

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014

of the Firebird Foundation, convened on 21 March 2014, in the FFMembers forum

A roll-call was taken, to which 34 voting members (a quorum) responded as present. The twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Firebird Foundation Inc. was convened at 12:50 GMT 3 March 2014, with Philippe Makowski in the Chair.

Apologies

The following members tendered apologies:

Lateness: C. Cantu (V), J. Cincura (V), T. Beckmann (V), O. Mascia (V), A. Harrison (V).

Absence: R. Neve, P. Antunes, M. Rotteveel, J. van de Waeter, S. Zenetzis, C. Valderrama, R. Schubert, É. Jacques, H. Correia, C. Rodrigues, A. Muylaert-Gelein, M. de Groot, C. Pobo Herrero, H. Tappe, I. Prenosil, J.-P. Dubost, B. Bream.

Scrutineers for ballots were C. Pirtea and J. Johnson.

Minutes of the Previous AGM

The [Minutes of the 2013 AGM](#) were tabled. There were no Matters Arising.

AGM2014-01 :: It was moved from the Chair, "that the Minutes of the 2011 AGM be accepted."
Carried unanimously.

President's Annual Report

The President, P. Makowski, presented his [annual report on the activities of the Foundation](#).

AGM2014-02 :: It was moved by O. Mascia, seconded by F. Codebue, "that the President's report be accepted."

Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports, 2012-2013

To correct for the progressive slippage of AGM dates over the years, caused by conflicts with the Northern Hemisphere summer vacation season and the movement of Firebird conference dates to the weeks preceding the Christmas holiday season, the Committee had determined to change the Foundation's financial year from the Australian convention (1 July to 30 June) to conform with the calendar year.

In consequence, the Treasurer presented two reports, one for [the year ending 30 June 2013](#) and the second for [the period 1 July to 31 December 2013](#). All figures were shown in Australian dollars.

C. Cantu drew attention to a line that was missing a note labelled "Note 5". The Treasurer presented an amended report that corrected the note reference in both reports.

AGM2014-03 :: It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by O. Mascia, "that the Treasurer's report be accepted, subject to amendments on Page 5 of first report inserting missing 'Note 5' reference and removing Note 5 from second report."

Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer subsequently noted that, due to an error in transferring database output to Excel, a group of transactions involving a return of funds from a grantee's bank account was wrongly counted as "Donations" in the original report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2013. The corrections, which are explained in Note 6 of the revised report, did not affect the net profit. The [revised report](#) was presented for acknowledgement and approval by Voting members.

Election of Officers

Ballot scrutineers were C. Pirtea and J. Johnson.

The following members were elected to the committee for the 2014-5 year:

President: Philippe Makowski (nom. F. Codebue, sec. H. Borrie)

Vice-President: Steve Summers (nom. O. Mascia, sec. P. Makowski)

Treasurer: Raymond Cl  roux (nom. P. Makowski, sec. H. Borrie)

Secretary: Helen Borrie (nom. T. Vedel, sec. F. Codebue)

Committee:

Paul Beach (nom. B. Latte, sec. P. Makowski), Carlos Cantu (nom. A. Kovyazin, sec. T. Beckmann), Pavel Cisar (nom. F. Codebue, sec. P. Makowski), Fabio Codebue (nom. F. Codebue, sec. P. Makowski), Dmitry Kouzmenko (nom. C. Cantu, sec. A. Kovyazin), Alexey Kovyazin (nom. O. Mascia, sec. C. Cantu), Olivier Mascia (nom. P. Beach, sec. P. Cisar), Alexandre Benson Smith (nom. D. Kouzmenko, sec. C. Cantu), Thomas Steinmaurer (nom. B. Latte, sec. F. Codebue), Thomas Vedel (nom. H. Borrie, sec. P. Makowski), Dmitry Yemanov (nom. P. Makowsk, sec. H. Borrie).

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the formal business of the meeting at 12:25 p.m. GMT on 21 March, 2014, thanking the members for their attendance and the scrutineers for their efforts. He welcomed the new Committee members and thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for their preparation of the AGM documents.

Helen E. M. Borrie
Secretary



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