


Atisha **Centre**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 22nd November 2020
11.15 am
Minutes

WELCOME by Chairperson: Jeannie McIntyre – Acknowledgment of Country

ATTENDANCE: Ven Lozang Yeshe, Ven Thubten Gyatso, Ven Gyalten Dondrup, Ven Tenzin Tsapel, Ven Lozang Rigsal, Ven Thubten Drime, Peter Bryar, Sue Fotheringham, Kenneth Fox, Ian Green, Judy Green, Joan Hall, Jeannie McIntyre, Andy Melnic, Alan Molloy, Carmela Quimbo, Robyn Ralton, Kathy Rice, Peter Mead, Tanya Simmons, Jan Stewart (Quorum met)

APOLOGIES: Tom Castles, Karen Breecher, Frank Brock, Di Gee.

MOTIVATION: Venerable Dondrup

MINUTE SILENCE FOR LIAM CHAMBERS, FORMER DIRECTOR, CHAIRPERSON and DEDICATED MEMBER of ATISHA CENTRE

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous AGM 24 November 2019

Motion: The minutes of 24 November 2019 AGM be approved

Moved: Andy Melnic **Second:** Ian Green

Majority YES

No objections

1.1. Business arising from the Minutes: Nov 2019 AGM

No Business Arising

2. Annual Report 2020

- Copy of Annual Report 2020 provided to all members via email 17 November 2020

Motion: The Atisha Centre Annual Report 2020 be approved

Moved: Ven Dondrup **Second:** Carmela Quimbo

Majority YES

No objections

2.1.1 Director's Report

Refer to out going Director Frank Brock's written report in the Annual Report.

Motion: Accept Director's Report as per Annual Report 2020

Moved: Andy Melnic **Second:** Ven Dondrup

Majority YES

No objections

2.1.2 Spiritual Program Co-ordinator's Report

Andy Melnic reported that 2020 has been a year of changes. Many successful events on the programme including Heruka retreat and online programme.

Motion: Accept Spiritual Co-ordinator's Report as per Annual Report 2020

Moved: Tanya Simmons **Second:** Ian Green

Majority YES

No objections

2.1.3. Treasurer's Report – Presentation of audited financial statement

In Tom Castles' absence, Ven Dondrup spoke generally to the Financial Statement. Atisha Centre has a healthy bank balance due to generous donations and Covid 19 support.

Motion: Accept Audited Financial Statement / Treasurer's Report

Moved: Alan Molloy **Second:** Sue Fotheringham

Majority YES

No objections

3. Confirmation or Variation of Annual Subscription and Joining Fee [as per rules 12 and 30(4)(d)]

Motion: The annual membership fees of Atisha Centre remain at the current rates, with the exception of providing the concession rate to members who are under 25 years of age.

Moved: Alan Molloy **Second:** Tanya Simmons

Majority YES

No objections

4. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: Auditing and Assurance Standards Board continue to be Atisha Centre's Auditor in 2021

Moved: Kenneth Fox **Seconded:** Kathy Rice

Majority YES

No objections

5. Special Resolution: Amendments to Rules of Association for Atisha Centre Incorporated

Jeannie briefly spoke to the proposed changes. The proposals were also sent to all members prior to the AGM via email. Jeannie gave time for members present to read proposed changes and ask questions. No questions, no objections.

Motion: The Rules of Association of Atisha Centre Incorporated in the form presented to the Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2020 and initialled by the Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting be adopted as the Rules of Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Rules of Association. The amendments to the Rules made by this resolution are taken to come into effect at the time the resolution is passed

Moved: Ian Green

Second: Sue Fotheringham

All in Agreement

No objections

6. Election of Office Bearers

Positions to be declared vacant

51.

(1) This rule applies to—

- (a) the first annual general meeting of the Association after its incorporation; or
- (b) any subsequent annual general meeting of the Association, after the annual report and financial statements of the Association have been received.

(2) The Chairperson of the meeting must declare all positions on the Board, with the exception of the Centre Director and SPC, vacant and hold elections for all other Board positions in accordance with rules 53 to 56.

All positions vacant except SPC and Director

- *Election of Chairperson*

Jeannie McIntyre nominated for chairperson. No other nominations. Jeannie accepted nomination and voted in as chairperson.

- *Election of Vice-Chairperson*

Robyn Ralton nominated for vice-chairperson. No other nominations. Robyn accepted nomination and voted in as vice-chairperson.

- *Election of Secretary*

Carmela Quimbo nominated for secretary. No other nominations. Carmela accepted nomination and voted in as secretary.

- *Election of Treasurer*

Tom Castles nominated for treasurer. No other nominations. In absence, Tom voted in as treasurer.

7. Nomination of the number of ordinary members for 2019/20 Board

55 Election of ordinary members

- (1) The annual general meeting must by resolution decide the number of ordinary members of the Board (if any) it wishes to hold office for the next year.
- (2) A single election may be held to fill all of those positions.
- (3) If the number of members nominated for the position of ordinary board member is less than or equal to the number to be elected, the Chairperson of the meeting must declare each of those members to be elected to the position.
- (4) If the number of members nominated exceeds the number to be elected, a ballot must be held in accordance with rule 56.

Discussion of how the current composition of Board is working harmoniously, as is the Management Committee. The FPMTA recommendation to have the separation of Board and Management Committee worked well this year.

Motion: For 2021, the Atisha Centre Board will have no ordinary members

Moved: Andy Melnic

Seconded: Sue Fotheringham

Majority YES

No objections

8. Election of Ordinary Committee Members (if any)

No ordinary members in 2021

9. General Discussion – Resident Teacher

There was a general discussion about Geshe Rapten and Ven Dorje’s visas and what other actions can be taken to overturn decision to decline their visas.

Some ideas: contacting other organisations to enlist their assistance such as Australian Tibet Council, researching possibility of religious discrimination action, requesting FOI of decision making.

Ven Dorje will contact Peter Stickles at FPMTA regarding these ideas.

10. Close of Meeting / Dedication

Meeting ended 12pm

PART 4—GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

30 Annual general meetings

- (1) The Board must convene an annual general meeting of the Association to be held within 5 months after the end of each financial year.**
- (2) Despite subrule (1), the Association may hold its first annual general meeting at any time within 18 months after its incorporation.**
- (3) The Board may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting.**
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows—**
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then;***
 - (b) to receive and consider—***
 - (i) the annual report of the Board on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and***
 - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Board in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;***
 - (c) to elect the members of the Board;***
 - (d) to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.***
- (5) The annual general meeting may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.**