Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2007

of the Firebird Foundation, convened on 26 June 2007, in the FFMembers forum

A roll-call was taken, to which 26 voting members (a quorum) responded as present. The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Firebird Foundation Inc. was convened at 12:00 GMT 26 June, 2007, with Paul Beach in the Chair.

Apologies
The Secretary reported that no apologies had been received. S. Summers apologised for lateness at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous AGM
The Minutes of the 2006 AGM were tabled. There were no Matters Arising.
It was moved from the Chair, "that the Minutes of the 2006 AGM be accepted.". Motion passed unanimously.

President’s Annual Report
The President (Paul Beach) tabled his annual report and was commended for his full account. A motion "that the President's report be accepted" (moved F. Codebue, seconded T. Benest) was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's Report was tabled, showing all figures in US dollars and Australian dollars.

Matters Arising
1. M. Ling drew the Treasurer's attention to the misspelling of a bank account name and it was corrected.
2. S. Leyne commented on the absence of a detailed breakdown of future grant commitments in the report, which he considered desirable.

It was moved from the Chair "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted". Passed unanimously.

General Business

Grant Projections for 2007-8
At the request of S. Leyne, the Treasurer prepared an itemised breakdown of grant commitments estimated for the forthcoming year which could be associated with his annual report if needed. S. Leyne thanked the Treasurer, indicating that it was the information he had wanted.

Election of Officers
Chairpersons for the election were F. Ingermann, T. Steinmaurer and M. Tonies. Ballot scrutineers were P. Chaisty, R. Vellacott and T. Watters.

The following members were elected to the committee for the 2007-8 year:

President: Paul Beach (nom. V. Dokukin, sec. H. Borrie)
Upon announcement of the election results the Chair was handed back to the re-elected President, P. Beach.

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the formal business of the meeting at 12:10 GMT on 10 July 2007 and the members adjourned to prepare for a plenary discussion on the future of Firebird’s management and funding.

Helen E. M. Borrie
Secretary