

Friends of Perry Lakes - 2022 AGM

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 24 October, 2022
Time: 6:00-7:05pm
Location: Floreat Bowling Club

Attendees (20):

Greg Harrison (Chair)	Sue Beattie	Cathy Wallace
John McCann (minutes)	Trish McGarry	Marilyn Boss
Don McFarlane	Clive Addison	Margaret Holbrook
Paul Brown	Tony Harding	Ron Banks
Nicki Mitchell	Pam Ghirardi	Martyn French
Tina Bertilone (on-line)	Chris Rtshiladze	Judi French
Erin Musk (on-line)	Leslie Maher	

Guests (2):

Jenny Anastas	Elizabeth Rippey
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Apologies (4):

Sally Wilson	Peter Turnbull	Jocelyn Sisson
Brian Hewitt		

1. Welcome

Greg Harrison (Chair) opened the meeting at 6.02pm. A quorum was confirmed. Greg welcomed attendees, gave an Acknowledgement of Country and reviewed the agenda.

2. Confirmation of prior meeting minutes

The minutes from the last General Meeting held on February 15, 2022 were discussed. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by Paul Brown and seconded by Sue Beattie. Motion passed.

3. Annual Report Highlights

Greg Harrison discussed the achievements of the group in 2021/22 and thanked the committee and members for their efforts. The key points are included on p3 of the attachment.

4. Treasurer's Report

Nicki Mitchell (Treasurer) discussed the group's financial results in 2021/22. The group's finances are healthy with \$11,101 in income and \$5,853 in expenses for the financial year. The bank balance at the end of the year was \$5,248. The results are included on p5 of the attachment. A motion to accept the financial report was raised by Don McFarlane and seconded by Cathy Wallace. Motion passed.

5. Update on Town of Cambridge Activities

Paul Brown (Works Coordinator) presented an update provided by the Town of Cambridge on their proposed Perry Lakes activities for 2022/23 including weed/grass control and water diversion. The key points are included on p6 of the attachment. Sue Waite and Andrew Head from the Town of Cambridge were acknowledged for their excellent support for the group. It was suggested that the Committee send a letter to Council commending Sue and Andrew for their work.

6. Proposed 2030 Vision and 2022-25 Priorities

John McCann (Secretary) led a discussion on a draft strategy developed by the Management Committee. The draft is provided on p6 of the attachment. The members present were supportive of the draft. John advised that the draft will be issued to all members for a 2 week consultation and feedback period before being finalised.

7. Election of Committee Members

Five of the existing committee members re-nominated for their positions and were all elected unopposed. Cathy Wallace nominated for the role of Treasurer (replacing Nicki Mitchell) and was elected unopposed. There were no nominations for the roles of Promotions Officer, Wildlife Coordinator or Projects/Funding Coordinator. The Committee will seek to appoint qualified members into the unfilled roles to ensure the committee continues to function effectively.

8. Membership fees for 2023

John McCann presented a proposal to maintain membership fees at roughly the same monthly cost as 2022, but extending the membership period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to align with the financial year. Details are provided on p7 of the attachment. A motion to accept the proposed fees was raised by Sue Beattie and seconded by Trish McGarry. Motion passed.

9. AOB

A discussion was held on ideas for future activities for the group. Ideas included installing photographic signage similar to Lake Claremont, hosting a Christmas function, organising a halloween for kids activity, considering wildlife corridors, getting involved in path design and placement with the Town, leveraging the proposed new ecology centre, recording more talks on YouTube and educating cat owners. All ideas will be considered by the committee. Members were encouraged to volunteer to lead and support initiatives whenever possible.

10. Meeting closed at 7.05pm

Attachment 1

**Friends of Perry Lakes
2022 Annual General Meeting**



Agenda

#	Topic	Presenter	Start	Duration
1	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record attendees/confirm quorum (20%/18 members) Acknowledgement of Country 	Greg	6:00	5
2	Confirmation of minutes from Feb 15, 2022 AGM	Greg	6:05	5
3	Present highlights of 2021/22 Annual Report	Greg	6:10	10
4	Present 2021/22 Financial Report	Nicki	6:20	5
5	Provide update from ToC on planned activities in 2023	John	6:25	10
6	Proposed 2030 Vision and 2022-25 Priorities/Objectives	John/Erin	6:35	15
7	Election of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Works and Education elected unopposed Nominations for Treasurer, Promotions, Wildlife and Projects/Funding 	Greg	6:50	10
8	Notification of membership fees for next year	John	7:00	5
9	AOB	Greg	7:05	



2021/22 Annual Report Highlights

- Set up committee, constitution, incorporation and bank account
- Designed logo, website and Facebook page and procured work shirts
- Initiated membership process - currently 89 members
- Secured storage shed, equipment and PPE for weeding
- Conducted 4 weeding days donating 143 volunteer hours
- Planted 2000 seedlings with 53 volunteers and a great BBQ
- Carried out four field walks (water diversion, bird identification, Lake Claremont visit, frog identification) and a talk on lake hydrology
- Engaged 38 UWA Masters students to collate and analyse data
- Publicised activities in the press and on ToC and UBC websites

Our Members in Action





Financial Report

- 2021/22 income \$11,101:
 - ToC Start-up funding
 - Membership fees and donations
 - Grant of \$100 from the Perth NRM

- 2021/22 expenses \$5,853:
 - Work shirts (subsidised by member contributions)
 - Promotional costs (incl website, logo)
 - Tools and equipment

- June 30, 2022 assets \$6,589; no liabilities

FoPL Financial Report - Year Ended June 30, 2022

	2022 FY
Opening Bank Balance - April 1, 2022	\$0
Income	
Membership fees	\$1,200
Donations	\$1,090
Clothing payments	\$720
ToC Start-up Funding	\$7,991
Grants	\$100
Total Income	\$11,101
Expenses	
Tools and equipment	\$861
Consumables	\$310
Incorporation Fees	\$134
Clothing costs	\$3,384
Promotion, Website and Logo costs	\$1,161
Bank fees	\$3
Total Expenses	\$5,853
Closing Bank Balance - June 30, 2022	\$5,248

Assets	
Bank	\$5,248
Tools and equipment	\$861
Spare Work Shirts	\$480
Total Assets	\$6,589

Liabilities	
Nil	5



ToC Plans 2022/23

- Undertake grass control around the planted areas surrounding the lakes as required
- Undertake lake bed grass control over summer as water recedes
- Undertake woody weed control in summer (Japanese Pepper, Cottonbush, Casuarina suckers, Weeping Willow, etc.)
- Propagation of 2000 seedlings for winter planting
- Resolve power supply challenge and commence water diversion before winter

Friends of Perry Lakes Strategy 2022 (Draft)



2030 Vision: *Perry Lakes is a healthy and thriving natural environment that is a sanctuary for wildlife and the community*

Strategic Priorities and Objectives FY23-FY25



Enhancing Habitats for Native Species

- Participate in the control and elimination of **targeted weeds**
- Participate in **native vegetation** re-establishment
- Advocate for enhanced native vegetation planting increasing **habitat establishment** and community enjoyment



Supporting Healthy Water Quality and Levels

- Understand impact of **water levels** on flora and fauna and advocate to maintain levels that support wildlife year round
- Influence water level and quality **monitoring** actions and broad communication of results
- Engage the community to identify and prevent **pollution**



Enhancing Fauna Populations and Diversity

- Understand current **fauna populations** and monitor trends that best indicate ecosystem health and functionality
- Understand **habitat needs** of fauna occupying Perry lakes and surrounding parklands to inform advocacy efforts
- **Enable the community** to increase their knowledge, appreciation and guardianship of native fauna



Connecting People

- Establish a sustainable, interesting and meaningful **membership offering**
- Establish sustainable Friends of Perry Lakes **management committee** processes and develop the pool of active members
- Develop **effective relationships** and trust with key stakeholders including the Town of Cambridge



Election of Committee Members

Position	Nominees by due date	Nominee after due date	Result
Chair	Greg Harrison		Elected unopposed
Deputy Chair	Erin Musk		Elected unopposed
Treasurer	Nil	Cathy Wallace	Accepting nominations
Secretary	John McCann		Elected unopposed
Works Coordinator	Paul Brown		Elected unopposed
Education Officer	Don McFarlane		Elected unopposed
Promotions Officer	Nil		Accepting nominations
Wildlife Coordinator (new)	Nil		Accepting nominations
Projects/Funding Coordinator (new)	Nil		Accepting nominations



2023/24 Membership Fees

- To align memberships with financial year, all new/renewed memberships will expire June 30, 2024
- Membership renewals:
 - 18 month family (Jan 2023-Jun 2024) - \$60 (currently \$35/10 months)
 - 18 month individual - \$40 (currently \$25/10 months)
- New memberships:
 - Purchased before the end 2022 will be at the above prices (1-2 months free)
 - Purchased after May 31, 2023 will be \$40/\$30 (12-13 months)
 - Purchased after November 30, 2023 will be \$20/\$15 (6-7 months)



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