

# Oaks Estate Progress Association

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## **Minutes of OEPA Annual General Meeting Saturday, 12.30pm, 18 May 2013, at the Oaks Estate Community Hall.**

**Present.** 14 members present: Karen Williams in Chair, Dan Heldon, Jo Wilson, Rachel Bowak, Elizabeth Paterson, Terry Williams, John Bruggeman, Michael Edgerton, Martin Lott, Alex Saeck, Judy Saeck, Nick Saeck, Chris Prattis, Michel Starling, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Ewan Maidment.

**Apologies:** Bede Tongs, Garry Tongs, Keith Talbot, Ross Drake

**Minutes of previous AGM.** Minutes of the AGM held 18 March 2012 were tabled and read. Moved Michel Starling, seconded Terry Williams, that the minutes be adopted. Carried.

**Matters arising.** None.

**President's Report.** Karen Williams addressed the meeting and later supplied a written report (attached).

Karen reported on the most recent discussions with Petra Oswald (Strategic City Planning and Design, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate) regarding developments in the Oaks Estate Master Planning process, noting that the Master Plan has been extended and extended again now to June 2014.

She advised that the OEPA should (i) continue to lobby for transparent planning; (ii) press the Government to produce a strategy for maintaining the role of villages in the ACT; and (iii) lobby the Heritage Council to produce an official document in support of protecting vistas and views.

Karen outlined a potential social inclusion project involving the Oaks Estate community garden, the Oaks Estate Hall, and the various social service and community organizations operating in Oaks Estate. She said that it could be a catalyst project that distilled complex issues affecting Oaks Estate into workable components.

The meeting discussed aspects of the proposed catalyst project.

Moved Michel Starling, seconded Rachel Bowak, that the Committee draw up an alternate Master Plan for the Railway Hazel St area, and inform the community in detail about what is happening. Carried.

Moved Alex Saeck, seconded Bernadette Fitzgerald, that the President's report be accepted, and that Karen be thanked for her hard work and commitment over the past year. Carried.

**Secretary's Report.** Ewan Maidment tabled a report listing the Committee members and other details of the year's activities (attached).

Moved Liz Paterson, seconded Alex Saeck, that the Secretary's report be accepted, and Ewan be thanked for his consistent record keeping. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report.** Alex Saeck tabled the Treasurer's Report for the year Jan-Dec 2012, audited by W.J. Crispin. He summarized the report as follows:

Opening book value carried over from 2011: \$11,268.74

Income: \$329.78

Expenditure: \$388.52

Trading result: -\$58.74

Total assets (31 Dec 2012): \$11,210.00

Alex added that in 2013 there is a potential income source from collaboration with South Side Community Services over management and maintenance of the Oaks Estate Hall, and that the OEPA is receiving a subsidy from the Inner South Canberra Community Council which helps reduce the cost of printing newsletters and leaflets.

He also noted that in 2013 there is likely to be expenses associated with the community garden and with construction of a plaque to recognise Bede Tong's donation of the land for the Hall and playground in William St.

Moved Terry Williams, seconded John Bruggeman, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried. Moved Ewan Maidment, seconded Michel Starling, that Judith and Alex Saeck be thanked for their efforts; and that the meeting record its appreciation of Bill Crispin for talking the time to audit the accounts and that a bottle of good wine be given to Bill as a token of our appreciation. Carried.

**Revised OEPA Constitution.** Copies of the existing *Constitution of the Oaks Estate Progress Association, Inc.*, and the proposed new *Constitution* were tabled, together with a summary of the proposed rule changes.

Ewan Maidment reported that a sub-committee had drafted the revised rules which have been approved by the Committee and publicized in the OEPA Newsletter. The meeting considered the proposed new rules.

Moved Liz Paterson, seconded Rachel Bowak, that the new Constitution of the Oaks Estate Progress Association be adopted. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that the new Constitution would not operate until approved by the ACT Office of Regulatory Services.

#### **Election of officers and committee members.**

Moved Ewan Maidment, seconded Alex Saeck, that Rachel Bowak be appointed Returning Officer. Rachel accepted the nomination, took the Chair, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations.

President. Karen Williams, nominated by Liz Paterson, seconded by John Bruggeman, Karen accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Karen Williams was declared elected.

Treasurer. Alex Saeck, nominated by Karen Williams, seconded by Bernadette Fitzgerald. Alex accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Alex Saeck was declared elected.

Secretary. Ewan Maidment, nominated by Judith Saeck, seconded by Liz Paterson. Ewan accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations Ewan Maidment was declared elected.

#### Committee Members.

Michel Starling, nominated by Liz Paterson, seconded by Bernadette Fitzgerald.

Dan Heldon, nominated by Michel Starling, seconded by Karen Williams.

Judith Saeck, nominated by Liz Paterson, seconded by Ewan Maidment.

John Bruggeman, nominated by Ewan Maidment, seconded by Bernadette Fitzgerald.

There being no further nominations Rachel Bowak declared the above committee members elected.

Public Officer. Ewan Maidment, nominated by Liz Paterson, seconded by Karen Williams. There being no further nominations Ewan Maidment was declared elected.

**Other business.** Moved Bernadette, seconded Rachel, that Karen and Michel be thanked for their hard work, dedication and understanding of complex matters. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40pm.