



## Members' Pages

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009

#### of the Firebird Foundation, convened on 12 October 2009, in the FFMembers forum

A roll-call was taken, to which 29 voting members (a quorum) responded as present. The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Firebird Foundation Inc. was convened at 12:00 GMT 12 October, 2009, with Paul Beach in the Chair.

#### Apologies

The Secretary reported that the following members had tendered apologies:

Lateness: H. van Landeghem, M. Johansson

Absence: D. Schaer, J. Duff, T. Watters, N. Dessena, T. Conlon, R. Sanford, J-P. Lamon, J. Cincura.

#### Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Minutes of the 2008 AGM were tabled. There were no Matters Arising.

AGM2009-01 :: It was moved from the Chair, "that the Minutes of the 2008 AGM be accepted."

*Carried unanimously.*

#### President's Annual Report

The outgoing President (Paul Beach) tabled his [annual report](#).

A motion of thanks was proposed (P. Makowski, sec. H. Borrie), acknowledging Paul's contribution during his five terms as President, and was endorsed by several members; viz.,

AGM2009-02 :: I hereby propose a motion of thanks to Paul Beach on behalf of the my fellow committee members and all members, for his report and also for his time and effort during five terms as President.

*Carried unanimously by acclamation*

#### Treasurer's Report

The [Treasurer's Report](#) was tabled, showing all figures in US dollars and Australian dollars.

##### Matters Arising

S. Leyne commented that he thought it would be appropriate to include a note summarising the total amount due/collectable from members/sponsors as of the end of the financial period.

In response, the Treasurer (A. McDonald) explained that, since neither the desire nor the legal means existed to recover unfulfilled membership or sponsorship commitments, any such requirement would be pointless. Accounting was strictly on a cash basis and, in practice, the Foundation managed to meet its obligations to grantees. Although attrition occurred, it had been compensated for by new memberships and sponsorships, thus maintaining a reasonable expectation of income that was reliable enough for the purpose of a budget that was, at best, theoretical. He noted also the swings in currency exchange conditions that would always reinforce

the approximate nature of the Foundation's predictions. He emphasised the importance of timely renewal of subscriptions as an aid to effective budgetting.

A misspelling of the word "platinum" on Page 3 was noted.

There being no further Matters Arising, it was proposed (F. Codebue, sec. R. Vellacott):

AGM2009-03 :: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

*Carried unanimously*

#### **Election of Officers**

Ballot scrutineers were C. Pirtea, W. Bruhin and P. Vinkennoog.

The following members were elected to the committee for the 2008-9 year:

President: Philippe Makowski (nom. P. Beach, sec. P. Cisar)

Vice-President: Steve Summers (nom. P. Beach, sec. H. Borrie)

Treasurer: Alan McDonald (nom. H. Borrie, sec. P. Makowski)

Secretary: Helen Borrie (nom. P. Makowski, sec. S. Heymann)

Committee: Paul Beach (nom. P. Cisar, sec. P. Makowski), Pavel Cisar (nom. D. Yemanov, sec. A. Peshkov), Fabio Codebue (nom. S. Heymann, sec. L. Franzen) , Stefan Heymann (nom. F. Codebue, sec. R. Rokytskyy), Frank Ingermann (nom. S. Heymann, sec. L. Franzen), Mauricio Longo (nom. S. Heymann, sec. R. Rokytskyy), Olivier Mascia (nom. F. Codebue, sec. P. Makowski), Roman Rokytskyy (nom. P. Makowski, sec. S. Heymann)

The new President, P. Makowski wished the membership and the new committee success for the year to come.

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the formal business of the meeting at 16:17 GMT on 3 November, 2009.

Helen E. M. Borrie  
Secretary