

FRIENDS OF THE ASTOR ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (FOTAA INC VRN 0055426P) MINUTES of 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



DATE: Sunday 26th February 2017

TIME: 12.00pm Meet & Mingle/Snacks & Drinks

12.30pm Meeting Commencement

LOCATION: Upstairs at the Astor Theatre

1 Chapel St & Dandenong Rd, Melbourne VIC 3182

AGM 2016 MINUTES - FOTAA Sunday 26th February 2017

MEETING CREATED BY: Arabella Daniel (AD)

MINUTE TAKER: Alison Finch (AF)

FACILITATOR: Branko Kezerle (BK)

TIME KEEPER: Arabella Daniel (AD)

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

OBJECTIVE: To address obligations of Section 30 of the Associations Act

ATTENDEES:

Branko Kezerle BK Arabella Daniel AD Anita Dal Tio ADT Scott Buszard SB

Alison Finch AF Parthena Simone PS Natasha Wickramanayake NW Kathy Booth KB

GUESTS: Renato Fonti CFO Palace; Zak Hepburn Astor Theatre GM

APOLOGIES:

Jose Cleisson De Freitas Santos JDFS Otilie Buszard OB

AGM 2016 ITEM:

No.		PRESENTER
1.	Call to Order Opening Remarks - Welcome Nomination of Chair - BK Nomination of Minute Taker – AF	BK
	The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Astor Association Incorporated (FOTAA) was declared open at 12:30pm on Sunday the 26 th February 2017.	

	<p>Opening remarks began with a welcome from President Branko Kezerle to the nine attending ordinary members and our two special guests, Renato Fonti and Zak Hepburn from Palace Cinemas.</p> <p><u>AGM 2016 MOTION 1</u></p> <p>FOTAA President Branko Kezerle moved a motion – for Branko Kezerle to sit as meeting Chair, and Alison Finch as Minutes Taker.</p> <p><i>Motion was seconded by voting member Parthena Simone.</i></p> <p><i>Motion was passed unanimously by the members.</i></p> <p>A brief personal introduction was then given by the eight attending committee members: Anita Dal Tio, Scott Buszard, Kathy Booth, Parthena Simone, Arabella Daniel, Branko Kezerle, Alison Finch, and Natasha Wickramanayake.</p>	
2.	<p>Committee Attendees: As Above</p> <p>Voting members: note numbers</p> <p>Quorum/Proxies: Minimum of 9 Financial members required; otherwise meeting will be dissolved by 1.00pm.</p> <p>Guests: Welcome : Renato Fonti & Zak Hepburn</p> <p>Apologies: JCDFS; OB; refer to Secretary’s List (in Table 1 at end of Minutes)</p> <p>Correspondence – PO Box mail checked?</p>	BK
	<p>It was confirmed that the number of voting members at the time of the AGM is 8.</p> <p>2 resignations have been accepted since the formation of the new committee.</p> <p>Apologies were recorded from the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Cleisson De Freitas Santos – FOTAA recently resigned voting member.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Otilie Buszard – FOTAA recently resigned voting member</p> <p>PO Box was checked: invoice for the annual use of PO Box has been delivered and is due at the end of March.</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of Previous (2015/16) AGM Meeting held on Saturday 14th November 2015</p>	BK/AD
	<p><u>AGM 2016 MOTION 2</u></p> <p>FOTAA President Branko Kezerle moved a motion – that the minutes from the previous FOTAA AGM, held on Saturday the 14th of November 2015 at the St Kilda Library Community Meeting Room (14:00), be accepted as a record of Annual General Meeting on that date.</p> <p><i>Motion was seconded by FOTAA Secretary Arabella Daniel.</i></p> <p><i>Motion was passed unanimously by the members.</i></p>	
4.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u></p> <p>4.1 Treasurer’s Annual Report :</p> <p>(i) on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year;</p> <p>(ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;</p>	NW

	<p>4.2 Presidents' Report</p> <p>4.3 Special Reports:</p> <p>(i) Outlining of Key Objectives</p> <p>(ii) Presentation of proposed "Friend of the Astor" Membership Benefits/Rewards Card</p> <p>(iii) Membership Drive proposals – why it's important to support FOTAA</p> <p>(iv) Special Projects – designed to increase Astor Patronage</p> <p>(v) FOTAA website: current status; changes made; future direction</p> <p>(vi) Heritage Values – importance to patronage of the Astor</p>	<p>BK</p> <p>AD BK ADT KB/PS SB AF</p>
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>ii</p> <p>iii</p> <p>iv</p> <p>v</p> <p>vi</p>	<p>The sum of the FOTAA assets as at the 30th June 2016 was \$6144. This is a cash balance derived mainly from FOTAA memberships. At the time of the meeting (February 26th 2017) the cash balance was \$6130.</p> <p><u>AGM 2016 MOTION 3</u></p> <p>FOTAA Treasurer Natasha Wickramanayake moved a motion – that the 2014-15 Financial Statement be accepted by the minutes, and that the 2015-16 Financial Statement be circulated with the 2015-16 AGM minutes to all FOTAA members.</p> <p><i>Motion was seconded by FOTAA President Branko Kezerle.</i></p> <p><i>Motion was passed unanimously by the members.</i></p> <p>The President's Report, gave thanks to the previous committee's hard work and dedication and reiterated that the new committee will instill the same objectives. (Andrew Illett from the floor, reciprocated acknowledgment of current FOTAA Members achievements thus far)</p> <p>The process of implementing a new membership card is well underway, where negotiations with company Pegasus are taking place. This card will become the foundation of our membership, which offers the cardholder discounts, and received a few nods of approval within the members present.</p> <p>Report on enticing membership sign-ups by providing engaging brochures provided by a Hawaiian theatre.</p> <p>Report on special projects in pipeline for the future including: the restoration of the neon sign with an accompanying ABC documentary; reinstating the Greek cinema events at the theatre; Spicks and Specks style evenings, and education programs for school groups.</p> <p>The inherited website is being actively revamped, to bring it up-to-date. This will be a work in progress.</p> <p>The heritage values of the Astor will be used to connect the public with the venue and hopefully increase visitation. In the short term we are hopeful that the Astor will partake in Melbourne Open House Melbourne 2017.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Election of Officers of the Association & Ordinary Members of the Committee</p>	<p>AD</p>
	<p>9 voting members were nominated going into 2017, which will leave 4 places unfilled. They are as follows:</p> <p>PRESIDENT: Branko Kezerle</p>	

	<p>VICE PRESIDENT: Alison Finch</p> <p>SECRETARY: Arabella Daniel</p> <p>TREASURER: Natasha Wickramanayake</p> <p>ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</p> <p>Anita Dal Tio, Scott Buszard, Kathy Booth, Parthena Simone, Lucinda Mason</p> <p><u>AGM 2016 MOTION 4</u></p> <p>FOTAA President Branko Kezerle moved a motion – that the election to the positions of the FOTAA committee be confirmed and accepted by the members, with no other nominations or dissension.</p> <p><i>Motion was seconded by FOTAA Vice President Alison Finch.</i></p> <p><i>Motion was passed unanimously by the members.</i></p>	
6.	Other Reports/Business	ALL
	The committee has had an offer from one of the ordinary members to run our Twitter account.	
7.	Announcements/ Any other Business	BK
	<p>Announcement of the two raffle winners. 1st Prize Double Pass to the Astor (Judy O' Leary) and Baileys Gift Pack to Runner Up (Meran Covolo)</p> <p>The new membership structure raised questions about excluding some postal, and non-computer user members from the new system.</p> <p>The idea for a sign-up day held at the Astor was raised by Parthena Simone.</p>	
8.	Adjournment – the meeting will be declared officially closed when all formal matters of the AGM are completed	BK
	Meeting declared officially closed at 14:03.	

FOTAA Member Attendances, RSVPs & Apologies Received

No.	RSVPs	ATTENDEES	APOLOGIES
1	Robyn Walton	Y	David Kube
2	John O' Leary	Y	Jo Wade
3	Judy O' Leary	Y	Pat Grainger
4	Geoff Brown	Y	Lucinda Mason
5	Helen Cole	Y	Robyn Whitely
6	Emily Lyndsay		Jo-Ann Stenton
7	Jo Maxian		David Johnston
8	Jon Saul	Y	Gavin Henderson
9	Zak Hepburn	Y	Bill Gillies
10	Renato Fonti	Y	Megan Hill
11	Meran Covolo	Y	Bernard Stahr
12	Nicholas Steadman	Y	Carolyn Paulin
13	Andrew Illet	Y	Charles Wilkins
14	Carl Chapman	Y	Lena Smarelli
15	Branko Kezerle BK (President)	Y	
16	Arabella Daniel AD (Secretary)	Y	
17	Alison Finch AF (Vice-President)	Y	
18	Natasha Wickramanayake NW (Treasurer)	Y	
19	Scott Buszard SB	Y	
20	Anita Dal Tio ADT	Y	
21	Parthena Simone PS	Y	
22	Kathy Booth KB	Y	