



THE AUSTRALIAN HEART/LUNG TRANSPLANTS ASSOCIATION Inc.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

DATE: Sunday 6th December 2015

TIME: 11.00 am

VENUE: PJ Ferry Reserve Community Hall, Cnr Bellevue Parade
and Blakesley Road, Allawah, NSW, 2218

AGENDA:

1. **PRESENT:** 40 members and guests were present.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Bob and Lynn Greaves; Don and Diane Pill, Alex Filatoff, Winifred Garland and the Doll Ladies
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Moved LS; 2nd CG
4. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: KIMBERLEY LIVINGSTONE

Welcome all and thank you for coming. It is great to get together and celebrate another Christmas and another busy year.

The Committee – Thank you to this year's committee, Lisa Slater, Lyn Kerslake, Jerry McNamara. The time and effort they put into the committee has been invaluable and we make a great team. Sadly Christine Griffith and Jim Beverstock have decided to retire from the committee. I will greatly miss their contribution and fabulous ideas and I wish them all the very best in the future.

Babak Jafari has continued to assist us with some of the many tasks especially collating, desktop publishing, printing and mailing the Bugle. It's a big job and we appreciate Babak's help. He is always willing to assist anyone in the organisation and will help with any task we give him.

Members- The Association has 625 current members. 28 Associate members- 10 financial members.

Membership numbers have fluctuated throughout the year and we understand that transplants are on the increase. Chris has put together an AHLTA pack for new transplant patients to assist new members to register.

Facebook- Our Facebook support group is running successfully. This closed page is for Heart and Lung Transplant Recipients from Australia. Many people receive great support on that page and we hope to extend this in the future.

Donate Life -Donate life week was another great success, with many people getting out and doing their bit, spreading the word that organ donation saves lives. Raising awareness and educating the public is getting results, donation rates are increasing and more people are talking about it to their families. That's all we can ask.

Transplant Games 2016 – Planning is full speed ahead for the transplant games next year in Sydney. We will be involved and want you too. Updates will be posted on the Facebook page.

Thanksgiving – We held a very successful Thanksgiving Day in June. This was a wonderful day meeting new people and chatting to friends, although this year we had a major change. We payed tribute to the great Father Laurie. A lovely gracious honourable man who will be missed greatly. Father Daryl did a wonderful job feeling his shoes. I love this time, a time to remember, a time to reflect and a time to think of those we cannot see, cannot hug one last time and cannot ever thank in person.

Financial Assistance Program was a success again and I get no better satisfaction then being able to help someone in need. This is what the association is meant for. This year we helped 10 people in need.

Clinic- We continue to maintain the noddy cars in clinic, plus the fish tank and magazines for all to read during the long wait.

Volunteers – Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers. We could not do it without you! Especially our amazing **Doll Ladies** who are dedicated saleswomen! They have been working hard at Manly, Gosford, St Vincent's and Bunning's to raise nearly \$20,000 for the association. A fantastic effort!

I am looking forward to catching up with everyone after the meeting.

President's report accepted: Moved AG; 2nd JM

TREASURER : JERRY McNAMARA

Overall the association is still strong. Our income was down slightly from last year but expenses remained reasonably steady. We continue to employ a part time business development officer who has made a great contribution to the association. and We have been able to support 10 patients with financial assistance, as well as maintain AHLTA House, the fish tank and Noddy cars.

Currently we have \$169,000 in equity which is a good position for a small organisation. The Auditors report is tabled for your questions and approval

Treasurer's report accepted: Moved LK; 2nd AG

All positions to be declared vacant. Andy Gough takes the chair for the elections.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

PRESIDENT

Nomination – Kimberley Livingstone

Moved – LK
2nd –JM
Elected unopposed

VICE PRESIDENT
Nomination – Lyn Kerslake
Moved – KL
2nd – CG
Elected unopposed

SECRETARY – 2 positions available
Nomination – Christine Griffiths
Moved – LS
2nd – JM
Elected unopposed

Nomination – Lisa Slater
Moved – CG
2nd – JM
Elected unopposed

TREASURER
Nomination – Jerry McNamara
Moved – KL
2nd – JB
Elected unopposed

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (Public Officer)
Vacant

PUBLIC RELATIONS EXECUTIVE
Vacant

CHAIRMAN AHLTA HOUSE COMMITTEE
Vacant

6. APPOINTMENTS BY COMMITTEE TO SPECIAL POSITIONS:

The executive committee has decided to appoint an additional member (EAM) to assist with the treasurer's position. This EAM is an individual who will be invited to join the Executive Committee for her specific skills that will benefit the growth and development of the Association.

JM moved that Susan Woodhouse be appointed as co-treasurer. 2nd KL. Motion carried

- a. YOUTH LIAISON OFFICER -Vacant
- b. MAGAZINE EDITOR- Vacant
- c. CHAIRMAN FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE- Vacant
- d. WELFARE OFFICER- Vacant

Andy Gough Introduced and Welcomed Back President Kimberley Livingstone.

Welcome from New President:

Thank you everyone and I look forward to another great year.

We hope to purchase a new Obs machine early in the new year which will be most useful to the clinic. We will continue to move the association forward by reviewing the constitution and hope to expand the committee to include a few new faces.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Transplant Games and at the Thanksgiving service or the stalls. If you can be of assistance let any of the committee know and we will find you a job.

I wish you all good health and good luck.....

Kimberley invited everyone to enjoy lunch together.

7. AGM closed at 11.30am by Kimberley Livingstone.