Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Kyneton Mechanic Institute, Kyneton

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Meeting started: 4:10pm

Present: *Chair*: Paul Foreman, *Delegates*: Peter Mitchell, Sonia Sharkey (South West Goulburn LCN), Bertram Lobert, Janet Hagen, Penny Algar (Strathbogie Ranges CMN), James Nelsson, (Wedderburn CMN and Loddon Plains LCN), Gayle Osborne (Wombat Forestcare). *Staff*: Sophie Bickford (Executive Director, also Delegate for Upper Campaspe LCN) , Linda Parlane (Philanthropy Manager), Tahli Corin (Communications), *Others*: Michelle Wyatt, Krista Paterson-Majoor (Macedon Ranges Shire Council), Loki McIntyre (Project Platypus), Gary Clark, Trudy Nelsson.

1. Apologies: *Delegates*: Ray Draper (Ballarat Environment Network), Amanda Gauci (Federation for Environment and Horticulture in the Macedon Ranges, Jacksons Creek Econetwork), Christina Cheers (Jackson's Creek Econetwork), Debra Saxon Campbell, John Boadle (Kara Kara CMN), Roger McRaild, Anthony Dufty (Moorabool LCN), Penny Roberts (Upper Deep Creek LCN), Alan Denehy (Upper Campaspe LCN), Sue McKinnon (Whroo Goldfields CMN), Michael Moore (Wedderburn CMN and Loddon Plain LCN), *Others*: Simon Cammell, Karen Alexander, Ann McGregor (Board members)

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance Inc. held on 14th September 2017 be confirmed.

Moved: Gayle Seconded: Paul Carried

3. Presidents Report (Attachment 1)

Motion: that the Presidents Report be accepted.

Moved: Gayle Seconded: James Carried

4. Treasurers Report (Attachment 2a-b)

Motion: that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: James Seconded: Gayle Carried

5. Election of the Board

Motion*:*

That, under Rule 54(1), this meeting places no limit on the number of people who may be elected as Ordinary Members of the Board for the next year.

Moved: Peter Seconded: James Carried

Sophie Bickford took the chair for the election of the Board. Any positions on the Board held by Board members who were elected three years ago and all executive positions (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer) were declared vacant.

Nominations

Chair: Paul Foreman, nominated by Gayle

Vice-Chair: Karen Alexander, nominated by Peter

Secretary: Peter Mitchell, nominated by Janet

Treasurer: no nominations were received.

Ordinary Members of the Board: Ann McGregor nominate by Peter, Loki McIntyre and Gayle Osborne nominated by Paul.

Paul said that the Board would seek a Treasurer as a high priority and other Board members over the next year.

6. Election of new bank signatories

Motion: that Simon Cammell be removed and Karen Alexander be added to the signatories for both the CVBA bank accounts.

Moved: James *Seconded*: Paul Carried

7. Nomination of member to Public Fund Committee of Management

Motion: that Simon Cammell be removed and Karen Alexander be added to the Public Fund Committee of Management under Rule 73 of the Rules of Association.

Moved: James *Seconded*: Sonia Carried

8. Acknowledgement of retiring Board members

Motion: that retiring Board members Simon Cammell, Anthony Gallacher, Greg Romanes, Anthony Dufty and Amanda Gauci be thanked to their many contributions to the Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance, with particular thanks to Simon who, as Treasurer over a major growth period, set up the financial management systems and supplied reports as needed in a very timely manner.

Moved: Peter *Seconded*: Gayle

9. Joining fees and annual subscriptions:

Proposed motion: that this meeting, in accordance with Rule 14, decides that, for the next year:

- the joining fee and annual subscription for members of the Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance shall be set at $50 and $50, respectively.
- the date for payment for the annual fee and provision of the letter of appointment of delegates will be the end of the financial year.

Moved: Gayle *Seconded*: Loki

10. Special Resolution: Associate Membership

Proposed motion: that all those people who have participated or contributed or expressed interest in participating in the activities of Biolinks Alliance be invited to become Associate Members of the Alliance under the following rules:

- applicants must submit an application form including all names, addresses and contact details, and

- pay an annual fee of $30 per annum to be due at the end of the financial year.

  Moved: James *Seconded*: Janet Carried

Meeting ended: 4:35pm