

SYDNEY DOGS AND CATS HOME

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MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 6:04pm

Venue: Standard House, 105 Kippax Street, Surry Hills
Also available via Zoom

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome by Melissa Penn.

Acknowledgement of CANVA in providing the venue and refreshments.

Thank you to those who organised the meeting.

Apologies from the President Peter Sharp.

2. Confirm minutes of last AGM

Previous meeting minutes motion to approve supported by Michael Glendinning, seconded by Jayne Morley.

3. President's report

Per the written report circulated.

Thank you to the Leadership Team and Board, Community, sponsors, staff and volunteers.

No questions from members.

4. Receive the Financial Statements

Treasurer Michael Glendinning presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2022.

MG noted the result of \$100k surplus is quite remarkable given the operating costs of two sites. This was largely attributable to \$900k in bequests received.

Motion to approve the Financial Statements proposed by Rebecca Swinfield and seconded by Jayne Morley.

5. Treasurer's report

Per the report provided.

Member Joanne Bermingham asked how long the \$500k from the NSW Government would cover operations. MG advised that assuming the status quo, approximately nine months.

6. Elect Office Bearer & Ordinary Board members – Voting Results

Vice President – only one nominee applied and so has been directly appointed:

- Rebecca Swinfield

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- Michael Glendinning

Ordinary board members elected are:

- Amanda Stokes
- Jayne Morley

7. Questions submitted from members

No questions were lodged by members prior to the meeting.

8. Kurnell project and Capital campaign update

- General Manager Melissa Penn advised members that as a result of the NSW Government denying SDCH application for funding to build the new facility, a crisis campaign was launched.
- SDCH has had discussions with the Premier's office who have requested additional information in support of the grant application. MP has secured pro bono support from Deloitte to assist with this request.
- MP reassured members the organisation is working hard to secure funding under the current government which will allow construction to commence sooner than if we have to wait for the funding as committed by the opposition labour government.
- Margaret Rafferty asked if the LGAs could provide funds? MP advised no as the new build is a state government matter.
- Kareen Tawansi asked if SDCH can provide services to additional councils? MP responded not at present but once SDCH is operational at Kurnell, there is the opportunity for growth.
- Dorothy Wilhurst raised the issue of the staffing profile following the recent departure of the foster care coordinator and the animal care manager. MP advised there will be changes to the organisation structure. A key role going forward will be the position of senior foster care manager. The animal care manager role will be merged with the vet team in which the head vet role will consolidate some of the existing management roles. MP advised the vet team is growing and provides opportunities for income generation which will help with operating costs.
- Joanne Bermingham asked what type of additional information the government is seeking? Is it organisational information or in context of the grant application? MP advised members the government has requested SDCH address specific criteria for a funding request to be considered outside of the standard grant cycle. SDCH will need to demonstrate the sustainability of its operations beyond any grant funding. The Office and Local Government and Premiers department will be assessing the application.
- Joanne Bermingham asked of the \$300k relocation expenses, how much is a one-off expense and how much is ongoing? Treasurer Michael Glendinning opted to take the query offline and respond directly.

9. General Business

Nil.

Meeting closed 6:31pm

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