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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
18 July 2023
Teams Teleconference

President, Jeremy Fewtrell AFSM, opened the Annual General Meeting at 1700 hours (AEST), welcomed and thanked everybody for attending.

Note:

The 2023 annual general meeting (AGM) of the Australasian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) was conducted via teleconference due to the extensive program in Adelaide at ARC23. The move to an online conference allowed for greater member participation.

In addition, the Executive decided to engage a third party to manage the vote of Special Resolutions and Officer bearer positions externally. Vero Voting were appointed as the provider due to their reputation and experience in managing confidential, secure, electronic voting solutions. The driver for this process was to ensure as many members as possible could participate in the democratic process.

Only eligible members were provided an opportunity to vote in accordance with the Rules of association.

All financial ARRO members and sponsors were invited and encouraged to attend the AGM.

Attendees are named below:

Kerrie Kent	Kathryn Crofts	Nigel Lilley	Christopher Ryder
Glen Maule	Greg Bellairs	Mark Osborne	Michael Vanderzalm
Darryl King	Dean Scifleet	Steven Young	Meegan Jones
Weston, Jemal	Michael Davison	Timothy Fox	Botha, Quentin
Rod Wells	Peter Bradow	Duncan Cochrane	Shannon Crofton
ChiYanJimmyson Chan	Troy Jones	Kate Worthington	Stewart Masson
Dave Stackhouse	Ian King	Paul Jerome	Richard Hobbs
Tony Searle	Charles Wilkinson	Mark Roche	Tim Maitland
Cecil Pacey	Gerry Sheridan	James Boland	Lane Lewis
Brenton Charlton	Mark Dobson	Jarrold Vanderzalm	David Richardson
Jeremy Fewtrell	Gordon Burns	David Cockbain	Sean Lester
Sally Jaggard	Kym (Twisty) Schmid	Gerrard Collins	Geoffrey Kiehne
Anthony Northbrook-Hine	Kenneth Murphy	Andrew Sharpe	Brad Setch
Matthew Thornton	Karen Scifleet	Jackson Bell	

1. Apologies

Steve Rothwell
Chad Porter

2. Registration of Proxy Votes

Mark Cattell – Gerry Sheridan acting as proxy for VIC SES
Paul McCarthy - Proxy to Kerrie Kent
Shane Cole – Proxy to Richard Hobbs
Steve Young – Proxy to David Cockbain

Poxy information was provided to the voting service provider and those members were provided a weighting of two votes.

3. Correspondence

ARRO correspondence was generally of a business nature.

A letter of complaint regarding the selection of Shadow Assessors was received. The matter was investigated and found to be an unfortunate technical issue regarding the ARRO email account. The matter has been escalated to the Executive and Technical Committees for consideration of the application for future years and the technical issue is being resolved. The matter will be considered and responded to out of session.

4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

President Jeremy Fewtrell noted the minutes of last year's AGM have been available to members on the website and asked the meeting to take the minutes as being read.

Motion:

“That the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as read.”

Moved: David Cockbain

Seconded: David Stackhouse

Motion: Carried Unanimously

5. Presentation of President's Report

President Jeremy Fewtrell presented his report for the year just completed. A copy will be posted on the ARRO website and circulated to members.

Motion:

“That the President's report be accepted as presented.”

Moved: Jeremy Fewtrell

Seconded: Tim Fox

Motion: Carried

Discussion: Nil

6. Presentation of Technical Committee Report

The chair of the Technical Committee, Dave Stackhouse, presented the report for this committee. A copy will be posted on the ARRO website and circulated to members.

Motion:

“That the Technical Committee report be accepted as presented.”

Moved: Dave Stackhouse

Seconded: Kerrie Kent

Motion: Carried

Discussion: Nil

7. Presentation of Financial Report

The Governance and Compliance Officer, Darryl King, presented the financial report for the financial year ending 28th February 2023. A copy will be posted on the ARRO website and circulated to members.

Motion:

“That the Financial report be accepted as presented.”

Moved: Darryl King

Seconded: Gerry Sheridan

Motion: Carried

Discussion: Nil

8. Presentation of Membership Report

The Membership report was included in the papers circulated to attendees and is taken as read. A copy will be posted on the ARRO website and circulated to members.

9. Special Resolutions

NOTE: Special resolutions require a vote of 75% in support to pass.

Agenda Item 8.4 - Announced by President Jeremy Fewtrell

Life Membership Nomination – Tim Fox AFSM – Supported with a vote of over 96%.

President Fewtrell congratulated Tim for his exemplary service to ARRO and the community and passed his thanks to Justine Fox for her support of ARRO over the years.

The remainder of resolutions and Officer Bearer positions were announced by Darryl King, ARRO Governance and Compliance Officer.

Agenda item 8.1 - Change of Organisation Name to Australasian Rescue Organisation this will align with a change to broaden the strategic direction to include additional rescue capabilities. – Supported – 89.36% of the vote.

Agenda item 8.2 - Increase the strategic direction of ARRO to include other rescue capabilities. Supported - 84.04% of the vote.

President Fewtrell wished to stress that Road Rescue will remain the prime focus of ARRO, this change will allow a slow and considered expansion of ARRO scope to include additional rescue capability, considering the limitation of the Rescue Challenge to accommodate.

Agenda item 8.3 - Formalisation of Business Development and Engagement Officer Role – Supported – 85.11% of the vote

President Fewtrell addressed the need for ARRO to maintain strong relationship with sponsors and supporters, this role is critical to provide value to them and maintain the longevity of the organisation.

10. Election of Office Bearers

In accordance with the Rules of Association, half of the committee positions on the Executive and Technical Committees fall vacant each year. Each position is elected on a two-year rotational basis.

Office bearing positions falling vacant in 2023 are:

Committee	Position	Nominees	Duration of Appointment
Executive	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Fewtrell 	2 years
Executive	Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenton Charlton 	1 year (caretaker)
Technical Committee	Medical Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy Jones 	2 years
Executive	Challenge Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Vanderzalm • Jemal Weston 	2 years
Technical Committee	Command Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Vanderzalm • Anthony Northbrook-Hine • David Stackhouse • Jemal Weston 	2 years

Governance and Compliance Officer Darryl King read out the nominations received for each position with these being:

- Executive Committee –President
 - One nomination received from Jeremy Fewtrell.
 - Jeremy Fewtrell declared President for a period of two years unopposed.
- Executive Committee – Vice President (caretaker period of 1 year)
 - One nomination received from Brenton Charlton.
 - Brenton Charlton declared Vice President for one year unopposed.
- Executive Committee – Challenge Coordinator
 - Nominations were received from Michael Vanderzalm and Jemal Weston
 - Michael Vanderzalm achieved a vote of 72.09%
 - Jemal Weston achieved a vote of 27.91%
 - Michael Vanderzalm was declared Challenge Coordinator for a period of two years.
- Technical Committee – Medical Specialist
 - One nomination was received from Troy Jones
 - Troy Jones was declared Medical Specialist for two years unopposed.

- Technical Committee – Command Specialist
 - Four nominations were received from Michael Vanderzalm, Jemal Weston, David Stackhouse and Anthony Northbrook-Hine.
 - Anthony Northbrook- Hine achieved a vote of 35.11%
 - David Stackhouse achieved a vote of 27.66%
 - Jemal Weston – achieved a vote of 20.11%
 - Michael Vanderzalm – achieved a vote of 17%
 - Anthony Northbrook-Hine was declared the Command Specialist for a period of two years.

All voting was undertaken by a third-party independent provider. The online voting platform provided increased opportunity for all eligible members to vote in a democratic, confidential, and secure process.

Each nominee was invited to submit a biography to the membership which was circulated with the AGM papers prior to the online voting period commencing.

The President thanked outgoing members for their commitment and service and welcomed new members to the Executive and Technical Committees.

11. General Business

ARC24 Announcement

South Australia Metropolitan Fire Service has again indicated a preference to hold the event in or around the Adelaide area. They will seek support from other South Australian Emergency Services and confirm with the President in coming weeks, with a date to be confirmed.

12. Meeting Closure

There being no further formal business, President Fewtrell closed the AGM at 1752 (AEST) hours.