

## Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes (2014)

Monday 26 October, 2015, 6:10 p.m. – X p.m.

Location: Room W5C 312, Macquarie University, North Ryde

### Subject: Roll Call

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- Angelene Norman
- Andrew Fisher
- Sam Marshall
- Anneleise Cooper
- Sarah McCabe
- Jacob Rock
- Anna Kosmynina
- Alex Feofiloff
- David Burke
- Lachlan McGrath
- Mathew Duardo
- Mitch Flitcroft (6:20pm)
- Ryan Thalari (7:16pm)
- Daniel Dummer (8:04pm)
- Amit B (9:55pm)
- Apologies: Nandini Bajaj, Ryan Thalari (to be one hour late)

### Subject: President's Report

- We broke at Easter's - first time since 2011
- Mid year's schools day was cancelled - timing issues
- New potential for further funding - s 7.2 of university charter relating to travel funding
- Question - Anna Kosmynina - Why was there no camp this year?
  - Camp was meant to be cheaper and on campus

- Potential from the uni for more funding
- “Bit off more than we could chew”
- Would recommend having members of the Big 3 having General officers on their projects
- Aims to have more time to help run camp next year
- First year will be brought on to train about running camp

#### Subject: Secretary’s Report

- We had 245 new likes on our Facebook page, compared to last years 176
- 756 active subscribers, compared to last years 736. That includes 209 email being cleaned off due to inactivity or spam
  - Which means overall we had 220 new members
  - Last year we had 174 new signups from the year before
- 10 newsletters were emailed this year
  - same number as last year, about on target
- Approximately 12 executive meetings, including two EGMs
  - attendance varied from 5 members to full 10 member exec meetings
- Most newsletters are read by roughly 25-35% of our subscribers - fairly typical of the newsletter from previous 3 years; interest points are around O-week, Easters, AGM and Worlds trials - no surprises there

#### Subject: Constitutional Amendments

- Amendment 10:
  - Explanation - current rule states equity officer is obliged to report all incidents
  - Equity is not obliged to tell Exec about all concerns
    - People would not want to know about personal issues
  - Anna Kosmynina question -
  - Vote - can we amend all of 17C or only the previously amended part of it?
    - Result: 11 in favour, 1 abstention

- Vote - to include changes made to 17C
  - Result: passes unanimously
- Redrafted amendment moved to the room:
  - Result: Passes unanimously
- Amendment 2
  - Purpose to facilitate discussion to continue in the absence of meetings
  - Vote on 24.1
    - Result: Passes unanimously
  - Vote on 24.2
    - Result: 4 in favour, 5 opposed, 3 abstentions
- Amendment 12
  - We don't require any particular single person out of the "big 4" to be there
  - 5 members should be more than sufficient
    - Vote: 7 in favour, 1 opposed, 5 abstentions
    - Motion passes
- Amendment 13
  - Vote: 11 in favour, 2 against

Chair calls for a 10 minute recess - at 7:32pm

Meeting resumes 7:42pm

- Amendment 15
  - Individuals should be able to abstain from issues
  - Discussion over whether or not abstaining increases or decreases people's level of involvement and/or discourse
  - Vote: 8 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention
- Amendment 11
  - Vote: Passes unanimously
- Amendment 6

- 11 in favour, 2 abstentions
- Amendment 3
  - 4 in favour, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions
  - motion fails
- Procedural vote for this meeting, abstentions are not allowed; “that abstentions should not be included in the voting pool when looking for a 2/3 majority”
  - Vote passes 9 in favour, 4 against
- Amendment 1
  - Vote: 9 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention
- Amendment 4 and 5
  - Motions not moved due to drafting
- Amendment 7
  - Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
- Amendment 8
  - Vote to amend wording: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
  - Vote passes unanimously
- Amendment 9
  - 11 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstaining
- Amendment 14
  - need to have policy survive longer than a year
  - concerns over policy being lost
  - concern over policy not being updated
  - Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
- Amendment 16
  - change membership to financial membership
  - Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
- Amendment 17
  - Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
- Amendment 18
  - Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention

Amendments finish 9:20pm

Meeting called to break at 9:20pm

Meeting resumes at 9:34pm

Subject: David Burke's ability to vote

- It is unclear if David is able to vote or not due to his financial membership
- Vote to allow his financial membership: Passes unanimously

Subject: Treasurer's report

- Total income was \$6495
- Expenses \$8178.23
- Net loss = \$1682.56
- Still remains cheques to be deposited and repayments to be made
- This year we had less schools days
- Barely filling spots to inter-varsity tournaments - committed members pull out or people say yes with less notice
- Recommend to give less spots
- Student groups funding is not sustainable
- Trend for tournaments to ask for pre-payment
- Macpay makes the system potentially easier to make payments and/or get figures about our accounts
- Be more militant about schools days
- Interrogate operational costs
- Pre-payment for events we run works well
- Keep receipts and give treasurer your account details

Subject: President Elections

- Results: Margin of 9 to 5 in favour of Ryan
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## Subject: Treasurer Elections

- Alex Feofiloff to speak first
- Alex Speech
  - I can do the job and I have the time to do the job
  - I can do the record keeping
    - Meticulous nature is unique to treasurer
  - Has firm understanding
  - Organised O week this Semester on his own
  - Previous experience organising a camp for his Church Group
  - Involved fundraising and collecting money
- Question from Angelene “what about subsidies”
  - Subsidies should not differ between members but should be on case by case basis
- Question from Mat - “collecting payment”
  - Happy to work out payment plans, happy to email people who owe us money
- Question from Ryan “what about your typos”
  - I have typos with words, I find numbers far easier
- Question from Amit “Previous experience”
  - Would be happy to take all advice under active consideration
  - Consulted previous treasurers before running
- Question from Angelene “How comfortable would you be naming and shaming”
  - More than happy to ring people up for our money
- Question from Dan “About old emails”
  - Was investigating our fax machine usage, labelled all our emails
- Question from Anneleise “about efficiency in communication”
  - Skill he is willing to develop
- Sarah’s Speech
  - Being a MUDS member has been formative to uni experience

- Contributions can be made in a multitude of ways
- Role of treasurer
  - more significant say in how money is directed
  - can flag areas of financial attention
- Measures targeted
  - development of members
    - prioritising their subsidies
    - subsidy policy that can be tracked - rewarding those that contribute to events
    - looking at 'why wasn't there any mums people at schools day'
    - acknowledging outside factors intervene - we should anticipate structural difficulties and need
  - can do simple accurate sums
  - Question from Amit "why regular attender over better debater"
    - not meant to be punitive, meant to be encouraging
  - Question from Angelene "how to avoid clerical oversights a la 2014"
    - Can anticipate flaws of MacPay
  - Question from Ryan "how will you reclaim money"
    - kill through kindness
  - Question from Jacob "we have 3 year losses, contradiction over subsidy policy"
    - we probably need to look at reducing subsidies
- Results: Margin of 9 to 5 in favour of Sarah

Subject: Secretary confirmation (Anneliese Cooper running unopposed)

- Committed, leadership important, passionate, huge amount of past experience
- Was astronomy captain - Astronomy is great
- Question from Dan
  - How will you avoid burnout
    - shifts in exec, need to aim for certain dates

- Results: 13 to 1, Elected.

Subject: General Executive Nominations and Election

- Nominations
  - Angelene Norman - 10
  - Andrew Fisher - 10
  - Sam Marshall - 11
  - Alex Feofiloff - 11
  - Mathew Duardo 10

Subject: AGM Minutes approval

- 10 in favour, 4 abstentions

Subject: Thanks

- Sam to Mat for the Minutes
- Lachlan to Return's officer Kieran Ash
- Anna to the Exec Committee
- Amit to the two surviving novices

Meeting closed as at 10:58 pm