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MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

DATE/Time: 1st July 2023 2PM

VENUE: Amaroo, Magnetic Island

ITEMS:

1. Welcome & Apologies & Proxies

Les Sampson welcomed all to the meeting, and acknowledged country, the Wulgurukaba people as the Traditional Custodians of Magnetic Island/Yunbenun, and paid respects to elders past, present and emerging. Les clarified that MICDA's financial year is a calendar year, and this AGM covers the year of 2022.

Libby Illidge called for apologies and proxies and combined with those received via email.

Apologies: Lorna Hempstead, Rob Dorgelo, Vicki Dorgelo, Chris Sampson, Andrea Martin, Deb Barber, Sara Shaw, Tim Hempstead, Gethin Morgan, Carolyn Dixon.

Proxies:

Lorna Hempstead to Tim Hempstead then Sara Shaw;
 Chris Sampson to Les Sampson
 Rob Dorgelo to Les Sampson then Peter Jackson
 Vicki Dorgelo to Chris Sampson then Libby Illidge
 Andrea Martin to Libby Illidge then Les Sampson;
 Michael Lisle to Darrie Lisle
 Kym Chiesa to Darrie Lisle

Present: 17 total.

Management Committee: Les Sampson, Libby Illidge, Lea Scherl, Peter Jackson

Financial Members: Sue Jacob, Peter Illidge, John Marlton, Aniko Papp, Tania Thoreau, Catherine Gadsdon, Joe Niven, Prue Flemming, Carl von Wyk, Prue Smith, Darrie Lisle, Annie Niven

Non-members including non-financial members: Barb Evans

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM have been available to members via the MICDA website and email, and hard copies were circulated at the AGM.

Darrie Lisle moved that they were an accurate record of the 2022 AGM, seconded by Lea

Scherl, and carried by a show of hands of those present.

3. President's Report

Les Sampson presented the president's report, full copy attached.

- Noted large effort of volunteers and special mention to Chris Sampson as treasurer.
- Noted the growing number of significant grants.

Libby Illidge moved that The President's report be accepted, seconded by Tania Thoreau, carried by a show of hands.

4. Treasurer's Report

Les Sampson presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of the Treasurer, including audited financial reports for the year 2022. The audited financial report was also provided in hard copy.

Les went through the audited financial report, and clarified these expense items:

- Glencore grant for MIFCO flight cage – money was held by MICDA as expenditure was delayed for a number of reasons. In the end, Glencore requested the funds be returned and this will be reflected in the 2023 report. Glencore subsequently agreed to allocate the funding for a mobile wildlife facility for MINT and other wildlife care groups on MI.
- High cost of hiring a vehicle for the Reef Assist project. MICDA has now purchased a vehicle – will be reflected in 2023 year.

Questions were invited from the floor.

Q – Clarification on the salaries and wages

A – Broken down into categories.

- CAP is Community Action Plan has received 2 lots of funding from GBRF, and an additional proposal is currently before them. Three projects: documenting WH values (through MINCA); 2 x part time TO coordinators to document TO values (input into the local cultural database), and also build capability of TOs on the island to be able to participate more in land and sea activities; and monitoring/communicating values of MI. Current funding proposal is with GBRF's Reef Island Initiative, a number of projects including employment positions to coordinate the work, total value \$2.2M.
- Reef Assist. 2 teams of part time workers and a part-time coordinator. Constantly engaged with other community groups and TCC. Will continue for another 18 months
- Third party related – payments to 'related parties' ie payments to people related to members of MICDA management committee. Request that the 2023 auditor revise the term to 'related parties'. It was noted that the 2022 AGM specifically requested that payments to related parties, being people related to members of the Management Committee, be separately itemized.
- The detailed breakdown and presentation of financial information this year was much better and preferable compared to previous years, particularly the separate itemization of payments to related parties.

Q – How can we diffuse the ongoing ad hoc negative public dialogue about MICDA financials?

A – All members try to avoid engaging – except to simply refer to the website, where the audited financial statements are available, due to MICDA's transparency regarding financial information.

Q – Clarification on the balance sheet, particularly the cash on hand described on page 11, spread

across multiple accounts. Why does MICDA have so many accounts?

A – We used to only have 1 account and track expenses amongst working groups in a spreadsheet. Now, significant working groups have their own sub account. Working groups manage their own expenditure, however all expenditure is 2nd approved by the treasurer.

Q – Can there be a breakdown of the grant income ?

A - There is a breakdown of grant income on the MICDA website.

Q – Concern expressed about the auditors ‘disclaimer’ paragraphs about ‘Opinion’ and ‘Basis of Accounting’ particularly Note 1.

A – This is standard practice for audits of not-for-profit groups.

Tania Thoreau moved that the Treasurer’s Report and Audited Financial Report for 2022 be accepted, seconded by Carl von Wyk, and carried by a show of hands.

5. Management Committee Elections

All positions were declared vacant, and Les Sampson passed the chair to Libby Illidge to manage Management Committee Elections.

A written nomination was received for Les Sampson for the position of president. Further nominations for the President position were invited from the floor, but none were forthcoming. The meeting voted Les Sampson into the position of President, unopposed. Libby Illidge then handed the chair back to Les Sampson.

Written nomination had been received for Rob Dorgelo, for the position of Vice President, with the proviso that if another member wished to nominate Rob would withdraw. Further nominations were invited from the floor, but none were forthcoming. The meeting voted Rob Dorgelo to the position of Vice President unopposed.

Written nomination had been received for Aniko Papp for the position of Secretary, although Aniko expressed some concerns regarding potential for conflicts of interest with her MICDA employment, and the need to be secluded from some discussion. Libby Illidge did not wish to take on a further term in the role. Further nominations for the position of Secretary were invited from the floor, and this resulted in nomination of Peter Jackson. Aniko withdrew her nomination, and Peter Jackson was voted into the position of secretary unopposed.

There were no written nominations for the position of Treasurer, and Chris Sampson had advised that she did not wish to take on a further term in the role, although she was prepared to provide volunteer book-keeping services to support the treasurer. Nominations for the position of treasurer were called from the floor, resulting in the nomination of Carl von Wyk and his election to the position unopposed.

Nominations were received for Joe Niven, Libby Illidge and Lea Scherl for positions of Ordinary Member. Lea noted that she will be absent for 5 months in the coming year so her availability for the role is part time. All three were elected unopposed as Ordinary Members.

Nominees, movers and seconders for these elected positions are summarized in the table below:

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconded
President	Les Sampson	Chris Sampson	Libby Illidge
Vice President	Rob Dorgelo	Chris Sampson	Les Sampson

Secretary	Peter Jackson	Carl von Wyk	Aniko
Treasurer	Carl von Wyk	Aniko Papp	Tania Thoreau
Ordinary member	Joe Niven	Carl	Les
Ordinary member	Libby Illidge	Lea	Peter Jackson
Ordinary member	Lea Scherl*	Les Sampson	Libby Illidge

*Will be absent for 5 months.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Les Sampson moved that O'Regan and Laird be re-appointed as MICDA auditor for 2022. Seconded by Sue Jacob. Carried by show of hands.

7. Other business

Aniko Papp provided an update on the main working group activities:

- Planning group next meeting is in August. TCC is reviewing the city plan (needs to be done every 10 years). Due in October. Working to get an overlay for MI to reflect WH values and community and future needs.
- Water Group meets next 12 July. Currently reviewing waste water issues.
- TRMI is going very well, putting in a grant application for a micro grid.
- Transport – looking at EV buses, and have contacted Translink re alignment of bus and ferry timetables. Also looking at other future- proofing ideas.
- Health – health plan is being reviewed. 8 July next meeting. 2 main issues as a focus: New facility (long term project – design and funding); Rural health coordinator role to support coordination of follow up and access to allied health, when islanders are discharged from hospital.
- Zero waste – going very well. Recent forum with TCC and Anne Prince (waste guru). Current focus to develop a zero waste strategy for MI. Current grand proposal pending. Also, art exhibition hopefully at Nelly Bay terminal.
- 6 August – community day – to be a zero waste event. Invitations have been issued for community groups to participate.
- Tourism - TMI was close to disbanding as had become dysfunctional. The group agreed to refresh TMI rather than create a new tourism working group.
- Note that group membership is cross cutting across the community – not just MICDA.
- Future forum to workshop the community's vision for the future.

Les Sampson updated the working groups associated with the CAP project and upcoming Reef Island Initiative projects (pending funding)

- Traditional Owners working group – will continue.
- Our World Heritage Island – will remain as a working group
- Eco-engagement: ecosystem monitoring and pub talks – shifting into a new working group and will work across all the other working groups.
- MINCA's World Heritage group moving to focus on terrestrial ecosystems.
- Another working group will focus on Marine ecosystem issues.

Lea Scherl provided an update on the project to reinstate community use of the school pool.

1400 signatures on a petition; met with TCC July 2022 to present petition and provided a proposal from MICDA, for MICDA to manage the use of the swimming pool for the community (as a project, hire the pool, needed funding from TCC). \$35K/yr, to open the pool for 2hrs/day every day, covering life guard and insurance. Proposal was given again to TCC in November 2022, motion was passed at the November 202 Council meeting for TCC staff to discuss with Education Queensland to find a solution to reopen the pool for public use. Since then, numerous email exchanges with Ann-

Maree Greaney over last 7 months to ascertain progress and a meeting with Scott Stewart in April 2023. Today's MIRRA meeting further discussed the swimming pool. Mayor said 'something is happening, contract is being looked at by Ed Minister'. She couldn't answer further questions about timeframes or where funding is coming from as this is pending review of contract by Ed Minister. MICDA to formulate a follow up strategy, to get transparency and accountability.

Other updates:

- Animal management: Joint approach with MINCA. Council advised that the new law is awaiting State Government approval, then legality/efficacy will be tested possibly with another round of consultation prior to becoming law.
- Internet – Opportunity for a telecommunications company to apply for Rural and Regional Renewal funding is being taken up by QCN to establish an optic fibre undersea link to MI, which would then be available for retailers to deliver better services. Letters of support have been obtained from community, TCC, State Gov. Grant application due 12 August. If successful, will take 3 years.
- MICDA submission and contribution to public discussion and information were significant in having MOUA proposal for MI withdrawn.
- Amaroo units at Bremer Point - MICDA and MINCA have submitted joint proposals for it to be cleaned up (asbestos, weeds etc) and revert to national parks. Reply from defence minister indicates their preference for part of the land to go to NP, but the front lots to be made available to the real estate market. MICDA submissions will be ongoing.

8. Close AGM

Meeting closed at 3:50PM