

MINUTES OF THE 68TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC., HELD ONLINE VIA 'ZOOM', OWING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ON WEDNESDAY, 02 DECEMBER 2020

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed members.

Present: Mrs Caroline Lawton (Chair), Mrs Elouise Dunn, Mr Geoffrey and Mrs Margaret Goode, Mrs Janice Huggard, Ms Wendy Parker, Mr Peter Russell, Mr Ian Urquhart, Ms Sue Raverty, Ms Virginia Mosk, Mr Peter Corfield, Ms Titia Huggard (from 7:55 pm), and Mr Bradley Rowswell MLA (from 8:00 pm). (13 members)

Apologies: Mr Ron and Mrs Jenny Morris, and Mr Duncan Gibson

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved (E Dunn/J Huggard) (2020A12A) that the minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting of Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc, held on 11 September 2019, be confirmed.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Caroline Lawton presented her President's Report on the achievements of the preceding 12 months.

Wendy Parker joined the meeting at 7:55 pm. The Chair said Bradley Rowswell MLA was unable to attend until 8:00 pm, so discussion on matters he wished to speak on would resume after the President's Report had been received.

Resolved (W Parker/S Raverty) (2020A12B) that the President's Report be received.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Ian Urquhart, tabled and explained the Society's Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

Resolved (E Dunn/W Parker) (2020A12C) that the Treasurer's Report be received.

Bradley Rowswell, MLA for Sandringham District, joined the meeting at 8:00 pm.

5. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

The Returning Officer, Peter Russell, said that there was only one candidate for each of the positions on the BCS Inc. Committee of Management for which a candidate was nominated in writing by the close of nominations, except for the positions of Senior Vice-President, and Zone Leaders 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, for which no nominations had been received. Peter declared that each candidate listed below was elected unopposed to the position shown against their names.

President:	Mrs Caroline Lawton	Zone Leader 3:	Dr Robert Saunders
Senior Vice President:	VACANT	Zone Leader 4:	VACANT
Junior Vice President:	Ms Titia Huggard	Zone Leader 5:	VACANT
Secretary:	Mr Geoffrey Goode	Zone Leader 6:	VACANT
Treasurer:	Mr Ian Urquhart	Zone Leader 7:	VACANT
Zone Leader 1:	Mrs Elouise Dunn	Zone Leader 8:	VACANT
Zone Leader 2:	Mrs Janice Huggard		

6. DISCUSSION ON MATTERS BRADLEY ROWSWELL MLA ASKED TO SPEAK TO:

B Rowswell referred to his letter to Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, asking her for supervision of the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary to be greatly improved, in order to prevent the frequent illegal fishing within it. It was noted that her reply (Ref. MIN081579, 2020-11-25) said power boats were permitted within the Sanctuary provided that they moved no faster than 5 knots, but she made no mention of the substantial No Boating Zone at Watkins Bay. Speakers - including P Corfield, V Mosk and G Goode - supported the points Brad made, such as extending the boundaries of the Sanctuary, and the benefit of increasing the area of the No Boating Zone within the Sanctuary, which should reduce illegal fishing, and the general nuisance and danger from jet skis. Increasing adverse impact on the Sanctuary's amenity from boisterous partying groups arriving *en masse* from elsewhere was noted.

7. CONCLUSION:

The Chair concluded the meeting at 8:35 p.m, and thanked those present for their participation.

Geoffrey Goode, Secretary