



Friends of Nepal – Adelaide Inc AGM Minutes

Date:	10/10/23
Time:	7.00 pm
Place:	Namaste Nepali Restaurant George St Parkside
Attendees:	Denise & Ken Roscrow Bruce & Lynne Rawson Jo & Mark Bouchier Sue Wymond Malcolm & Antionette Lindquist Bernie Jarvis Peter & Claire Coldrey Chris Dodsworth Sue & Alex Smithson
Apologies:	Wendy Michell Brian & Vera Nankivell Hilary Flynn Bernie & Colleen Morgan Peter & Joan Kirk Sanjeev BK & Namita Barailly Chis & Janice Schutz Lochy & Jill McClaren Rod Lewis
Item	Description
1	Welcome Malcolm welcomed us all & opened meeting at 7pm
2	Apologies as above, none from the floor Proxies: None
3	Review of actions from previous annual general meeting 12/8/21 No actions reported
4	Acceptance of minutes of AGM <i>Proposed resolution: 'That the minutes of the annual general meeting held 14/9/22 be accepted.'</i> Moved: Mark Seconded Lynne Passed
5	Chairperson's Report – tabled Lynne thanked everyone for coming & said how much we enjoy & appreciate getting together for this annual celebration of our work & chance to enjoy a Nepali meal. She spoke about the changes this coming year will see in the merging of the FESSHIP program with the Canopy/Canada CANSHIP program but reiterated that these changes will only come into effect after June 30 2024. Our priority remains as always to ensure all students are funded & supported until course completion & transition to work. Lynne spoke briefly about the personal challenges members faced over the year & especially thanked Malcolm, Antoinette & Sue for their continued support of FONAI & our events despite the challenges they faced. She also spoke about trip with her daughter Bridie last October with highlights being meeting FESSHIP students, who opened up about their experiences with Bridie's encouragement & support, meeting RAWCS SEEP project participants & visiting the COVID medical clinic, now a hospital, we supported in collaboration with Rotary clubs &

	<p>private donations during COVID pandemic. Lynne also elaborated on eye health clinic which we are supporting this year & how important this work is for young children to be able to learn. She made a special acknowledgement of the support we receive from the Rotary movement & thanked President Alex & Sue of Mitcham Rotary for coming & for the club’s continued support.</p> <p>Malcolm thanked Lynne on behalf of the group for her wonderful report & leadership & suggested it be accepted with acclamation! (Definition: loud and enthusiastic approval)</p>
6	<p>Treasurer’s report.- Audited accounts were tabled. Report is attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm acknowledged the great work of Sue despite the personal challenges she faced & thanked her on behalf of the group. He commended her on her efforts. • Malcolm acknowledged the work of Brian Nankivell as financial auditor & thanked him on behalf of the group.
7	<p>Questions to Directors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Dodsworth raised question if FONAI will be continuing sponsorship program as no students are to be added during merging of scholarship programs. Lynne responded that yes we would be seeking sponsorship donations as we need to ensure funds into 2024-2025 to enable all continuing students to complete their studies & transition to work. We will still need to fund 3 students to completion of university studies (1-3 years) & these & 4 other graduates with transition to work studies 2024-2025. • Lynne also spoke about other ways people can contribute if sponsorship is not possible, one off, monthly or bi annual donations. She thanked donors for their long term commitment & hope that many continue. • Denise reported that we have lost 4 sponsorships over past 6 months, a 20% decline, as people review their commitments. • Mark Bouchier asked about sponsorship fee & Denise responded that long term sponsors were paying \$300 annually, newer sponsors \$500 annually & others making monthly donations of \$25 to \$50. We are very flexible with commitments & bills are sent out biannually to most sponsors.
8	<p>Resolutions</p> <p>Acceptance of Chairperson’s Report with acclamation <i>loud and enthusiastic approval</i> Resolution: That the annual report tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted. Moved: Jo Seconded: Bernie Passed</p> <p>Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report and audited accounts with acclamation <i>loud and enthusiastic approval</i> <i>Resolution: That the financial statements tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.</i> Moved: Lynne Seconded: Denise Passed</p>
9	<p>Appointment of Auditor: Proposed Resolution: <i>‘That Brian Nankivell be appointed as Friends of Nepal-Adelaide’s auditor for the next reporting period.’</i> Moved: Malcolm Seconded: Lynne Passed</p>

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10	<p>Results of General Elections – All office bearers were re-elected to their positions!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne Rawson -Chairperson Fundraising chairperson • Sue Wymond Treasurer • Denise Roscrow Secretary • Bernadette Jarvis Child Protection Officer • Jo Bouchier Committee member • Malcolm Lindquist Committee member <p>One position vacant & may seek someone to co-opt onto committee after AGM.</p>
11	<p>Any General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No</i>
12.	Meeting closed at: 7.30pm
Minute taker:	Denise Roscrow
Signed:	 Secretary Denise Roscrow
Signed	 Chairperson Lynne Rawson
Next meeting	2024