

Country Network Inc Committee Meeting

Wednesday August 16th 2023

Time 10:00am

MINUTES

Present: Jeffrey P. Sproal (Chair), Andrew Jeffery (Vice President), John Conway (Treasurer), David Peplow, Rob Clisdell, Llyle Wentworth

Apologies: Cameron

Minutes:

Minutes from July meeting read and confirmed. Moved - Andrew Jeffery and seconded David Peplow/Pavan Lulla **Carried**

Matters Arising from minutes: None

Correspondence: Cliff (Events Coordinator WA) would like to post events on website, confirmed that Secretary would be able to do the same.

Treasurer's Report:

Investment Accounts: \$25,000 in term deposit,
\$5000 + \$64.34 interest = \$5064.34

Cheque Account: \$9,463.50

Debit Card Balance: \$1922.78

Total Balance: \$41,450.62

Main Transactions - paying Cameron (Peak Hour Marketing) \$297

Member Space fee \$77.22

Payments will be made periodically from cards

Stripe deposits \$6481.37 (People paying for AGM/Membership fees)

Squarespace Membership - Total for AGM \$5886

The Treasurer's report was moved by John Conway and seconded by Pavan Lulla
Carried

President's Report:

41 memberships expired, not renewed. Send reminders to see if they will renew, if not remove them from system. Total active/paid up members - 222.

Digital Team Report:

1. **Billings** - All billings have been transferred over to the Country Network credit card

2. **Mailchimp** - I recommend using a single login for the secretary, as the from address can be changed within the setup. This will save the costs associated with a paid account for Mailchimp.

Strongly recommend looking at the Squarespace mailing option, as this is already paid for as part of the Squarespace account. I am happy to provide training on using this, and the switchover from Mailchimp is pretty simple. I can set up all the templates within Squarespace.

3. **Newsletter/Events** - Will be sent out within the next week. Apologies for the delay in this edition.

4. **Website Articles** - New articles will be uploaded to the website over the coming week.

5. **Membership** - recommend deleting all "NOT ON A PLAN" members older than three days as there have been quite a few building up.

6. **AGM Sales** - Sales appear to be slowly trickling in. With the constitution changes and notification of the AGM, we can put this up in the member section of the website and can also set up an email reminder about bookings, please advise if you wish for me to complete this for you.

Networker Report:

Motion to combine newsletter and events guide into one - motion of Pavan Lulla and seconded David Peplow. **Carried**

Membership Report:

Cleared out all members not on plan. Tony (Events Coordinator Tasmania) Membership expired, be in contact with him. Will Coordinate expired membership communication. With the exception of 2 new members signed up, database up-to-date.

General Business:

1. Cabaret Artist for AGM \$400 expense to Country Network moved by Andrew Jeffrey and seconded by David Peplow.

2. Nominations - board roles to be up for nominations at AGM

3. Revised Constitution acceptance - Option to say yes/no

4. Mailing system move from Mailchimp to Squarespace ASAP. Moved Andrew Jeffrey Seconded Pavan Lulla. **Carried**

5. Andrew - Area coordinators should liaise with local gay groups for more events

5. Lyle - People behind website - eg. committee members/marketing team cannot be found.