

Y Service Clubs International. - Australian Region Inc.

Reg. No. A0023483B

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the YWCA Club rooms 48 Gertrude Street
Port Pirie, South Australia, on Saturday October 7th 2017.

Bob Fimeri welcomed all to Port Pirie on the occasion of the Clubs 50th Anniversary celebrations.

A special welcome was extended to Asia Pacific Area president Tung Ming Hsiao.

The meeting commenced at 9.50 am with Christine Van Der Zee in the chair following the resignation of Gary Halliday (RD Elect).

1. Present were:

Y Service Club of Adelaide – ICM Russell Jones, PAP Jennifer Jones.

Y's Men's Club of Ararat – Shane Ollie

Y Service Club of Bendigo – Doug Turnbull, Jeannie Turnbull.

Y Service Club of Broken Hill – Ron Farquhar, Ron Symons.

Y Service Club of Central Coast – Graham Wilson, Lyn Wilson.

Y Service Club of Geelong – Alan Knott, (Public Officer), Noel Hooper (DG).

Y Service Club of Kangaroo Flat – Ron Buchan (Regional Treasurer), Jennifer Cameron (RD Y Service Women), Wayne Cameron, Janet Berry, Bill Schmidt (Minute Secretary).

Y Service Club of Port Pirie – Alan Sedunary, Bob Fimeri.

Apologies: P. Unmack, P. Kearin, L. Nicholls, B. Love, B. Richie, S. Richie, J. Pontefract, T. Cliffe, E. Pope, L. Hill, D. Mc Gill, M. Landsborough, T. Biggs, B. Collins.

Apologies were received on a motion moved by A. Knott and seconded by J. Jones. Carried.

2. Voting Delegates and Proxies.

Ballarat Club proxy; Regional Director.

Voting Delegates,

Adelaide, R. Jones.

Ararat, S. Ollie.

Bendigo, D. Turnbull.

Broken Hill, R. Farquhar.

Central Coast, G. Wilson.

Geelong, N. Hooper.

Kangaroo Flat, W. Cameron.

Port Pirie, Bob. Fimeri.
Acting RD, C. Van Der Zee.
Regional Treasurer, R. Buchan.

3. The minutes of the last meeting held in Kangaroo Flat on Saturday October 8th 2016 were received with the following corrections;

J. Cameron was present as RD Y Service Women; I. Randall was from the Bendigo Y Service Club.

Motion; that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 8th 2017 at Kangaroo Flat as amended be received.

Moved, R. Buchan, Seconded, A Knott. Carried.

Business arising;

Central Goldfields Y Service Club – the funds recovered were used to purchase a defibrillator which was installed at the Maryborough Library and Community Centre. The balance of the funds was donated to the Girl Guides and the Scouts to assist with their activities.

4. Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Ron Buchan spoke to the report outlining that;

Separate accounts have been established for Alex Fund, Extension and Investment monies.

He is concerned that payments from the Area are being made in cash.

Two years insurance premiums were paid this year.

No fees have been received from the Y Service Club of Suva therefore consideration has to be given to the club's inclusion in the register of members for the calculation of international dues.

Motion; Moved by R. Buchan and seconded by R. Jones that the treasurer's report be received. Carried.

Signatories.

A motion was moved by R. Buchan and seconded by A. Knott that Gary Halliday's name be deleted as a signatory for the Region's bank accounts. Carried.

Australian Taxation Office. Treasurer R. Buchan reported that a request has been received from the ATO to update the details for the Region concerning the ABN. It was agreed by consensus that the address for the Region be that of the Public Officer and that the persons authorised to act for the Region be the Public Officer, Regional Treasurer and Regional Director.

This information is to be submitted to the ATO.

Authorisation for electronic banking.

Motion. Moved R. Buchan and seconded by W. Schmidt that members be logged in specifically for the Regional Accounts separately from any other accounts that they may have. Carried.

It was agreed that the bank accounts with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank be established with the requirement that 2 tokens are needed to complete all electronic transactions.

Auditors report.

Motion. Moved by R. Buchan and seconded by A. Knott that the auditor's report dated August 15th 2017 be received. Carried.

Motion. Moved R. Buchan and seconded by W. Schmidt the Gary Buchanan be thanked for his services and invited to act as auditor for the current financial year. Carried.

Public Officer, Alan Knott.

Motion. Moved by N. Hooper and seconded by R. Jones that Alan Knott be thanked for his contribution to the rewriting of the Regions Rules and that Alan be re-appointed as Public officer. Carried.

5. Reports.

RD Christine reported that as a consequence of Echuca's decision it is necessary to appoint another member to the position of Supplies Officer.

Y's Menettes / Y Service Women.

Jennifer Cameron advised that she had accepted the position of International Director of Y's Menettes for the period July 2018 to 2020.

Jennifer reported that Y's Menettes / Y Service Women have a membership of 114 in 6 clubs. RD Christine thanked the Y Service Women for their ongoing support for the International programs and extended her best wishes to Jennifer for her dedication and support.

Alex Fund. (I. C. Howard Scholarship).

The treasurer reported that donations to this fund were just short of the commitment required. The importance of ongoing support was stressed. The current recipient is Liz Tesone.

Endowment Fund.

Alan Ballard reported that donations to the fund totalled \$1790. Alan expressed his desire to be relieved of this portfolio as he had served for over 40 years.

W. Schmidt volunteered to take this position.

Web Master.

Wayne Cameron reported that the web site continues to attract in the order of 1000 visits per month. Wayne encouraged members and clubs to continue to provide information about their activities as the web site is a very efficient and cost effective means of promoting our clubs and activities.

RD Christine thanked Wayne for his expertise in establishing and maintaining the web site.

YES scheme.

R. Jones reported that changes had been made to the YES scheme and that all monies would be returned to the Areas.

Portal Buzz.

It was reported that in several instances club details were incomplete as no office-bearers or email addresses were recorded and some club's details were out of date.

Motion. Moved by R. Buchan and seconded by R. Jones that Clubs be reminded that when submitting updates that the alterations be highlighted making it easier to complete the corrections. Carried.

Motion. A motion was moved by A. Knott and seconded by S. Ollie to receive the reports and thanked the RSD's for their commitment to the various portfolios.

6. Changes to the Rules of the Australian Region of the Y Service Clubs International.

As a consequence to the absorption of the South Pacific Area into Area Asia it became necessary to review the Region's rules.

Following detailed examination the report as included in the work book was presented to the meeting by the Public Officer Alan Knott.

It was noted that reference to the Y's Menettes / Y Service Women needs to be consistent by the use of either Y's Menettes or Y Service Women.

There is some conjecture as to the voting rights of Y Service Women. This needs to be clarified and be compliant with the International Constitution.

As there had been considerable input over many months and it was agreed on a motion moved by A. Knott and seconded by R. Buchan that the changes to the Rules of the Y Service Clubs International – Australian Region Inc as proposed be accepted in their entirety.

Carried.

7. Position of Regional Director.

RD Christine reported that Gary Halliday had resigned as RD due to personal and health reasons.

As no Regional Director Elect had been elected Christine had agreed to continue in the role until a replacement can be found.

Motion. Moved by R Farquhar and seconded by Bob Fimeri that Gary's resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

RD Christine called for nominations from the floor of the meeting. No-one volunteered.

RD Christine reported that a meeting of the nomination committee will be convened as soon as possible to seek a suitable person to fill the position. Clubs will be approached to nominate a candidate and if there are no nominations it will be necessary to personally approach individuals. The appointment will be for a period of approximately 18 months to fill the time to which Gary was elected.

The nomination committee has 1 month to complete their work.

The Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 1 pm.

8. General Business.

Report on the Charter of Y Service Club of Perth.

Russell and Jennifer Jones travelled to Perth on September 29th to install the charter members of the Y Service Club of Perth. The club's membership is made up of expatriates from the Kerala region of India who now reside and work in Perth. 13 members were installed but the charter of the club has been delayed until 21st October 2017.

Potential new club in Canberra.

Russell Jones indicated that he is prepared to continue with negotiations towards the completion of the charter of a Y Service Club in Canberra.

Details of the members for both clubs are to be made available in the immediate future.

Clubs in Good Standing.

Y Service Club of Suva.

A motion was moved by R. Buchan and seconded by A. Knott that we cease payment of International dues for this club if they have not paid their dues by 27th February 2018.

The club is to be made aware of the need to rectify this issue. Carried.

Portal Buzz.

Concern was expressed that information to update member and Club details was not being processed. It was agreed by consensus that the executive attend to this as a matter of urgency. Doug Turnbull indicated his willingness to take over the management of Portal Buzz.

Regional Service Directors positions.

Several vacancies exist and as a consequence some activities are not being reported on.

Web Site.

Wayne Cameron advised that he is prepared to continue to update the web site providing clubs submitted appropriate information.

Endowment Fund promotion.

As stated earlier in these minutes Alan Ballard expressed a desire to be relieved of this position. W. Schmidt agreed to act in this position.

Christian Emphasis.

Jennifer Jones indicated that she is prepared to continue in the position.

Payments from Area Asia Pacific.

A motion was moved by W. Cameron and seconded by D. Turnbull as follows; The Australian Region requests clarification of the process of payment both to and from Regions from the Asia Pacific Area.

Our concerns are;

1. Lack of clear transaction trail when cash payments are made
2. Individuals are being asked to carry cash on behalf of Regions, this leads to a risk of loss of monies either through robbery, accidental loss or deliberate misuse
3. Costs of currency exchange should be budgeted for when planning Area/ Region budgets to give a true cost of administrating the Area /Regions.

It is suggested that if required specific bank accounts be set up by Area Asia Pacific to address the clarity of financial transactions as well as other issues that may arise in attending to the above matters.

Carried.

9. Asia Pacific Area.

Area President Tung Ming Hsiao addressed the meeting and outlined the changes to the administration following the creation of the area.

He indicated that he was enjoying his visit and thanked the Region for the hospitality he had received.

10. Update on changes to the International Constitution and Guidelines.

ICM Russell Jones reported that several amendments have been made to both the International Guidelines and Constitution.

Changes to Guidelines have been approved by the International Council. Constitutional changes will be notified to the clubs for voting. Russell indicated that clubs should vote to approve the alterations as the Council was in unanimous agreement on all issues.

Clubs will be provided with the details and the effect they will have on clubs and members.

As there was no further business the Acting Regional Director declared the meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

Members of the host club had prepared a function to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Clubs' charter.