



Diamond Valley Singers Inc
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday February 22nd 2023, 7.35pm
Uniting Church, Wensley St Diamond Creek.

1. Welcome

By Malcolm Wilton 2022 President.

2. Present

Alan Flint, Jeanette Flint, Angela Hennel, Ian Lowe, Frank Meerbach, Merinda Gallagher, Robyn Mulder, Keryn Patman, Scott Patton, Kevin Pye, Dianne Richter, Naomi Robertson, Hannah Sleeth, Neil Spitzer, Malcolm Wilton, Anita Wilton, Charli Lewis, Hannah Wade, Rhonda Cadman.

Via zoom Tam Smith, Bernadette Sheedy, Olivia King

Apologies

Elin Melgaard, Philip Watkins.

3. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Received as correct.

Moved Angela Hennel, seconded Ian Lowe, carried.

4. Matters Arising

See general business.

5. President's Report

Moved Malcolm Wilton, seconded Jeanette Flint, carried.

Great team effort in getting wonderful productions on stage despite Covid.

Production Managers for future years are required to be trained up to ease the load.

Thanks for the ongoing generosity of Alan and Jeanette Flint for the use of the shed for our set construction.

6. Treasurers Report

Moved Ian Lowe, seconded Hannah Sleeth, carried.

7. Election of Office Bearers

Chair vacated. Managed by Dianne Richter. Dianne presented the outgoing committee and thanked them for their work throughout 2022

i. President

Malcolm Wilton: Nominated by Frank Meerbach, seconded by Tam Smith. Malcolm Wilton elected unopposed.

ii. Vice President

Angela Hennel: Nominated by Malcolm Wilton, Seconded by Jeanette Flint, elected unopposed.

iii. Secretary

Naomi Robertson: Nominated by Ian Lowe, Seconded by Anita Wilton, elected unopposed.

iv. Treasurer

Ian Lowe: Nominated by Frank Meerbach, seconded by Neil Spitzer, elected unopposed.

v. General Committee Members

Hannah Sleeth: Nominated Angela Hennel, Seconded Tam Smith, elected.

Tam Smith: Self nominated, Seconded Hannah Sleeth, elected.

Scott Patton: Nominated Hannah Sleeth, Seconded Malcolm Wilton, elected.

Olivia King: Nominated Anita Wilton, Seconded Hannah Sleeth, elected.

Charli Lewis: Nominated Angela Hennel, Seconded Merinda Gallagher, elected.

Keryn Patman: Nominated Malcolm Wilton, Seconded Anita Wilton, elected.

Bernadette Sheedy: Nominated Tam Smith, Seconded Hannah Sleeth, elected.

Amanda Middleditch: Self nominated, Seconded Neil Spitzer, elected.

Hannah Wade: Self nominated, Seconded Hannah Sleeth, elected.

8. General/other Business

Merinda Gallagher asked if DVS could ensure a baseline monetary amount in reserve for future productions before donating to others.

Anita asked for total of donations over the years to be supplied and updated on the website.

Rhonda commented that being seen in the community to give to charities is a great incentive for local businesses to return the generosity to us in form of donations towards productions.

Question from Merinda if there is any expressions of interest for directing shows in 2024 and would DVS be open to doing a combined Adult and kids show to ease the burden of 2 shows.

Discussion points

- Oliver, Annie potential choices
- Double cast kids
- Cutting to one production would cut participation from potentially 120 cast members over 2 shows to only 60 for 1.
- Balance needs to be struck however between exhausting volunteers to peoples participation needs.
- Young directors/ theatre studies students could be the answer to stop burn out of volunteers
- Some adults may not want to share the stage with kids.

9. Meeting Closure 8.30pm