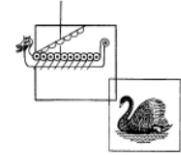


The Scandinavian Association of WA



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at Nordic House, 25 Melvin Avenue, Thornlie on 26th August 2017

1. Chairperson opens Meeting

The Chairperson, Øystein Albertsen, opened the meeting at 3:05pm and welcomed those attending. Seventeen people, including committee members, attended the meeting. Six proxy votes were received. Quorum was achieved.

2. Apologies

Judy Thönell, John Theodorsen, Kirsten Lawson, Hella Hackett, Neil Wilson, Martin Attfield, Bjorn and Margaret Hovland, Karen M Gourley.

3. Minutes of previous AGM held 13 August September 2016

The minutes were accepted by Gerda Bendtsen and seconded by Rita Wilson.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence – in and out

- We sent letter to The Lotteries Commission to seek confirmation of their offer to change their involvement in Nordic House. We were advised that there has been a change to the conditions relating to their involvement in the original grant of funds for the purchase of Nordic House.
- Received email back from Lotteries Commission confirming receipt of letter and they are dealing with the issue in house and will contact us in due course with their final answer.
- All correspondence received throughout the year via email has been replied to.

6. Business Arising from the Correspondence

- None.

7. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Nina Herrero. Nina advised that the Association's accounts have been audited by the Kalamunda firm, Success Tax Professionals, which advised that the accounts were fairly presented and met required accounting Standards. For the financial year 2016/17, the Association showed:

- Receipts \$15,081.78
- Expenses \$14,792.15

Overall income for the year broke even with a small profit of 289.63. Income from social functions and raffles stayed stable compared to last year.

As of 30 June 2017, the Association held \$9,657.36 in the savings account at the Bendigo Bank.

As of 30 June 2017, the Association held \$8,117.06 in the current account at NAB Bank.

Nina will not stand for re-election as Treasurer next year.

On this basis, the financial report, as presented, was accepted by Tove Rasmussen and seconded by Edith Christensen

8. President's Report

Presented by Øystein Albertsen. Øystein outlined the administrative and social events that had occurred throughout the past year. He mentioned the great range of social events that had been enjoyed by members. His report will be published in full in the September 2017 edition of Scanpost.

Øystein then outlined the social events that had taken place throughout the year:

- 50th Anniversary celebrations at Miss Mauds
- Over 50s Lunches which were well attended
- Nordic House barbecues which were also very well attended
- Christmas Church Service
- Children's Christmas Party and Lucia Parade
- Sankt Hans Bonfire at Nordic House
- Fastelavn which was well attended
- July quiz night

Øystein thanked all committee members who had helped with the successful conduct of the Association over the previous year and advised that several committee members would no longer be available for nomination in the coming year and encouraged other members to volunteer their time to help run the Association.

Accepted by Annette Leite and seconded by Joan Horn.

9. Membership Report

Merete reported that the Association gained 2 new individual/family members in 2016/17, but had an overall decline of 2 members. Membership currently comprised of 85 membership groups: 61 individual/family members, 5 life members and 19 Corporate and Community memberships. To date, 28 of the 61 individual/family members have renewed membership for 2017/18. Merete will continue as Membership Secretary and will follow up non-paid members in the coming months. Members will be removed from the membership register in December 2017 if they elect not to renew their membership with the club.

Accepted by Marianne Attfield and seconded by Annette Leite.

10. General Business

10.1 Report by sub-committee on the future of Nordic House

Annette, Haldor, John Theodorsen and Haldor Romsloe

The committee reached out to mainly Norwegian communities. Norwegian students seem very well connected and not very interest in our club. 17th May celebration in the city was attended by newly elected deputy ambassador for Norway. Annette and Haldor visited Norwegian social club, expats and families working for shorter and longer postings where they meet the Norwegian priest he is not funded very well so limited trips to Perth.

Haldor has used Facebook to contact groups. It seems vitality is still there but people are getting older so we need to arrange more senior activities. Annette's report will be published in September 2017 edition of Scanpost.

10.2 International food festival

Seeking funding from the consuls for the entrance fee of \$400 and if successful the Association will form a subcommittee of 5-8 people to arrange participation in the event and organise food and manning of stall. This event could prove to earn the Association a lot of money according to the Swedish Club President Jonas Edna who have previous experience participating in this event.

10.3 Improvement Initiatives for Nordic House Presentation

Gunnar introduced an asset maintenance drawing with 8 points for improvement initiatives for Nordic House.

- 1) Universal / Safe toilets
- 2) Ramp for easy access to Nordic House
- 3) Widened new front door
- 4) Disabled car parking
- 5) Improved car parking
- 6) Building extension / repair / renovation
- 7) Solar power panels
- 8) Rainwater tank

The following is suggestions from the subcommittee on where to begin improvements and to be considered in three stages:

1. Immediate improvement on individual items (e.g. safety items like grab rails). Some improvement has already been commenced and approaching completion with their installation.
2. Our next immediate improvement is to the hot water system
3. Depending on obtained funding fixing of roof and outdoor enclosed patio.

We would also suggest investigating options for ramp access to comply with health and safety regulations and from a duty of care perspective. From research on gumtree and Independent Living Centre a portable ramp could cost from \$200 to several thousands.

The committee will continue to explore options for funding and available grants for improvements and membership commitment will be sought in due cause before any improvements gets started.

There are many plans for making Nordic House more user-friendly and these developments should and will be with the best intention in line with what the majority of current members would like and with the future use of NH in mind.

10.4 Constitution update

Marianne presented that we have 2 years to complete our update to the new constitution format. The main concern from members were about if the club should fold where the funds should go. The majority of members presented wanted it to go to a charity rather than any other Scandinavian club.

It is not possible to have a cause in the constitution stating this as it is the folding up committee's decision where the money will end up. In the current constitution the winding up paragraph says that the money should go to A) a group of similar size and purpose or B) to a charitable organisation chosen by the winding up committee. Marianne will continue to work on getting the update done – any help is gladly received.

11. 2016/17 Committee step down

The outgoing Committee were thanked for their work during 2016/17. Øystein Albertsen, Marianne Attfield, Merete Gorry and Gunnar and Joan Horn indicated they would be available for re-nomination for 2017/18. Nina Herrero will not be available for renomination.

12. Nominations

Association Positions		Names
1.	President	Haldor Romsloe
2.	Vice President	Øystein Albertsen
3.	Secretary	Marianne Attfield
4.	Membership	Merete Gorry
5.	Treasurer	Martin Attfield
6.	Committee Members	Joan Horn Gunnar Horn Annette Leite
7.	Nordic House supplies	Susanne Knudsen
8.	Nordic House bookings	Marianne Attfield
9.	S C A N P O S T editor	Merete Gorry
10.	Librarian	Gunnar Horn, Sigurd Christensen and Rita Wilson
11.	Maintenance Coordinators	Gunnar Horn and Palle Knudsen
12.	Website Coordinator	John Theodorsen
Coordinators of Special Events		
1.	Fastelavn	Marianne Attfield and Merete Gorry
2.	June National Days	Marianne Attfield
3.	Sankt Hans	Marianne Attfield and Merete Gorry
4.	Christmas Party	Marianne Attfield
5.	Lucia Parade	Jane Constantine
6.	Over 50s Lunch	Annette Leite, Nina Herrero, Kirsten Lawson
7.	Children's activities	Refer to Fastelavn and Christmas Party
8.	Social barbecues	Susanne Knudsen
9.	Christmas Church Service	Marianne Attfield and Merete Gorry
10.	Seniors Activities	Gunnar Horn
11.	Quiz Night	Niels Dahl / Norma Bertram
12.	Swedish Christmas Market	Marianne Attfield and Rita Wilson
13.	International Food Festival	Subcommittee to be formed

In accordance with Clause 9 of the Association's Constitution, the Committee will select the President/Chairperson, Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson at their first committee meeting.

The members present welcomed the Committee for 2017/18.

13. Date, Time and Place of next AGM

August 2018 at Nordic House

Time to be advised in the June/July/August 2018 edition of **S C A N P O S T**

14. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 17.03pm.

Minute taker: Merete Gorry