



Members' Pages

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2006

of the Firebird Foundation, convened on 26 June 2006, in the FFMembers forum

A roll-call was taken, to which 28 voting members (a quorum) responded as present. The fifth Annual General Meeting of the Firebird Foundation Inc. was convened at 12:07 GMT 26 June, 2006, with Paul Beach in the Chair.

Apologies

For lateness: L. Franzen, G. Worboys.

For absence: M. Tonies.

Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Minutes of the 2005 AGM were tabled. There were no Matters Arising.

Moved P. Chaisty, seconded P. Beach, "that the Minutes of the 2005 AGM be accepted."

Passed.

President's Annual Report

The President (Paul Beach) tabled his annual report. Points made in the report sparked lengthy comments by several members, particularly on the subject of raising more funds and building membership.

Moved P. Beach, seconded A. Nevsky, "that the President's report be accepted."

Passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was tabled, showing all figures in US dollars and Australian dollars. The Treasurer commented that, over the year, there had been a nearly 40% increase in the amount of funds committed to Grants.

He further noted that, despite a reduction in the level of unpaid subscriptions and a broadening base of sponsorship, overall income for the year was down on the previous year. Nevertheless, cash flow was reasonably good overall and money was in hand to pay for further development projects.

Matters Arising from the Treasurer's Report

One member commented that he would like to see the report in Euros.

Moved A. Anjos, seconded D. Ioannides, "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted."

Passed.

General Business

There were no items.

Election of Officers

The Election of Officers was begun and was terminated by an extraordinary motion when a member asked to allow nomination of an additional candidate for nomination after nominations had closed. The Chairman agreed to the request and the following motion (Moved. A. Nevsky, Seconded C. Pirtea) was put and passed (17 for, 5 against):
"That the Election of Officers currently being conducted be stopped and made null and void for the purpose of re-opening nominations."

The following members were elected to the committee for the 2006-7 year:

President: Paul Beach (nominated P. Beach, seconded R. Vellacott)
Vice-President: Philippe Makowski (nominated P. Makowski, seconded R. Vellacott)
Treasurer: Lester Caine (proposed L. Caine, seconded T. Watters)
Secretary: Helen Borrie (proposed H. Borrie, seconded R. Vellacott)

Committee: Artur Anjos (nom. A. Anjos, sec. R. Vellacott), Tim Benest (nom. T. Benest, sec. H. Borrie), Carlos Cantu (nom. A. Nevsky, sec. A. Anjos), Fabio Codebue (nom. F. Codebue, sec. H. Borrie), Fikret Hasovic (nom. F. Hasovic, sec. R. Vellacott), Mauricio Longo (nom. M. Longo, sec. R. Vellacott), Olivier Mascia (nom. N. Dessena, sec. C. Valderrama), Steve Summers (nom. S. Summers, sec. N. Dessena).

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the formal business of the meeting at 13:00 GMT on 10 July 2006.

Helen E. M. Borrie
Secretary