



**Friends of the Larapinta Trail  
Annual General Meeting  
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Alice Springs NT**

**Wednesday 25 March 2020 – Meeting Minutes**

**Apologies:** Sue Chambers, Marty Krieg, Chris Day

**Attendees:** Tamara Siemionow, Katie Thompson, Cheryl Slater, Megan Hutton, Clare Drabsch, Stefan Bungartz, Tony Jennison, Andrea Celofiga, Su Sze Ting, Emil Mavilio, Rebecca Duncum

The meeting opened at 5:45pm

**1. Welcome and Apologies – Katie Thompson (FOLT President)**

The President, Katie Thompson, welcomed everyone and thanked them all for joining the zoom online meeting at the last minute, especially given the current circumstances.

Apologies were noted.

**2. Acceptance of the minutes from the 2019 AGM**

Minutes of the 2019 AGM meeting were made available to members on the FOLT website. No issues were raised.

Motion: That the minutes from the previous AGM are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Clare Drabsch

Seconded: Stefan Bungartz

**3. Presentation of 2019 Annual Report – Katie Bromley (FOLT President)**

The Annual Report was made available online. Katie provided an overview of the activities and key highlights of FOLT throughout 2019.

The efforts of FOLT volunteers on working bees and during the Trail's fire recovery early in the year were appreciated. The contribution of the committee was recognised, and special thanks given to Andrea Celofiga for coordinating the 2020 calendar project.

Katie mentioned that she was seeking consultation with Parks to get their input as to where we should spend FOLT's fundraised money to support their activities on the Trail.

It was asked that people consider how they might contribute to FOLT's activities and participation in the committee was suggested.

Motion: That the 2019 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Tamara Siemionow

Seconded: Tony Jennison

#### **4. Treasurer's report and presentation of Audited Financial Statement – Emil Mavilio (FOLT Treasurer)**

The audited statement of accounts was made available to members online and no issues were identified. Emil provided a summary of the financial situation and mentioned various fundraising initiatives that had contributed to an increased bank balance. There had been a significant increase in merchandise sales, largely due to the retired trail markers. Costs had also increased due to a higher volume of merchandise purchases. No government funding was sought or received.

It was noted that the Satellite phone will be fully depreciated in the coming year and there might need to be consideration as to whether it was time to upgrade the technology.

FOLT remains in a healthy financial situation and some credit was given to the committee's governance.

Motion: That the audited financial statement of accounts be accepted

Moved: Tony Jennison

Seconded: Tamara Siemionow

#### **5. Election of Management Committee Members – Andrea Celofiga (Returning Officer)**

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were received via zoom meeting platform.

The positions were filled as follows:

I. **President:** *Katie Thompson*

Nominated: Tamara Siemionow / Seconded: Tony Jennison

II. **Vice President:** *Clare Drabsch*

Nominated: Katie Thompson / Seconded: Tony Jennison

III. **Treasurer:** *Emil Mavilio*

Nominated: Tony Jennison / Seconded: Clare Drabsch

IV. **Secretary:** *Tamara Siemionow*

Nominated: Katie Thompson / Seconded: Clare Drabsch

V. **Public Officer:** *Clare Drabsch* (Self – Nominated) / Seconded: Tamara Siemionow

**VI. General Committee Members:**

*i. Megan Hutton*

Nominated: Tamara Siemionow / Seconded: Stefan Bungartz

*ii. Su Sze Ting*

Nominated: Katie Thompson / Seconded: Tony Jennison

*iii. Rebecca Duncum* (Self-nominated) / Seconded: Tamara Siemionow

**6. General Business**

Tamara provided a summary of the recent Parks media release, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, regarding the closure of all multi-day walks. Rachel noted that accessibility info had been updated on the website. Clare confirmed that Simpsons Gap was still open.

All FOLT's scheduled activities including walks, working bees and markets, had been placed on hold. This will be assessed in line with government directives and Park's responses.

Discounting the last of the 2020 calendar stock was suggested and the movement to more online merchandise sales was discussed. Andrea mentioned that the 2021 calendar was ready to start however, given the current situation it was felt there was no urgency for this.

Clarification around Rebecca Duncum's committee status was raised and she confirmed it was intended as a personal nomination. Given the pressure that Parks was under, she would discuss whether to take over from Chris Day, as the Park's representative.

Emil mentioned forward spending of raised funds and suggested a \$5-6000 spend would be good. It was agreed that Park's engagement in this was essential, to ensure that projects aligned with their vision and needs. Any investments will utilise local services.

Katie farewelled Tony Jennison and the members thanked him for his efforts and wished him well.

**7. Next meeting date**

The next general committee meeting date was set for Monday 20 April at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 6:15pm