



Annual General Meeting 2015

Draft Minutes

Date: 30 November 2015

Time: 11:30 am (followed by pay-your-own-way lunch for those interested in the grounds of University House)

Venue: NFSA Library

The President, Ray Edmondson, opened the meeting at 11.45am. He welcomed members to the meeting. (Present were the full committee, plus members Ross Adams and Richard Keys.)

Apologies: Michael Loebenstein and Rae Mann

Minutes of 2014AGM

The minutes of the 2014 AGM, were accepted. Moved: Michael Pejovic; Seconded: Chris Harrison

Report from the Executive committee

Ray circulated a written report, and spoke briefly to it. His main points were that:

- **EVENTS:** A regular, monthly, series of events, titled *Friday with Friends* had been established. It has proved to be very successful and will continue in 2016.
- **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:** A volunteer program commenced in September this year, with the result that the library is now open every Wednesday afternoon, and volunteers are indexing film periodicals for the FIAF index.
- **ARGONOUTS:** The Argonauts page on our website continues to grow, and now has 365 entries. The Argonauts theme music was added to the *Sounds of Australia Register* in the 2015 set.
- **PUBLICITY:** The Friends published a newsletter three times in the year, created a Facebook page, continued to maintain its website and, with the support of the NFSA, produced a glossy membership brochure and a history of the NFSA brochure.
- **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NFSA:** Our relationship with the NFSA has been generally positive, though not without a few coordination issues. NFSA staff members have been enthusiastic in their support of our events. Ray noted that the NFSA does not have long experience of working with a group like ours or with volunteers. Having David Hogan as our Liaison Officer had been of significant value, but with his retirement in November, we are now waiting for a replacement.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership base is slowly increasing, with the monthly events program bringing in new members most months.

Ray concluded by thanking the committee for its work and support over the year. He also thanked the NFSA's CEO Michael Loebenstein and his staff, particularly our NFSA liaison officer, David Hogan, for supporting the Friends this year.

Discussion centred on publicity options, with Ross Edwards and Richard Keys identifying a number of magazines in which the Friends could promote itself more widely. These include Ross Edwards' own *Dress Circle*, as well as the new *Cinema Record*, and *Real Deals*.

Richard Keys thanked the committee for inviting him to present at November's *Friday with Friends*, and said he enjoyed it immensely. He tabled an email of gratitude from an audience member.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Chris Emery spoke briefly to his report, noting that over the financial year we had made a profit of \$1013. Our opening balance had been \$1577.17, and the closing balance was \$2591.05. He advised that our events, including the memberships they generate, are roughly breaking even. We are, he said, financially sound, having enough money in the bank for current and foreseeable needs.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Moved: Chris Emery; Seconded: Lindy Ross

Election of Committee

Ray advised that we had distributed our notice of the AGM together with information regarding nominating for the committee, more than two weeks before the meeting, as required by our rules of incorporation. As the secretary had received the exact number of nominations required for the committee by the specified date, those nominations were declared elected. The committee will remain the same.

Position	Candidate	Nominator	Secunder
President	Ray Edmondson	Michael Pejovic	Lindy Ross
Vice-President	Chris Harrison	Ray Edmondson	Michael Pejovic
Treasurer	Chris Emery	David Kilby	Chris Harrison
Secretary	Sue Terry	Lindy Ross	Chris Emery
Committee member	Lindy Ross	Chris Emery	Ray Edmondson
Committee member	David Kilby	Michael Pejovic	Chris Emery
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Election of Public Officer

Ray Edmondson then called for nominations for Public Officer. Lindy Ross nominated Sue Terry, seconded by Chris Emery. Sue Terry was therefore elected to the position of Public Officer.

Other business

Ross Edwards suggested that the Friends add a corporate membership to our list of membership types to facilitate group membership at events. Ray said that we would need to check our rules (constitution) and that the committee would discuss this issue at its next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to our auditor Sabine Friedrich who again audited our books in an efficient and timely manner.

Meeting closed: 12.25pm