

AGM minutes
Wed 26 November 2008

Welcome and Apologies

Present: list with TCA

Apologies: The following apologies were taken as read. List with TCA

Moved: Phil Taylor

Seconded: Phil Walcott

Chairman Steve Rattray opens the 2008 Tourism Central Australia Annual General meeting

Minutes of previous annual general meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. Chairman requested the motion that the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and accurate record and are to be received and accepted.

Moved: David Curl

Seconded: Don McDonald

Business arising from previous meeting

Lynne Peterkin requested that someone to think about replacing her as Public Officer

Re the motion moved by Phill Walcott to give Craig Catchlove life membership.

Peter Grigg advised that life membership only offered to a member, not an employee – therefore asked that Phil Walcott withdraw his motion, to which re agreed.

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

A motion was sought that the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements be received.

Moved: Steve Shearer

Seconded: Lynne Peterkin

Chairman's Report

Delivered by Steve Rattray

SR said it was an interesting year for the organisation with name changes etc, and the inclusion of the Barkly Region

SR thanked the existing Executive for their help

SR thanked Vice Chair Ren Kelly

SR thanked Peter Grigg and said it was a pleasure to work with him, saying Peter and his staff were TCA's biggest asset

SR thanks Letetia and Amy for a great Awards Night and reported there were 400 in attendance this year

SR thanked everyone for their support and said he enjoyed his time immensely and acknowledged there were challenges ahead.

SR acknowledged and thanked Chris Dance as he leaves the organisation

General Manager's Report

Delivered by Peter Grigg

PG said he has enjoyed his past 12 months and thanks all the staff at the VIC

PG thanked all Board members

PG thanked all members and congratulated them on their delivery of outstanding product over the previous 12 months

Finance Report

There were no questions from members

Chairman asked that the Finance report be adopted

Moved: Wayne Thompson

Seconded: Sandy Osborne

Break from Protocol

SR presented Life Membership certificate to Lynne Peterkin. She has been involved in Tourism Central Australia since 1988

Lynne accepted.

Declaration of Positions Vacant

SR declared all positions vacant and invited Lynne Peterkin to take the Chair

Election of Chairman

Lynne Peterkin declared the ballot open for the position of Chairman

Lynne invited Wayne Thompson and Ren Kelly to present to the membership.

Lynne announced Ren Kelly as the new Chair

Election of Executive

Lynne noted the existing members of the Executive – Rex Mooney, Matthew Tait, Laurelle Halford

Lynne invited nominees to speak to the membership about why they are standing for a position on the Executive. In order, the following members presented:

Geoff Booth (Steve Rattray spoke in his absence)
Craig Jervis
Karen Lock
Phil Walcott
Grant Whan

Lynne invited members to place their votes.

Lynne declared the ballot closed.

Lynne declared new Executive members are:

Geoff Booth
Karen Lock
Phil Walcott
Grant Whan

Presentation by Maree Tetlow

Lynne invited Maree Tetlow from Tourism NT to make a presentation to members

- Red Centre Global campaign update – 2nd phase will roll out in March 2009
- There are now 883 registered ‘Red Centre Specialists’ from all over the world
- Australia, the movie update – there was a special release show in Sydney this week for clients, media etc. MT advised that various events / promotions will take place to leverage off the movie
- Strengthening the Position of Alice Springs update – now available on the website. Action plan is now being finalised.
- Tourism NT are in discussion with Parks Australia re Uluru to address decreasing visitor numbers
- Aviation development – Tourism NT is providing marketing support for Tiger Airways and they desire to see a second carrier
- Tourism NT is gathering intelligence re the current global crisis and its affect on the tourism industry
- In Tourism NT’s opinion, the industry’s insurance policy is the movie Australia

MT invited questions from the floor:

- Murray Stewart – asked about getting dispensation for Uluru for park tickets, like in Kakadu. Response - TNT have raised it, but MT invited membership to lobby Government as well.
- John Sanby – asked MT re the rumour that Tiger Airways is losing masses of money. Response - TNT have put an offer to Tiger, an incentive re the number of passengers they bring here; the more they bring, the higher the level of marketing assistance that TNT will support. MT said Tiger wouldn't be increasing the number of flights if they weren't happy with numbers. MT does not know about Tiger's operating result
- Tourism NT have done a Destination Visitor Survey of people getting off both Qantas and Tiger in Alice, and there are definitely more leisure passengers on Tiger, so TNT is able to market more appropriately now
- Phil Walcott – asked about the results of the Get Centred Campaign. Response: TNT does not have any results yet, but will be Feb 2009
- Sandy Osborne – asked about the opportunity to market the Centre as “being so green/ birdlife/ flora” etc. Response: MT will put the idea to the TNT PR team.

Appointment of Public Officer

Lynne Peterkin talked about the role of Public Officer and encouraged members to think about if they would want to do the role, as she is now retired.

Lynne Peterkin will remain as Public Officer

Appointment of Auditors

Lynne advised that Deloitte are appointed as the Auditors

General Business

Lynne handed the Chair back to Ren Kelly

Ren addressed the membership, thanked them for their support and said he was looking forward to serving them for the next two years.

Ren called for new business items

Ren stated that the application of life membership for Craig Catchlove would be withdrawn, and thanked Craig for his work over the years.

Ren proposed a motion to destroy the ballot papers

Moved: Phil Walcott

Seconded: Steve Rattray

Meeting closed 7.45pm

