



Harbour City Bears Annual General Meeting
10 am, Saturday 3 November 2015
ACON Building Level 3, 414 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills
Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies (David Gollan)

Paid respects to traditional owners and elders of the land in which we are meeting on. Also paid respect to the elders of the LGBTIQ community.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2016 AGM

Ian Parker moved, seconded by Peter Conway

3. Acting President's Report

David spoke to his written report. Summary as follows:

- There were lots of changes to the committee during this year
- Thanked all committee members who served on the committee
- There were two major concerns of the year:
 - There have been instances in which volunteers, venue staff and committee have been abused by the general public and some HCB members.
 - The increased use of Social Media (by HCB members, ex-committee and non-members) to drag the club's reputation - and also personally attack members and current committee. Maybe a social media mediator portfolio has to be implemented.
- We need to remind ourselves that this is a social club - let's have a few drinks and enjoy each other's company. The things that happen in the club are not earth shattering and will not change the course of history as we know it.
- Thanks to all the members that have supported him through the last 6 months, and goodbye to the people that wanted him to move on.

Motion: Accept the acting president report

John-Bernard Tyndall moved, seconded by Tevin Price

4. Treasurer's Report

Chris spoke to his written report. Summary as follows:

- It's an honour and frequently great fun to serve the community, though the behaviour of some people in real life and on social media has made the 2016-17 year very hard and demoralising.
- Financial position went down to \$22000 in the bank - from \$35000 last financial year.
- Membership revenue was down. A number of factors could be to blame:

- Could be natural
- Could be due to nonsense on social media
- Problems with renewals and the PayPal account attached to the website in June.
- Finance policy has been drafted
- The EventBrite system is working well - Everything is faster with up to date information
- Square PoS devices - Cheaper and more flexible than current EFTPOS machine. Pays direct to the bank account
- Business Paypal account with multiple administrators for better accountability
- Other sources of income include - Beyond Bank, Sponsorship (Kinselas, Bank, ACON) and No trivial Matter
- Items to keep in mind for next year:
 - Lockout Laws and early closing
 - Smaller turnout to events
 - Bar Guarantees
 - Fridays and Sundays are most impactful
 - HCB parties break even or at a small loss
 - Controlling costs and projecting sales

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's report

Cameron Darling moved, seconded by Clayton Fraser

5. Secretary's Report

Josh spoke to his written report. Summary as follows:

- He maintained records, correspondence and meeting minutes for the last 8 months
- 480 members at end of financial year
- New Website running
- Membership cards are not actual card sized
- Updated internal graphic design for HCB posters, website, facebook and official documentation.

Accepted by Shane Kliese, Seconded by Peter Conway

6. Member's Q&A with committee

Some members had missed events as they are only advertised on Facebook.

ACTION: Look into other ways to advertising other than Facebook.

The club has become very "samey" and we aren't trying to shake things up to make things interesting. Maybe come up with informal meetings and ways of gathering information that aren't formal like an AGM.

Is having a credit card an option so that we don't have to buy items with committee money first?

7. Q&A with committee candidates

The President called upon candidates in the committee election to speak to the members, and invited questions from the floor.

8. Voting for 2016/17 committee

Members present were called upon to cast their ballots in the committee election.

9. Break

10. Declaration of committee election

The Public Officer, acting as returning officer in the committee election, declared the results of the election as follows:

President– John Bernard Tyndall

Vice President – Daniel Marshall

Treasurer –Cameron Darling (from the floor)

Secretary – Joshua Borja

Ordinary committee

Tevin Price, Peter Conway

Although enough for a committee, there were vacant spots.

Meeting closed 12pm noon