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S O C I E T Y
of S.A. Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the
136th Annual General meeting of the Society
held in the Santos Conservation Centre at Adelaide Zoo
on Tuesday 25 November 2014
commencing at 7.00pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman, Mr David Sanders, opened the meeting and welcomed 61 members. He confirmed that a quorum was present.

Apologies were received from 10 members.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 135th Annual General Meeting

MOVED: C Watts

SECONDED: M Stevens

THAT the minutes of the 135th Annual General Meeting as published in the 2013/14 Annual Report be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. Review of the year 2013/2014 by the President.

Mr Sanders presented an overview of the activities and achievements of the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia for the last financial year. Highlights included:

- Welcomed Tracey Shepard and Julieann Riedstra to the Board
- Second review of the Five Year Business Plan
- An ambitious 76 targets had been set and 68 were achieved. Only two were not achieved with a further six being partially achieved.
- The Master Planning process has progressed with two sections: Context, Strategic directions and Design Principles; and Major Projects. The Plan will be released early next year.
- Good financial results with a surplus being achieved for the first time in a number of years. The Society performed significantly better than budget despite challenging business conditions.
- Strong visitation at both sites – highest ever numbers at Monarto.
- Higher income across all visitor service lines including admissions retail, tours and animal experiences.
- Monarto Zoo's 30th Birthday celebrations
- Boo at the Zoo – 3,400 visitors in attendance
- Dinosaurs Alive – animatronic dinosaur display with positive feedback and great numbers
- Overall growth in visitor numbers at both Adelaide and Monarto Zoos
- Over 7,000 new members
- 71% retention rate
- Over 29,000 members
- More than 600 active volunteers – growth of 100 new recruits
- Two new volunteer programs introduced being platform hosts at Monarto and face painting
- Important conservation work with success in various programs
- Conservation direction framework developed to guide and prioritise conservation activities
- Breeding success with more than 400 animals born at Adelaide and 50 at Monarto

He concluded that he was very happy with the performance of the Society for the year and the strong leadership of Ms Bensted.

4. **Adoption of Balance Sheet and Accounts for 2013/2014**

MOVED: P Clark

SECONDED: J Riedstra

THAT the Balance Sheet and Accounts for 2013/2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. **Appointment of Auditor for 2014/2015**

MOVED: T Shepard

SECONDED: K Gilroy

THAT KPMG be appointed as Auditor for the 2014/15 year.

CARRIED

7. **Report of the Board in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 35 (5) concerning disclosure of any benefit to Officers.**

No officer has received any benefit of any pecuniary value.

8. **Change to the Membership of the Board.**

8.1 President to formally declare the results of the 2014 Board Election, being:-

Board Member elected by Society Members: Mr David Sanders
Mr Rodney Hobbs
Mr Kevin McGuinness
Prof Carol Tilt
Ms Tracey Shepard
Mr Graeme Crook

MOVED: A Hassel

SECONDED: B Coombe

THAT the meeting ratify the election of Mr McGuinness and Prof.Tilt as incoming Board members.

CARRIED

8.2 **Board Composition**

Mr Sanders announced the Board composition for 2014/15 being:

Mr David Sanders President
Mr Rodney Hobbs Vice-President
Mr Kevin McGuinness
Prof. Carol Tilt
Ms Tracey Shepard
Mr Graeme Crook

Co-opted Board members:

Ms Kate Thiele
Ms Julieann Riedstra
Mr Bryce Coombe

Mr Sanders noted that Board Members volunteer a great deal of time and effort to their roles and thanked them all for their commitment.

Mr Sanders also acknowledged the contribution of Mr Clive Watts. Mr Watts has been a long standing member of the board and a Volunteer at both Monarto and Adelaide Zoos since 1987. He was a Board member from 2000 – 2006 and again from 2008 – 2014 and his contribution has been highly regarded. Mr

Sanders personally thanked Mr Watts for the time he has given to the Board and was sure he would continue his involvement with the Zoo as a volunteer at both sites.

10. Any Other Business:

No notification of other business was received by the Public Officer by the due date of 18th November 2014.

11. Close of Meeting.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairman

Date