

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Friends of the Western Ground Parrot Inc

held on

29 September 2010

Board Room of the South Coast NRM, 39 Mercer Road, Albany, WA

1. Welcome

Chairperson Brenda Newbey declared the meeting open at 4pm and welcomed all members and visitors.

2. Apologies

Anthea Bell, Kim Bennett, Vicky Bilney, Fred Bondin, Robert Boyes, Allan Burbidge, Joan Bush, Gil Craig, Creighton Family, Susanne Dennings, Virginia Jealous, Sue Mather, Patricia Pope, Rob Smart, Ron Snook, John Tucker, Audrey Turner

3. Quorum

The meeting was attended by 19 members and 6 guests. A quorum was reached.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Anne Bondin

Seconded: Deon Utber

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 May 2010 be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

5. Business arising from Minutes

- **Approval of changes to Constitution**

Anne Bondin reported that the Department of Commerce had approved the changes to the constitution endorsed at the May meeting.

- **Entry to Register of Environmental Organisations**

Anne explained that the committee had set up a *Western Ground Parrot Rescue Fund*, to comply with tax legislation. A committee to administer this public fund had also been elected, its members being Sarah Comer, Val Hack and herself.

The application to enter the Register of Environmental Organisations had been lodged in August. It was expected it would take a while before a decision was made. Once the organisation was listed on the register, it was eligible to be endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

Anne further reported that the organisation had been endorsed as a charitable institution and was exempted from paying income tax.

6. Presentation of the Chairperson's Annual Report

Brenda presented the chairperson's Annual Report.

Moved: Deon Utber

Seconded: Saul Cowen

That the Annual Report for the period 24 June 2009 – 29 September 2010 tabled by the Chairperson be received and adopted.

Carried Unanimously

7. Presentation of the Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement

Anne presented the audited Financial Statement for the previous financial year.

Moved: Val Hack

Seconded: Deon Utber

That the Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 tabled by the acting Treasurer be received and adopted.

Carried unanimously

8. Election of committee members

Brenda Newbey stepped down as chairperson and asked Brad Kneebone to chair the election of committee members. Brad declared all positions vacant. He informed the meeting that the following members had been nominated and had accepted their nominations to serve on the new committee:

Vicky Bilney, Anne Bondin, Saul Cowen, Val Hack, Craig Johnstone, Brenda Newbey and Deon Utber.

Chairperson: Brenda Newbey accepted the nomination

Moved: Anne Bondin

Seconded: Carol Trethowan

That Brenda Newbey be elected Chairperson

Carried unanimously

Vice chair:

None of the nominated members present were prepared to be elected to the position of Vice chair. It was decided to approach absent committee nominee Vicky Bilney to take on this role.

Secretary/Treasurer: Anne Bondin accepted the nomination.

Moved: Tina Smith

Seconded: Jill Williams

That Anne Bondin be elected Secretary / Treasurer

Carried unanimously

Committee members:

Moved: Brenda Newbey

Seconded: Stephen Fryc

That Val Hack, Deon Utber, Saul Cowen, Craig Johnstone and Vicky Bilney be elected.

Carried unanimously

Brad Kneebone declared the committee elected and handed the meeting to the newly elected chairperson, Brenda Newbey.

9. Guest Speakers

Abby Berryman (Western Ground Parrot Recovery Project Scientist) gave a presentation about the captive management project.

Cam Tiller (DEC Adaptive Management Conservation Officer) gave a talk about the South Coast Integrated Fauna Recovery Project with an emphasis on feral predator monitoring in Western Ground Parrot habitat.

10. Other business

• **Sale of WGP merchandise**

Brenda informed the meeting that Val Hack had retired from her position as coordinator of sales and asked for someone else to take on this position. Nobody came forward.

• **Membership fees**

Col Heap suggested to raise individual membership fees to \$15 and family memberships to \$20. It was agreed to discuss this at the next general meeting.

• **Security system for aviaries**

Abby welcomed the offer of the organisation to make a donation towards the costs of the security system. Details were yet to be finalised.

11. Questions from members

Peter Stewart said he was pleased to announce that the WGP display at the Albany Wildflower Show had been well-received by the approximately one thousand visitors passing through.

12. Next AGM

No date was set. It was suggested to hold the next AGM around late August/early September.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.