

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA INC.

HELD BY ZOOM CONFERENCING SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2020 AT 1100 hrs. EST & 0900hrs WST

Kevin Thomas National Society Vice President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

1. Election of Minute Secretary

Celia Karas was elected Minute Secretary.

2. Apologies

Steve Longwood President

3. Recognition of Delegates

The delegates were welcomed to the meeting.

Executive

Kevin Thomas	Vice President
Celia Karas	Executive Secretary
Christine Lucas	Treasurer

NSDSA Committee

Pauline Hansford	Public Relations Officer
Rosalind Todd	Co coordinating Editor
Barbara Treharne	Merchandising Officer
Kevin Thomas	Web Coordinator

Delegates

Barry Chandler	TAS
Kaye Chandler	TAS
Chris Karas	WA
Patricia Watson	WA
Alan Hansford	NSW
Ted Thomas	NSW
Murray Dempsey	SA
Graham Burgan	SA
Helen Bates	ACT
Robin Kerr	ACT
Russell Wall	QLD
Lorraine Keenan	QLD
Sasha Boon	VIC
Andy Verhoef	VIC

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Celia Karas moved and Barbara Treharne seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and complete record.

Carried.

5. Correspondence

Incoming-

- Donation from Deloraine Committee
- Letter from Convention Board
- Letter from Kevin Thomas re 'Emails'

Outgoing-

- Thank you to Deloraine Committee for donation
- Email to Lorraine Keenan

Lorraine Keenan thanked everyone for their kind words in the recent passing of her husband.

Ted Thomas moved & Kaye Chandler seconded that the incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Carried

To access all the reports please go to the following link;-

www.squaredanceaustralia.org.au/society/nsdsa-agm/

(Should anyone require hard copies, please contact us and we shall post them to you.)

6. Presidents Report

7. Treasurers Report

Christine Lucas pointed out that this year there won't be any income due to the situation caused by COVID-19 so there is a need to be aware of that.

Barry Chandler advised there were no affiliation fees income in the budget. Also that the web development and promotional cost could come out of the money that is there.

8. Public Relations Officers Report

The contact details for the States were updated.

8a. Web Coordinators Report

Kevin Thomas requested input and ideas from others to assist with content for the website as per his report.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to put something in the Review to request ideas.

Sasha Boon suggested that maybe updated photos/videos should be included. We do have to be careful not to put any photos on the website without permission from the people in the pictures. Chris Karas advised that as long as there is a notice advising photos may be taken this should cover us. Ted Thomas suggested that a colour coded tag could be available noting that people are or are not comfortable with having their photos taken.

Also we should put a link on the website to our Facebook page.

8b. Merchandising Officers Report

8c. Australian Square Dance Review Report

8d. Facebook promotion report.

Kaye Chandler moved and Patricia Watson seconded that all reports be accepted.

Carried

9. Election of Officers

President –2 Year Term.

Kevin Thomas accepted the nomination

Moved by Celia Karas and seconded by Kaye Chandler.

Carried

Kevin Thomas (VIC) was elected as President. There were no other nominations.

Vice President –1 Year Term.

Rosalind Todd accepted the nomination

Moved by Kevin Thomas and seconded by Russell Wall

Carried

Rosalind Todd (NSW) was elected as Vice President. There were no other nominations.

Treasurer– 2 Year Term.

Barry Chandler accepted the nomination

Moved by Barbara Treharne and seconded by Celia Karas.

Carried

Barry Chandler (TAS)) was elected as Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

10. Nominated Officers- 1 Year Term

Public Relations Officer – Pauline Hansford (NSW) was re-elected at Public Relations Officer

Webmaster – Kevin Thomas (VIC) was re-elected as Webmaster.

Merchandising Officer – Barbara Treharne (VIC) was re-elected as Merchandising Officer

Review Executive Officer – Rosalind Todd (NSW) was re-elected as Review Executive Officer

Public Officer – Kevin Thomas (VIC) was re-elected as Public Officer

Facebook Co-ordinator – Jason Nicholson was re-elected as Facebook co-ordinator

Publicity – Jason Nicholson & Brenda Cockburn were re-elected as Publicity Officers.

Barry Chandler moved & Ted Thomas seconded that all nominated officers positions remain the same.

Carried

11. General Committee -1 Year Term

Kaye Chandler (TAS) accepted the nomination.

Moved by Celia Karas and seconded by Chris Karas.

Kaye Chandler was elected as a General Committee Member

Patricia Watson (WA) accepted the nomination

Moved by Christine Lucas and seconded by Celia Karas.

Patricia Watson was elected as a General Committee Member

12. Other Business

Roll of Honour

There was much discussion regarding this, including;-

The first award was in 1994.

Possibly rename this award, roll of honour is not really appropriate.

Make the application for nomination much simpler, the current criteria is quite vague.

Possibly a previous recipient should nominate a possible candidate. Perhaps a sub - committee of this committee could be formed specifically for this.

A panel be established to decide on nominated recipients as to who would receive the award. The panel to maybe consist of previous recipients.

A points system could be considered as to suitability for the award.

Many previous recipients are no longer dancing or would not know the current nominees. A lot of people prefer not to be involved with committees and decision making.

Perhaps nominees must already be a Life Member of their State. Essentially this is a step up.

Should this be only for dancers as callers have their own awards?

Callers are dancers as well, this award is for the activity across the board.

Perhaps the awards could be made under 2 different categories, one for dancers and one for 'leaders of the activity' ie callers and executive members etc.

It would be a good idea to see what the criteria for awards in each different State is. The best points could be taken from them and compiled to create the criteria.

Car Stickers.

It was agreed in Deloraine that the NSDSA go ahead and order car stickers.

These were designed and 1000 were ordered.

200 Car Stickers were sent to each State. They were black and white.

Queensland advised as they had some of their own they didn't need any. However 200 were sent but it seems only 10 were received.

Victoria handed them out at a free dance and they were taken back to clubs.

WA handed them out at a State committee meeting and they were distributed to clubs.

There has been no feedback as to whether they were popular.

We need to find out from the States if there are any left and if so have them back and put them on the NSDSA stall in Darwin.

It doesn't seem worth spending the money to print more in the current climate as we don't know what the future holds.

We are also competing with the TAWS car stickers. The NSDSA subsidised these. It would have been good to see the 1800 number on them.

Kevin Thomas moved and Robin Kerr seconded that we write to the States to find out how many are left and ask for the rest to be returned.

Carried.

1800 Number

The 1800 phone number is to continue.

Special Edition of Review for Darwin

It was agreed that the Special edition of the Review will be printed for Darwin.

Question was asked who is responsible for the material that goes in that special edition?

All States are asked to contribute, all State reports go into it, minutes from dancers meetings, agenda for dancers interest meeting and reports from all National organisations.

Also the editor offers an historic look at what has happened, also relevant photos for the forthcoming convention ie photos from the previous Darwin conventions.

2020 Year Bars

The convention year bars are ordered a year in advance.

As the 2020 convention was unable to go ahead what should be done with these bars. Should they be distributed or destroyed. As the convention didn't happen they should not be available to buy.

There will only be one retained for the archives.

Ted Thomas moved and Christine Lucas seconded that the 2020 year bars be destroyed.

Carried.

Return to Square Dancing.

Should we be considering how we will be able to return to dancing?

It would likely be a State by State decision.

WA is looking at having 'events' to get the dancers back together maybe picnics in the park to reconnect them.

Social distancing will make it difficult and people may decide they won't come back

There should be some promotion to get the dancers back. In America a caller is encouraging people who haven't danced before by offering a short course to learn 30 moves. It gives people the opportunity to try something new. The link to this is on our Facebook page.

At the last NSDSA promotions meeting 'meet ups' were suggested. Sasha Boon incepted this and Victoria gained 7 round dancers from this advertising. This was a good outcome.

We have to be aware of the cost of advertising and other expenses at this stage.

What is the promotions budget in case we don't have a Darwin convention?

At this stage Darwin is happening.

There needs to be another promotions meeting soon. This is to take place on Sunday 14th June 2020.

Kevin Thomas moved and Lorraine Keenan seconded that Sasha Boon take on the position of organising the next promotions meeting.

Carried.

Actions from meeting;-

1. Advise of any changes to the 1800 contacts to Pauline Hansford, Public Relations Officer
2. Contact the States in regards to the car stickers, Celia Karas, Secretary.
3. How many year bars required for Darwin? Barbara Treharne Merchandising Officer.
4. Update of banking details. Kevin Thomas & Barry Chandler, President & Treasurer.
5. Promotions budget, Barry Chandler, Treasurer.
6. Review advert asking for ideas and or photos for the website, Review Editor, Ros Todd.
7. Follow up re information from States re Roll of Honour guidelines. Committee.
8. Update re effect of Covid-19 on Square Dancing. Committee

13. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the National Square Dance Society of Australia will be held by ZOOM on 2nd August 2020 commencing at 11.30hrs EST. & 9.30hrs WST.

The President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

14. Meeting Closed 1105WST hrs EST 1305hrs EST