



EESTI ABISTAMISE KOMITEE

Estonian Relief Committee Limited

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MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 27th October 2019

Taara Gardens Community Hall, Thirlmere

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting commenced at 11:00 a.m.

The Chairman, M. Rampe opened the meeting by welcoming the members.

A minute's silence was observed as a sign of respect to members who had passed during the year.

2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: 20 people plus eight proxies as per Attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Dr Peter Muttik; Tiina Alvre; Madis Alvre

Paid up membership as at the time of the meeting is 36 members.

2.1 Vote Counters

The following were appointed: Trevor Ford; Kai Panov; Hedda Moll

3 AGENDA – ORDINARY BUSINESS

3.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company, held on Sunday, 28 October, 2018

3.2 Annual Accounts and Records

3.3 Election of Auditors

3.4 Election of Directors

3.5 General Business

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 28 October 2018

4.1 These had been circulated via email, and were read out by Secretary Dr Looveer

Correction: Omission from Minutes circulated for AGM 28 October 2018; Tiina Alvre was advised at the AGM held on 22 October 2017 that the number of financial members was 56. This correction has been made to official records.

MOTION: Moved Maie Barrow; seconded Trevor Ford

That the Minutes of the previous meeting (28 October 2018) be accepted as a true record of that meeting

AGREED

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 INTRODUCTION

- This had been circulated with the meeting papers.
- M Rampe read his report to the meeting

5.2 COMMENTS

- Mara Maasepp asked who Aksel Haagensen was (recipient of a grant). Aksel is a young man of Estonian heritage (grandson of Vella Pihlak). His project entails a visit from Eesti to interview refugees and produce a documentary film about their experiences.
This was considered to be a worthwhile project, especially in light of the mass deportations.
Whilst the final documentary film would be housed in Eesti, it could be used around the world.
ERC has stipulated that a copy be deposited with the Estonian-Australian Archives
- Trevor Ford asked about the electronic communication and website – what about people who have no access to computers?
Agreed that we need to provide hardcopy to such members
Hedda Moll suggested a general mail-out to members to find out who would need such hard-copy.
- Hillar Ranniko stated that he disagreed with the comments in the report re the Future Options forum held by the Sydney Estonian House Co-Op.

MOTION: Moved Trevor Ford; seconded Ülle Slammer

That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

AGREED

6 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

6.1 Annual Accounts

- The accounts summary had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting (see attached)
- Treasurer Kaili Ford highlighted that:
 - Total Income received = \$ 79,581.43
 - Grants awarded = \$ 18,845
 - Total expenses = \$ 28,138.85
 - nett profit = \$ 51,422.58
 - Total Equity = \$905,185.48
- The profit for the year is mainly due to the bequeath of approximately \$50,000 from Hans Ots

6.2 Auditor's Statement

This had been circulated with the Meeting Papers (see attached).

The Auditors have given their approval for the accounting for the Company.

MOTION: Moved Pamela Rampe; seconded Aino Loit

That the Financial Report be accepted

AGREED

7 ELECTIONS

7.1 Auditors for Coming Year

- MR proposed that Rick Fitzpatrick & Co be again appointed as auditors

MOTION: Moved Mara Maasepp; seconded Kai Panov

That Rick Fitzpatrick and co. be appointed auditors for the Estonian Relief Committee Ltd for the following year

AGREED

7.2 Directors of the Board for ERC Ltd

- MR explained that according to the current Constitution, the current Directors would be continuing for another year. Hence, there would be no elections this year.

7.3 Change of Company Name

- The Board had proposed that the ERC change its name to:

The Estonian Cultural Foundation in Australia (ECFA)
(Eesti Kultuuri Sihtasutus Austraalias - EKSA)

- The purpose of this is due to the changed nature of the work and functions of the company.
- Trevor Ford: A good idea – the new name will explain what we are and what we do.
- Maie Barrow: Times have changed , as have our functions
- Juho Looveer: This also signals basic changes and the new directions which we have proposed

MOTION: Moved Mara Maasepp; seconded Kai Panov

That the Estonian Relief Committee Ltd (Eesti Abistamise Komitee) change its name to The Estonian Cultural Foundation in Australia (ECFA) // (Eesti Kultuuri Sihtasutus Austraalias - EKSA)

**27 votes for, one against
MOTION CARRIED**

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 AESL and ERC merger and cooperation arrangements

- At the 2018 AGM, it had been agreed to propose a draft agreement, look at necessary restructures, changes to constitution, etc ERC had undertaken all of this work and was in a position to move forward.
- However, there has been little movement from the AESL (Austraalia Eesti Seltside Liit)
- Juho Looveer: From recent emails and AESL minutes, it appears that AESL has not moved re incorporation, and does not appear to be moving in any direction. They have, however, mentioned that they will serve a proposal during November 2019
- Maie Barrow: AESL may have changed their mind, since it was explained to them that Australia needs an overarching body like AESL to maintain its presence at the Estonian world council (i.e. ÜEKN.)
- A major stumbling block is that Liit (AESL) still operates with an Executive which operates on a rotational basis; this may have been appropriate when Liit was formed in 1952, however it makes for an ineffective body these days.
- Juho Looveer to prepare a draft paper for the next ERC Board meeting, to then be circulated to AESL members for consideration

8.2 Future Options process for the Sydney Estonian House Co-Operative

- Annual General Meeting was held on the previous Sunday. There have been some significant changes to the Board.
- ERC may hold discussions with them in this regard
- Hillar Ranniko: The Future Options program is dead and buried .
- Maie Barrow: The AGM was firmly of the opinion that they should refurbish the current premises; no other options were considered.

8.3 Other Matters

- Ulle Slammer asked if a short note with key points from this meeting could be provided to residents of Taara gardens

9 CONCLUSION

- M Rampe thanked RSL Lifecare for the use of the facilities for this meeting.
- M Rampe also thanked the Ford family for their organisation and support on arranging this meeting and the ensuing refreshments

The meeting closed at 11:25 p.m.