

BRISBANE SENIORS ONLINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Saturday 19 September 2009 at 11am
at Harris Terrace, George St., Brisbane

MINUTES

1 Attendance

Thirty eight members attended. Twenty apologies were recorded. No proxies were received.

2 Welcome

Brian Korner, President of Brisbane Seniors OnLine, welcomed members to the eighth Annual General Meeting, with particular mention of the two life members Hazel Imison and Ben Munford.

3 Minutes of the 7th AGM

The minutes of the seventh Annual General Meeting held on 27 September 2008 had been circulated and were unanimously adopted, and signed by the Chairman. There was no business arising from the minutes.

4 President's Report

President Brian Korner read his report which has been posted on the website. Brian moved that his report be accepted; the motion was seconded by John Dalton, and was carried.

In response to a question raised about a dearth of learners, Brian advised that a new publicity initiative was about to commence; those hub coordinators present noted that communication from them was important to inform the publicity.

5 Treasurer's Report

Ann Nicholls, Treasurer, presented the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Association, which were tabled at the meeting. She moved that the report be accepted, subject to writing off the remaining T-shirt stocks; the motion was seconded by Peter Glen, and was carried.

In response to questions raised, she advised that depreciation provisions did not apply to not-for-profit organizations, which paid no tax.

6 Candidates for appointment

The President declared all positions on the Management Committee vacant, and presented the following nominations for membership of the incoming Management Committee:

POSITION	CANDIDATE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
President	Brian Korner	Pat Noad	John Noad
Vice President	Michel Le Riche	John Noad	Pat Noad
Treasurer	Ann Nicholls	Rozanne Lange	Peter Nicholls
Secretary			
Committee member	Belinda Deakin	John Noad	Michel Le Riche
Committee member	Peter Glen	Eileen Harvey	Pat Noad
Committee member	Myles Hampton-Chubb	Brian Korner	Michel Le Riche
Committee member	Marilyn Hooper	Julie Vejle	Pat Noad
Committee member	Rozanne Lange	Peter Nicholls	Marilyn Hooper
Committee member	Peter Nicholls	Rozanne Lange	Peter Glen
Committee member	John Noad	Michel Le Riche	Pat Noad
Committee member	Pat Noad	Julie Vejle	Belinda Deakin
Committee member	Julie Vejle	Peter Nicholls	Rozanne Lange

The President then vacated the Chair, and the Secretary proposed that, in the absence of any other nominations Brian Korner's nomination as President be accepted: agreed. Pat thanked Brian for his willingness to serve a fourth term of office.

Brian introduced the nominees, then proposed that each of the nominations listed above be accepted: agreed.

Brian advised that no nomination had been received for the position of Secretary for the coming year, and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming. Brian then advised that Pat would be prepared to serve another term, provided back-up were available from within the committee. Pat agreed to continue in the role of Secretary for another year.

7 Appointment of Auditor

Ann again recommended George & Ridgway, Public Accountants, as auditor for BSOL. Their fee remains very reasonable. Her motion was seconded by Margaret Connolly, and was carried.

8 Membership fees

After some debate, during which discussion ranged across the changing nature of demand and the increase in training courses offered by BSOL, a motion was put that the recommendation of the Management Committee:

- To introduce a joining fee of \$20.00, and maintain the membership fee at \$40pa

be adopted (moved by Ann Nicholls as Treasurer, seconded by Brian Korner).

The motion was carried. The joining fee will apply immediately, and be enforceable from 1 November 2009.

9 Other Business

During the discussion, the following matters were raised:

- Donations of equipment could be sought from commercial firms such as Dick Smith or Harvey Norman: in response the President advised that this had been considered in the past but the Committee had decided against it, to maintain the independence of the organization.
- Refurbished computers could be sought from Council, and given away to members: there was no support for this suggestion, which it was felt fell outside the mandate of BSOL.
- BSOL equipment could be loaned out to students, to trial new operating systems and/or software: again, the President pointed out that this had been considered and discarded.
- John D'Alton spoke in favour of the Linux operating system having wider applications within BSOL.
- The President advised that a new Apple machine had been purchased, but had yet to be used effectively in the teaching program; Michel pointed out that dates for demonstrations had been set for both Apple and Microsoft.
- John D'Alton reminded members of the Video Interest group meetings (every 3rd Monday) and the Technical Support Group (every 3rd Tuesday)
- Hazel Imison congratulated the newsletter editor, Peter Nicholls, on an excellent product, and members agreed enthusiastically. Brian advised that the newsletter had been entered in the ASCCA competition for the 'best newsletter'.
- A question was raised about fire safety strategies. Michel agreed to review current notices and practices. It was also agreed that, at the start of each training session, we would advise attendees of the location of the fire exits.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm. The President thanked members for their attendance and participation.