

BRISBANE SENIORS ONLINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Saturday 27 September 2008 at 11am
Holy Spirit School Hall, New Farm

1 Attendance

Thirty one members attended. Thirty eight apologies were recorded, and three proxies were received.

2 Welcome

Brian Korner, President of Brisbane Seniors OnLine, welcomed members to the seventh Annual General Meeting and introduced members of the Management Committee.

3 Minutes of the 6th AGM

The minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting held on 22 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 is attached to these minutes. Brian moved that his report be accepted; the motion was seconded by John Noad, and was carried.

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; the motion was seconded by Brian Bond, and was carried.

In response to questions raised:

- It was decided to advertise BSOL T-shirts for sale at \$10 in the newsletter, and to give them to BSOL members who attended promotional events. The remaining stocks would be written off at the end of the financial year.
- The terms of BSOL's rental, and security of premises, were clarified.

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	Jonathan Martin
Vice President	Michelle Riche	Jonathan Martin	Brian Korner
Treasurer	Ann Nicholls	Brian Korner	Pat Noad
Secretary	Pat Noad	Brian Korner	Jonathan Martin
Committee member	Peter Nicholls	Brian Korner	Pat Noad
Committee member	Kim Austin	Brian Korner	Pat Noad
Committee member	Wayne Bordacs	Brian Korner	Jonathan Martin
Committee member	Colin Calvert	Brian Korner	Pat Noad
Committee member	Julie Vejle	Brian Korner	Pat Noad

The President then vacated the Chair, and Peter Nicholls proposed that, in the absence of any other nominations Brian Korner's nomination as President be accepted: agreed. In accepting the position, Brian advised that this third term of office would be his last.

Brian then proposed that each of the nominations listed above, in the absence of any opposing nominations, be accepted: agreed.

7 Appointment of Auditor

Ann advised that she is again recommending George & Ridgway, Public Accountants, as auditor for BSOL. Their fee remains very reasonable. Her motion was seconded by John D'Alton, and was carried.

8 Membership fees

After considerable debate, during which discussion ranged across the core business of BSOL, the possible purchase of books to enhance home mentoring, establishment of a special purpose fund to explore improving access to the CTC, and issues of rising costs, it was finally moved:

- That the membership fee be increased to \$40 for the coming year (moved by Julie Vejle, seconded by Peter Glen). The motion was carried.

It was agreed that the new fee should apply immediately, but BSOL would accept \$35 payments until 1 November 2008, as many people would already have unmodified brochures, or would have already been advised that the fee was \$35.

9 Position of Patron

Members noted that the Management Committee, on the recommendation of the Publicity Officer, was moving to create the position of Patron, and would soon be conducting discussions with a possible appointee.

10 Life membership

The President proposed that BSOL should confer the status of Life Member on Ben Munford, in recognition of his outstanding, and continuing, work for BSOL. This proposal was received

with enthusiasm. The President's motion was seconded by Margaret Connolly, and was passed *nem con*.

11 Other Business

During discussion of matters raised under Other Business, the following points were made:

- An estimated 20% of learners rejoined BSOL after their first year (this number to be clarified)
- As waiting lists continue to grow, learners will be offered a refund of their fees if assistance cannot be provided within three months of their payment
- While a flexible guideline of twelve lessons per learner for home mentors had been introduced, it was clear that providing twelve lessons for every learner was not always possible, or required.
- Members' attention was drawn to the Publicity Officer's report; copies were provided.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm. The President thanked members for their attendance and participation.