



Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd (Australia)

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SCA Ltd Annual General Meeting: Minutes

Meeting held: 3 April 2015

Category	Description	Action Required
Attendees:	Jeff Nicholson (Secretary), Michèle Le Bas (Deputy Chair), Donna Page (Chair), Sandra Watkin (Treasurer), Adam Blower, Michael Priscino, Rebecca Garnsey, Tim Moone, Nathan Bullivant, Jessica Goodlet, Rachel Small, Marjorie Lenehan, Stephen Roylance, Tim Liersch, Tina Bean, Tiffany Brown, Glynnis Hollindale, Annette Wilson, Ray Gleeson, Tina Ryan, Miriam Staples, Kathryn Bird.	
Observers:	Nil	
Meeting Started:	9:01 am	
Apologies:	David Darlington Beresford	
Confirmation:	Minutes of last AGM and EGM Motion: That the Minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as true and correct Moved: Jeff Nicholson Seconded: Tim Liersch Decision: CARRIED without dissent Motion: That the Minutes of the 2014 EGM be accepted as true and correct Moved: Jeff Nicholson Seconded: Sandra Watkins Decision: CARRIED without dissent	
Correspondence:	No AGM Correspondence Received	
Report:	Chair (See Appendix) Motion: That the Chair's report be accepted Moved: Donna Page Seconded: Tina Bean Decision: CARRIED without dissent	
Report:	Treasurer (Available at http://sca.org.au/board/financial) Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted Moved: Sandra Watkins Seconded: Tina Bean Decision: CARRIED without dissent	
Item:	Changes to Constitution Each item was separately moved, seconded and discussed before voting. Motion 1: That Section 13.3.5 of the Constitution be changed From: <i>A notice convening a General Meeting may be given by publishing it in Pegasus and including a link to all documents which should be included with the notice of meeting</i> To: <i>A notice convening a General Meeting may be given by publishing it on the SCA Ltd website, including a link to all documents which should be included with the notice of meeting, and publishing a link to this notice in the Official Newsletter</i>	

Moved: Jeff Nicholson
Seconded: Michèle Le Bas
Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Motion 2: That Section 26.1 of the Constitution be changed
From: *The number of Board Members shall be a minimum of five*
To: *The number of Board Member positions shall be a minimum of five*

Moved: Jeff Nicholson
Seconded: Tina Bean
Decision: CARRIED (1 opposed)

Note: It was pointed out that section 26.4 does not mandate maximum numbers from Territories, stating: *"No nominations may be accepted from a person in a state which already has two board representatives."* The Board undertook to correct this in future changes to the constitution.

Motion 3: That Section 29.2.1 of the Constitution be changed
From: *Reduce the number of Board Members, but not to less than 3*
To: *Reduce the number of Board Member positions, but not to less than 3*

Moved: Jeff Nicholson
Seconded: Rachel Small
Decision: DEFEATED (2 in favour, 6 opposed)

Note: It was acknowledged that the minimum of 3 was a legislated minimum. The Board undertook to consider future changes to the constitution that would provide a 'trigger' to aggressively seek more Board Members before numbers fell that far.

Motion 4

Part 1: That Section 1.1.15 of the Constitution be changed
From: *"SCA Ltd. Officers" means the Registrar, Stock Clerk and Editor of Pegasus*
To: *"SCA Ltd. Officers" means the Registrar and Editor of Pegasus*

Part 2: That Section 28.1 of the Constitution be changed
From: *"Registrar, Stock Clerk and Editor of Pegasus shall be appointed as officers of SCA Ltd. by majority vote of the Board Members*

To: *Registrar and Editor of Pegasus shall be appointed as officers of SCA Ltd. by majority vote of the Board Members*

Part 3: That Section 28.2 of the Constitution be changed
From: *The Functions of these Officers are to be specified in Appendix One.*
To: *The Functions of these Officers are determined by the Board and specified on the SCA Ltd website.*

Moved: Jeff Nicholson
Seconded: Sandra Watkins
Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Ballot: **Election of SCA Ltd Executive Officers**

Motion: That Tina Bean be appointed Returning Officer

Moved: Jeff Nicholson
Seconded: Michèle Le Bas
Decision: CARRIED without dissent

All positions were declared vacant.

Motion: That Donna Page be re-elected as Chair

Moved: Donna Page

Seconded: Sandra Watkins

Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Motion: That Sandra Watkins be re-elected as Treasurer

Moved: Sandra Watkins

Seconded: Tim Liersch

Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Motion: That Jeff Nicholson be elected as Deputy Chair

Moved: Jeff Nicholson

Seconded: Rachel Small

Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Motion: That Michèle Le Bas be elected as Secretary

Moved: Michèle Le Bas

Seconded: Jeff Nicholson

Decision: CARRIED without dissent

Next AGM: 9:00am on Friday, 25 March 2016 at Camp Wombaroo during Rowany Festival

Meeting Closed: 9:46am

Appendix

Chair's Report

Firstly I would like to thank the serving officers of the board who have gone above and beyond this year. With only four working members on the most part it has been very difficult.

A special thank you to Tiffany Brown who lengthen her advisory tenure until today to help us out in a time of need. Tiffany your service to the Board throughout your tenure as a Director and an Advisor has been greatly appreciated.

Highlight of the year has been the implementation of Xero for our financial accountability. A big thanks to the magnificent efforts of the Corporate Treasurer (or Treasure as we are want to call her), the Kingdom Exchequer and all of the Reeves of the Society. It has been a mammoth task and everyone has been fabulous.

Some interesting issues have been tossed at us this year including the need to review our weapons policy in Victoria which has impacted on the rest of the states as well. Again thanks to Tiffany for the work she put into this. Things are always going to change legislatively and it can be very difficult to keep up. Being a country wide organisation makes it very challenging with different rules for each state. Things like Child Safety and Weapons will ultimately be consistent Australia wide I hope and will make life a little easier for all of us.

The affiliation agreement with SCA Inc in the US has also been completed and will be available on the website soon. This document is the one that allows us to operate in Australia and New Zealand and enables us to have country specific rules for the game.

And a note on the game: This is the SCA Ltd. Sometimes we are perceived to be the fun police and I am hoping to be seen as a little less police like. We do have to ensure that the game is played under the rules of the law, that we are meeting our legislative requirements and sometimes even we think these are rather harsh and ridiculous but we have no choice but to implement these legislative requirements within the game and to ensure we adhere the requirements of Corpora. This behind-the-scenes work is what enables the SCA to keep running as a legal entity in Australia, like the bedrock on which the Kingdom is built and thus is able to thrive. And that makes all our work worthwhile.

I want to thank the Membership of the society for continuing to support this amazing game and that which we are all trying to achieve. I am passionate about being part of the SCA and I know many others are the same.

End of Report