

Bears Perth Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Special Resolution

Venue: Loton Park Tennis Club

Date & Time: 27/05/2022 7:00pm



1. Chairperson's opening and welcome (**Rene Perez**)
 - Meeting opened at 7:10pm
 - Quorum was declared
(36 of the current 132 members were present, meeting the 20% minimum requirement as per the constitution)
 - Welcome to all members and guests present

2. Apologies (**Rene Perez**)
 - All of the current committee was present so there were no apologies

3. Minutes of previous meeting
 - Approved – Kingsley Dawes (958)
 - Seconded – Mitchell Bertolini (842)

4. Business arising from the minutes (**Rene Perez**)
 - Nothing arose from previous general meeting minutes

5. President's report (**Rene Perez**)
 - Please refer to the President's report on pages 5 & 6
 - Thanks from Rene to everyone for the opportunity to represent the Bears in the wider community over the last few years
 - Rene will be stepping down from the committee this year
 - Thanks to the committee for their work and support over the last year
 - Thanks to the volunteers who have helped at various events
 - Thanks to the partners of the committee members for their help and support

 - Western Roundup 2022 was amazing!
 - Mr Bear event at Connections Night Club sold out
 - Thanks to the contestants that participated
 - Thanks to Dom (Mr Bear 2022) for his work and support since winning the title – Rene and the committee are looking forward to supporting him at the Mr Australasian Bear 2023 competition at Southern Hibernation later this year

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- Thanks to our sponsors for their support
 - Thanks to Loton Park Tennis Club for providing a safe venue for the Bears to use
 - Thanks to Connections Night Club for their support and use of their venue
 - Thanks to Mooseknuckle Leather for their support and making the Mr Bear sash
 - Thanks to Vibrations, Shane Jacob Settlements and Steam Works for their support
 - We should support the people that support us (the Bears and the wider LGBTQI+ community).
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- Bears Perth has changed significantly over the last few years
 - We've had to adapt but still remain a club for men & people who identify as men
 - We as a club relish our diversity and welcome everyone
 - Hopefully the new committee will continue this legacy
6. Treasurer's report (**Andrew Russell**)
- Refer to Treasurer's report on pages 7 & 8
 - Rene Perez – the books are open to the floor to be reviewed
7. Membership Report (**Martin Camacho**)
- Refer to Membership report on pages 9 & 10
 - Rene Perez – Commented on new members not knowing what to expect when coming to a Bears event for the first time
 - Encourage everyone to bring their friends along and show them that the Bear's are a social club and not a "sex club"
 - Thanks to Mitch and Adam for their work with the Bears Perth social media accounts
8. Thank you to the retiring Committee Members and declaration that all Committee positions are now vacant (**Rene Perez**)
- Committee Dissolved
9. Appointment of temporary Chair (**Shane Jacob 817**)

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10. Appointment of President (**Shane Jacob**)

- **Kingsley Dawes (958)**

Kingsley Dawes as President will resume the role of Chairperson

11. Appointment of other Executive Positions (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Vice President – As there were no nominations prior to the AGM, the floor is open for candidates to self nominate.
 - ❖ **Mitchell Bertolini (842)** has nominated to be Vice President.
 - ❖ As there were no other nominations, Mitchell Bertolini is declared the new Vice President
- Treasurer – **Andrew Russell (938)**
- Secretary – **Hien Pham (1011)**
- Media & Communications Officer - **Adam Horvat (867)**

12. Appointment of Ordinary Committee Members (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- **Travis Carey (887)**
- **Clint Bird (975)**

Kingsley opens the floor to any nominations for ordinary committee members

- ❖ **Hans Greencorn (1079)** self nominates, seconded by Clint Bird (975)

13. Announcement of the New Bears Perth Inc. Committee (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- New Committee Announced
- Kingsley asks members to consider volunteering during the year for various sub-committees and to work behind the bar if they have their RSA

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14. New Business (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Floor opened. No new business.

15. Questions and discussion (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Graham Macdonald (777) – Emails from BPI sometimes go to the junk/spam folder. Suggested the committee should send more texts out as an alternative

Kingsley – The new committee will look into how they communicate with the membership base and assess their options

- Graham Macdonald (777) – People ask him what Bears events are like and he tells them it's just like going to a bar

Kingsley – We need to actively work to change the perception of Bears in the wider community

- Shane Jacob (817) – Thanks to Rene and the committee for their work and effort. It's great how the Bears Perth membership has a number of perks whilst costing \$25

Kingsley – The committee is always looking at how they can add value to the Bears Perth membership.

Kingsley – Thanks to Shane for his work behind the bar and for being so supportive of both Rene and the committee

16. Next meeting (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Some time in April or May 2024

17. Meeting Close (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Meeting Closed at 7.57pm

