



Minutes of 2023 annual general meeting

Minutes of the annual general meeting of members of Gold Coast Little Theatre held at the theatre on Sunday 26 March 2023.

Present: Patron and Life member Bruce Shearer; Life members Shane Caddaye (production committee) Del Halpin (production committee) Julanne Shearer (vice president) and Lyn Smith (librarian); members Amy-Louise Anderson (chair of production committee) Flynn Anderson, Wendy Barnes (assistant treasurer) Dean Bradley, Dennis Bray, Chris Catherwood (honorary treasurer) Pam Collins, Monique Dumaine, Lawrie Esmond (technical director) Joe Feeney, Dean Giltinan, Louise Harris, Bella Janssen, Margaret Holmes, Carole Lange, Ralph Lenton (honorary secretary) Sue Lenton, Bev Lloyd, Michelle Macwhirter (marketing manager) Liz Manteit, Laney McLean, Becky Morgan (production committee) Di Morgan, Stuart Morgan (president) Ricky Moss (assistant secretary) Carey Parsons, Kate Peters, Kim Reynolds, Ann-Britt Riget (production committee) Henk Steenhuis (social convener) Lyle Stevenson (building director) Jeffery Walker (bookings officer) Michelle Watkins, Bob Watson (FOH manager) and Shirley Whitehouse.

Opening: Stuart called the meeting to order at 4:17pm and welcomed members.

- 1. Apologies:** Jeffery moved, Becky seconded: That apologies for absence from Life members Leo and Nellie Mevissen and members Louise Anderson, Marilyn Culell and Mary Wallis be accepted. **CARRIED**
- 2. Minutes:** Stuart advised that a copy of last year's minutes had been on the website for members to download and copies were available at the entrance to the theatre, so the minutes would be taken as read. Ralph moved, Michelle Watkins seconded: That the minutes of the annual general meeting of members held on 27 March 2022 as presented to this meeting be approved as a true record. **CARRIED**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes:** None.
- 4. Reports:** Stuart advised that as the reports of the members of the management committee had been on the website for members to download and copies were available at the entrance to the theatre, the reports would be taken as read. He asked if anybody had any questions. There being no questions, Stuart moved, Ricky seconded: That the management committee reports as presented to this meeting be accepted. **CARRIED**
- 5. Audit report:** Stuart advised that as the auditor's report and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2022 was on the website for members to download and copies were available at the entrance to the theatre, the report would be taken as read. Chris commented that all productions during the year had achieved a surplus and for a community organisation like ours to record a loss of only \$2,720 after allowing for \$32,668 in depreciation is a very solid result. Chris moved, Amy seconded: That the audited financial statement as presented to this meeting be accepted. **CARRIED**
- 6. Alliance report:** Ralph reported that we continued to support the Alliance and management committee members attended Alliance meetings when possible. The Alliance had recently lost two of its secretaries and its president had also resigned. Julanne advised that a new president had now been appointed.

Gold Coast Little Theatre respectfully acknowledges the Yugambeh People who are the traditional owners of this land on which we meet. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

7. **Election of management committee and production committee:** Stuart advised that a list of nominees was on the website for members to download and copies were available at the entrance to the theatre. The list would be taken as read.

Thirteen nominees were unopposed and he sought the meeting's approval to declare them elected *en bloc*. The meeting indicated assent.

Stuart declared Stuart Morgan elected president; Julanne Shearer vice-president; Ralph Lenton honorary secretary; Ricky Moss assistant secretary; Christopher Catherwood honorary treasurer; Wendy Barnes assistant treasurer; Lyle Stevenson building director; Lawrie Esmond technical director; Michelle Watkins chair of productions; Jeffery Walker bookings officer; Bob Watson FOH manager; Lynette Smith librarian; Henk Steenhuis social convener.

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There being no change to the presidency, Stuart declared the position of immediate past president would remain vacant.

There being seven nominations for the six vacancies on the production committee, Stuart called for a ballot. He appointed Laney and Ricky as scrutineers. Nominees identified themselves to the meeting. After the ballots had been counted, Stuart declared Amy-Louise Anderson, Shane Caddaye, Monique Dumaine, Di Francis, Becky Morgan and Ann-Britt Riget elected to the production committee.

Ralph destroyed the ballot papers in accordance with clause 22(b) of the Constitution.

8. **Appointment of auditor:** Chris moved, Sue seconded: That Scott Allan of A Counting House be appointed auditor. **CARRIED**
9. **Appointment of honorary solicitor:** Ralph moved, Chris seconded: That Julanne Shearer be appointed honorary solicitor. **CARRIED**
10. **General business on notice of motion:** None.
11. **Any other business:**
- 11.1. **Committee work:** Stuart praised the work of the volunteers on the management committee. Every person on this committee over the past few years had worked well together and were doing an incredible job. He thanked them all and said that with their continuing support we could take our theatre into a bright future.
- 11.2. **Vote of thanks:** Julanne moved a vote of thanks to all those who volunteered to direct productions for us during the year. It was a rare occasion that a straight play had made a bigger surplus than the musicals, as happened with *Pride and Prejudice*. In support of the motion, Chris said the huge amount of work done by volunteers represents how wonderful our theatre is. The motion was **CARRIED**
- 11.3. **Music for plays:** Lyn outlined the changes that communications technology had made to the job of arranging rights and royalties. The only postage involved nowadays was in returning scripts and scores to theatre agents. GCLT had to bear the cost of scripts that went missing.
- 11.4. **Other income:** Kate Peters queried the amount of \$10,234 listed as other income in the audited accounts. Chris advised that this was the insurance money paid during the year for damage and breakdowns.
12. **Closure:** There being no further business, Stuart thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4:43pm.