected, congratulations!

Nominations for Treasurer:

No nominations were received. Called any nominations from the floor. None received, remains open. Peter Schirripa indicated he will stay on as a Casual Vacancy for the time being.

Nominations for Secretary:

No nominations were received. Called any nominations from the floor. None received, remains open. Amanda Quarisa indicated he will stay on as a Casual Vacancy for the time being.

Public Officer: Amanda Quarisa resigned as Public Officer and Michael Rowely has been nominated to take over this role. No election required.

Additional General Committee Members.

The following nominations were received by the deadline and include;

Nominated: Darryn Savage

Seconded: Paul Pierotti

No vote required. Elected, congratulations

Nominated: Michael Rowely

Seconded: Paul Pierotti

No vote required. Elected, congratulations.

Nominated: Heiko Meins

Seconded: Paul Pierotti

No vote required. Elected, congratulations.

Nominated: Natasha Keoller

Seconded: Paul Pierotti

No vote required. Natasha Keoller elected, congratulations.

Nominated: Matt Gidley

Seconded: Paul Pierotti

No vote required. Natasha Keoller elected, congratulations.

7. PRESIDENTS WELCOME

Returning officer handed the chair to Paul Pierotti to give Presidents Welcome.

Paul explained he was not unfamiliar in this role and at the last AGM it was his intention to step back from Chamber as he's been involved for over 20 years. But circumstances last year when our Vice President Josh left, Paul stepped into his role, then with Pat's absence Paul had to step into the Presidents role.

It's been a challenging year, however it's been the best season in agriculture with a mass investment in this industry. Issues of water management, retail, housing shortage/availability, recruitment of staff to fill positions, hospital and it's services, education and tourism remains as concern for our region. Paul believes we must still continue to lobby and do all we can to encourage people to move to our community. Whilst Chamber will still be active in promoting "buy local" and supporting businesses, it's not time to take our foot off the accelerator on these bigger issues. Paul is disappointed there was no election of local government as significant changes must occur and would like to see younger candidates standing.

The structure of Chamber needs a change. Paul is proud of the financial status currently, but it's time to outsource roles and these roles need to be filled by the appropriate people and funded in order to run Griffith Business Chamber effectively. It then lessens the pressure of the volunteers on the committee. Paul's goal is to build a bigger committee of broad successful business people that understand the gaps. Paul and new exec members have identified opportunities with tourism for our region and gaps with some of Council's current strategy.

Griffith has a great opportunity to not only economically prosper but with a change in settings, actually thrive to be the rising star of our nation.

Paul thanked Josh Nadzielski and Sara Pixley for their time and contribution to Chamber in this past year and thanked all committee members. It's everyone's role to support and refer business to business.

8. CLOSE

There being no further business, meeting closed 6.40pm

Minute Secretary | Amanda Quarisa