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SCA Ltd Board Meeting: PUBLIC Minutes Meeting held: 14th March 2022

Category	Description	Action Required
Attending:	Rob Aked (Chair), Paul Adams (Deputy Chair), Tam Hovenga, Jeremy Gregson (Secretary) Lara Mucha (Treasurer), Cat Colwell , Katherine Rowell	
Observers:	Bill Dabbs (Kingdom Seneschal), Kellianne Anderson (Deputy Seneschal)	
Meeting Start:	7:00pm	
Apologies:	None	
	Welcome and acknowledgement of country	
1.0 Conflict of interest disclosures:	Lara declared a possible conflict of interest regarding debt recovery processes.	
2.0 In camera	Redacted	
3.0 Speaking as a Board member / Environmental Scanning	Jeremy provided an update on the status of the DA for festival. Kitty gave a summary of a discussion on social media about peer behaviour that has elicited a wide range of comment. Paul relayed a suggestion that the SCA should get itself an affiliate link on Amazon.com.au, which would generate a revenue stream every time someone made a purchase citing the link. Lara summarised a Facebook discussion about float management. She advised that the audit is progressing well, and is on track to be finished and ready for publishing three weeks before the AGM. Rob noted that the only power available at the current festival site for campsites that need it for things like cpap machines is around the Northern reaches or in the bunkrooms. This limits where cpap users can camp. There was a general discussion about the availability of power at different sites.	
4 Kingdom Seneschal's report	Material that would be covered by the Kingdom Seneschal's report was addressed in the course of other board discussion.	
5 Event attendance for carers	Discussion about whether the preamble to the draft was necessary, general consensus that it has value. Discussion about the potential financial impact on a small group, if they have to cover the cost of food for a carer – recognition that this cost will be a very small percentage of the cost of running an event, and that groups can factor it in to the budget for an event. Consensus that the draft policy should be circulated for comment. MOTION: That the board endorses the draft companion policy, pending a two-week period of commentary by the populace.	ACTION: Jeremy to circulate the draft policy for comment.

6 Alternative waiver text	Jeremy provided a recap of the history of the waiver text we use, and earlier discussions about possible changes to it. He highlighted a problem with the waiver form offered by the insurers, which is six pages long. There was general agreement that it would be preferable to stay with our current text. Cat raised the prospect of seeking a discount on our premiums if we adopted it.	ACTION: Jeremy to go back to the insurers and seek alternatives or suggestions for how the waiver can be made workable.
7 Legal training for officers	Deferred	
8 AGM Advertising	<p>Discussion about deadlines in the lead up to the AGM, Cat shared a calendar of key dates. Confirmation that notice of the AGM has gone out in Pegasus, more advertising on social media is needed. Cat has circulated a marked-up copy of the constitution, seeking comments from other directors so that we can put agreed amendments to members with the notice of the AGM. Jeremy has already commented on it, Rob also to comment.</p> <p>The board discussed Executive positions for the coming term. Paul nominated himself for Chair Tam nominated for Treasurer Kitty nominated for Deputy Chair Jeremy nominated for Secretary</p> <p>MOTION: The Board endorses the candidate nominations of Tam Hovenga for Treasurer; Paul Adams for Chair; Jeremy Gregson for Secretary; Katherine Rowell for Deputy Chair.</p> <p>Cat noted that the guide document on participation in the AGM via Zoom needs to be updated to reflect a hybrid meeting. Discussion about the practicalities of voting in a hybrid meeting, Cat argued that it will be simpler if everyone votes online. Jeremy and Lara spoke in favour of there being some mechanism for people without smart devices to vote.</p>	<p>ACTION: Those who want to comment on the constitution to do so before 18th. Jeremy to circulate draft for comments on the 20th.</p> <p>ACTION: Jeremy to review/update the AGM technology document.</p>
9 Chair's report	Rob has contacted Jon Dai about college members. He noted that this would be one of his last meetings as Chair, and that his time on the board and in the chair has been quite different from what was envisaged. He spoke of how beneficial the board role was for	
10 Secretary's report	Jeremy noted that he'd already covered the contact with the insurers, and had nothing further to add.	
11 Treasurer's report	Lara reported that the new auditors were proving very good to work with, and she was hoping to do as much as possible to leave things tidy for Tam as she hands the office over. She checked whether Jeremy had submitted his signature to Westpac, and had any subsequent contact from the bank. He had, no word back from Westpac and no sign that the changes have been made.	
12.0 Minutes of last meeting	MOTION: that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted.	

12.1 Motions passed out of session

MOTION: To accept the recommendation from Kingdom Seneschal to revoke and deny Mikhail Robert Gordon from participating in the SCA.

MOTION : to allow Ynys Fawr to sell unwanted garb to the value of \$1500.

13 Other Board business

MOTION: That the Board accepts the recommended changes to fighter rules, pending review by our insurance providers and consideration of a distance requirement for spectators on war combat.

ACTION – Paul to talk to Eva before we go to insurers.

Cat and Jeremy made changes to the ownership of the board's Dropbox account, so that it can be managed by secretary@sca.org.au in future.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the armoured combat rules. Paul expressed an interest in confirming changes related to lanyards for single-handed weapons, and spectator distance. Cat noted that Board approval needed to be checked against our insurers, but that they should have no problem since the changes are all to be more restrictive.

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Next Meeting: Monday 4th April, 7:00pm

Meeting Close 9:02 pm.