



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

Annual General Meeting 2024

12th December 2024 at 7pm

MINUTES

MINUTES:	Annual General Meeting 12 December 2024 1900
	Andamooka Community Hall & Zoom
Minutes taken:	By recording as declared – notes K Wilby, G Rowley.

Item		Action
1	OPENING OF MEETING Meeting opened 7.10pm Chair David Simons welcomed and thanked members and members of the community for attending the APOMA Annual General Meeting.	
1.1	Attendance Committee: D Simons, A Smoker, D Waters, G Rowley, R Mitchell, L Lukich, P Sach, I Thompson, K Wilby. Financial Members: R Hawkins, T Simpson, M Ames, J Wilby, L Day, M McDevitt, P Williams, G Bowman, R Daly, R McKenzie, K Grimston, C Fahey, C Pickering, M Middap, J Middap, K Symonds, L Rowley, R Dugan, New applicants: M Tyler, A Tyler Non-financial Members – S Lippasaar Non-members: J Goldsmith	
1.2	Apologies C Woolford, P Fairweather	
1.3	Lodgement of Proxies J Mathews – Chair P Sheppard – L Rowley A Thompson – R Hawkins J Reid – R Hawkins S Stott – R Hawkins	
	Quorum confirmed. 27 financial members in attendance plus 5 by proxy.	
2	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
2.1	General Meetings 2024	
2.1.1	General Meeting 24 March 2024 The draft minutes of the APOMA General Meeting held on 24 March 2024 were presented for adoption. These minutes had been circulated at the July 24 meeting and the Chair gave those in attendance who had not yet seen the minutes time to read them	

	through, and then called for any business arising. Nil. He then called for members in attendance at the March meeting to put a motion to adopt. Motion: That the minutes of general meeting held in the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 be adopted as true and correct. Moved: P Williams Seconded: J Wilby Passed: 18 on the hands Against: nil	
2.1.2	General Meeting 21st July 2024 – This meeting was held in the 2024-25 financial year. The Chair gave those in attendance who had not yet seen the minutes, time to read them through, and then called for any business arising. Nil. He asked those in attendance at the July Meeting if this was a true and accurate account of the meeting. This was agreed on the hands. The minutes will be put aside for formal adoption at the 2025 AGM and available at general meetings for business arising until then.	
2.2	Annual General Meeting, 26th November 2023 These minutes have been circulated at the general meetings held 24th March 2024 and 21st July 24. The Chair gave those in attendance who had not yet seen the minutes, time to read them through, and then called for any business arising. Nil. He then called for members in attendance at the 2023 AGM to put a motion to adopt. Motion: That the minutes of annual general meeting held 26th November 2023 be adopted as true and correct. Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: L Lukich Passed: 19 on the hands Against: nil	
3	PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS The Chair drew attention to the printed summary of the Annual Reports for the year 1 July 2023- 30th June 2024.	
3.1	Chair's report – D Simons – referred to his written report and spoke to various aspects within. Although not within the reporting year, in closing, the Chair mentioned that he had included recognition of the Opal Evolution event staged by AOFTA on the October Long Weekend and also congratulated them of the funding received for the airstrip upgrade. C Fahey intervened stating that that APOMA had done nothing to assist the event, at which point the Chair requested him to desist from ranting as that discussion is not relevant to the meeting. The Chair then moved forward with the meeting.	
3.2	Treasurer's report – Acting Treasurer G Rowley spoke to the financial report as laid out in the printed summary, informing members that overall financials had run to budget, the Association has contributed towards Town Management and Reserves will be added to again this year. There was a question around the figures in the FAQ section of the report re placement of the decimal point. This was put down to typo error, which will be corrected and the corrected version of the report then formally distributed.	
3.3	Presentation of financial statements for FY 2023-2024 3.3. Presentation of Financial Statements - G Rowley then referred to the balance sheet within the report from the unaudited independent financial report for 2023-24 provided by True North Business Solutions. The EOFY Report is available in hard copy or via email on request.	

	Members were informed that the annual audit was in progress by SGK Accounts and that results will be reported at the next general meeting. Overviews of Profit and Loss were presented for the three BAS lines within the financials, those being Association, Town Management and Projects. Both Association and Town Management showed that they had achieved a modest surplus with some Association funds assigned to Town Management or to projects as shown, and available funds remaining to be discussed by the incoming committee. Much of the carry over funds in BAS line 001 Town Management are assigned to planned upgrades and maintenance across 2024-25 and some set aside for future to assist funding substantial asset maintenance projects. The Cottages will be a major focus for upgrade in 2025. BAS line 002 - Projects covers grants and those funds are banked into a separate projects account and spent in accordance with the grant agreements and fully expended, so this does not affect or contribute to either of the other BAS lines. There was comment from the floor on the very small font size in the print copy of the independent financial report. This will be followed up with the member and an email copy provided.	
3.4	Project & maintenance report R Hawkins, Project and Maintenance Manager, presented an overview of progress and achievements with projects primarily the Camp Ground Upgrade and the Recreation Precinct Upgrades which has provide accessways and parking as well as a base for construction of the new project to extend the Old Grader Shed training complex to incorporate space Vets activities and to expand workspaces. Major maintenance works, part funded by APOMA income streams, are seeing progressive replacement of the troublesome shade-cloth on shelters to all weather hard cover. This has included the cemetery shelter, and hall courtyard shelters.	
4	ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS Adoption of Annual Reports The Chair called for a motion from the floor for adoption of the Annual Reports. Motion: That the annual reports for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, with the noted correction to the print summary, be adopted. Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: K Symonds Passed: 22 on the hands Against: L Day Abstained: G Rowley	
5	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
5.1	5. Elections of Committee Members The Chair drew the attention of the meeting to the listed existing committee members either not due for retirement (Lara Lukich, Donna Waters), re-standing (David Roe-Simons, Alison Smoker, Gill Rowley, Peter Sach, Katalin Wilby) or retiring (Rodney Mitchell, Ian Thompson) and stated that as there are more available positions than members re-standing, those members will be re-elected unopposed. The Chair explained that with the recent resignation of the incumbent Treasurer, the vice treasurer, Gill Rowley, is filling the Treasurer position as acting treasurer until such time as this can be filled. Also, that the committee has a four person finance group that share the responsibility of association financials, so a group of three has continued to work on financials.	

He then announced that the Committee had been addressing the difficulties around filling the role of treasurer for the past two years which, with new requirements recently put in place by government will only make this harder, so in finding a long term solution the Committee has opened discussion with the OCA about the issues around new reporting obligations and requirements around registration for the nominated member responsible for financials, being the Treasurer, and how this will affect committees going into the future.

G Rowley outlined what personal impositions these new obligations and requirements create for that responsible person, and that from what we have heard from experts, we can expect further requirements to be put in place in the future for Not-for-profit/ volunteer organisations. This is why the Committee has put forward to the OCA a proposal of a concept that could benefit committees regionally, with support of the OCA. This is to be put to the OCA board in 2025.

Some questions from the floor were about what the committee would be seeking in terms of skills and qualifications. The Chair responded that this was yet to be determined in talks with the OCA.

D Simons declared that for these reasons, the committee has determined to hold open one position on committee to allow that to be filled in accordance with potential outcomes. The Chair called for a motion from the floor in support of the committee progressing investigations with the OCA about the concept of putting in place an independent treasurer, and to retain an open position on the committee to be filled accordingly.

Motion: That the committee progresses investigations with the OCA re the concept of an independent treasurer, and that they retain an open position on the committee to be filled accordingly.

Moved: R McKenzie Seconded: K Aplin Passed: 22 on the hands
Against: Nil

The Chair then raised the situation around K Wilby becoming a committee member and also continuing as public officer for the Association. He explained that there are currently on-going issues of a potentially legal nature that K Wilby is well across on a committee level and as public officer, and so for the time being it is considered by committee that this will be the best solution going into 2025. He asked if there were any objections from the floor.

C Fahey voiced his objection stating that he thinks K Wilby as done a terrible job of Public Officer and that he is not happy with the responses he has had from her.

The Chair responded that given that he had made statements in writing to committee around criminal matters, that these had been reported to the Ombudsman and the OCA in accordance with committee and public officer obligations. Both the committee and the public officer are following the directions they have individually been given and have consequently advised him of the actions he now needs to take. Also, that given that situation, he as Chair is not in a position to discuss this further. C Fahey did not receive this well. The Chair gave him a warning to stop further interjection, then a second warning stating that he would order him to leave the meeting, and would close the meeting if he failed to do so, and if he did not desist.

The Chair bought the meeting in to order calling for a motion of support for K Wilby to be on committee and to also retain the position of association Public Officer.

	Moton: That K Wilby continues as a member of the APOMA committee and also retains the position of association Public Officer. Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: I Thompson Passed: 20 on the hands Against: L Day, C Fahey. 5.1 The Chair proceeded with elections, announcing that 5 positions have been filled by existing committee members and with two carried over 7 positions are now filled. Nomination received: There has been one nomination received which meets all constitutional requirements for: James Middap: nominated M Clifford, seconded G Bowman. The chair called for a show of hands in support of the nomination and for J Middap to accept the position unopposed. For: 21 on the hands Against: Nil Nominations from the floor: The Chair then declared with 8 positions filled and one retained, he will accept nominations from the floor for the one remaining position. Paul Williams: nominated K Symonds, seconded M Middap The chair called for a show of hands in support of the nomination. For: 23 on the hands Against: Nil P Williams accepted the position.	
5.2	Appointment of Auditor The Chair recommended that given the support offered by the existing auditor, SKG Accountants, that we should retain them as auditors for the 2024-25 financial year. Motion: That SKG Accountants continue as appointed auditor for the 2024-25 financial year. Moved: K Symonds Seconded: I Thompson Passed: 20 on the hands Against: Nil	
5.3	Appointment of Public Officer Undertaken under 5.1 K Wilby continuing in the role.	
6	GENERAL BUSINESS 6.1. Andamooka Town and Community Plan 2024 -27 The Chair gave a brief overview of the Plan, stating that this will progress for further discussion around the action plan, currently undergoing broad community consultation around priorities, which will be presented in the next member and community meeting early in 2025, then called for a motion to adopt the Plan. Motion: That the Andamooka Town and Community Plan 2024 -27 is adopted. Moved: L Lukich Seconded: R Daly Passed: 18 on the hands Against: Nil Abstained: G Rowley. 6.2. Proposal to accept the offer for acquisition of DEM Andamooka Mines Office premise. The Chair explained that this building is no longer required by the DEM. After an approach by APOMA re interest to make use of the premises to house ACHWAG to assist with bringing more care and wellbeing services to	

Andamooka, the DEM has made an offer to APOMA to take over the premises and associated buildings. K Wilby added that this will offer many benefits to the community and visiting government agencies and services will also make use of the building. L Day bought up the future upgrade/expansion of the clinic and the need for somewhere for the RFDS to operate from during construction and renovation, suggesting that this could be used . The Chair responded that they are aware of this, and discussions will be progressed with the RFDS as APOMA takes on and revamps the premises. Motion: That APOMA proceeds with the acquisition of Andamooka Mines Office premises. Moved: A Smoker Seconded: K Symonds Passed: 17 on the hands. Against: Nil 6.3 Life Members The Chair explained that for today we are putting forward committee nominations for life members for adoption by the members. The presentations will take place on Australia Day. 6.3.1. Stefan Bilka Motion: That Stefan Bilka is awarded life membership of APOMA. Moved: M Clifford Seconded: P Sach Passed: 25 on the hands Against: Nil 6.3.2. Diane Bilka Motion: That Diane Bilka is awarded life membership of APOMA. Moved: K Aplin Seconded: M Middap Passed: 28 on the hands Against: Nil 6.3.1. Heather Gordon Motion: That Heather Gordon is awarded life membership of APOMA. Moved: M Clifford Seconded: M Ames Passed: 24 on the hands Against: 1 7. Meeting Closure The Chair declared that business is done and the next general meeting will be held at date to be determined early in 2025. P Williams declared that now he is a committee member he is happy to manage community BBQs at the Cottages on every 3rd Saturday commencing on 16th January 2025 with proceeds going towards the upgrade of the Andamooka Clinic, and he will donate \$500 to get the first BBQ underway. Other members present offered their assistance. The meeting closed at 8.35pm	
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