

Council of Woodwork Clubs

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting for 21-22
Held on Sunday 28th August 2022 at 7.00pm

This meeting was held via Zoom, in order to cope with the circumstances related to the Covid 19 situation and to enable a wider attendance from all areas.

ATTENDANCE

Rob Allan	Victorian Woodworkers Association
Max Grigg	Council of Woodwork Clubs
Bryan Ehlert	Ballarat Woodworkers
Judy Wheeler	Woodcraft Manningham
John Wheeler	Northern Woodturners
Alison Dews	Council of Woodwork Clubs
Stuart Watson	Woodcraft Manningham
Emily Slaughter	Golbourn Valley Woodworkers
Fiona Coates	Altona Woodworkers
Apologies	
Colin Dobson	Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula
Jock MacGowan	Werribee Woodworkers
Richard Nutt	Snowy River Woodturners

1 Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed on-line prior to the meeting.
The minutes were passed. Moved John Wheeler, seconded Bryan Ehlert

2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3 Correspondence

Nil

4 President's Report

Rob presented his report.
The report was accepted. Moved by Emily Slaughter, seconded by Max Grigg

5 Treasurer's Report (Attached)

Max was able to keep the insurance premiums at a reasonably low level .
Covid has meant uncertainty for all clubs. We now have 128 clubs, 3 less than last year.
We are still in a stable position.
Thanks to Alison for all her work
The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Moved Bryan Ehlert Seconded Emily Slaughter

6 Election of Office Bearers

Alison Dews officiated in the election of Office Bearers. Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee members were as follows:

Position	Nomination	Nominator	Seconded
President	Rob Allan	John Wheeler	Max Grigg
Vice President	Bryan Ehlert	Max Grigg	John Wheeler
Secretary	Judy Wheeler	Peter Lucas (via email)	Gordon Watt (via email)
Treasurer	Max Grigg	John Wheeler	Bryan Ehlert

Committee

Nomination	Nominator	Seconded
John Wheeler	Gordon Watts	Bryan Ehlert
Jock MacGowan	Rob Allan	John Wheeler
Stuart Watson	John Wheeler	Bryan Ehlert
Emily Slaughter	Bryan Ehlert	Max Grigg

All were elected

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General Business

Rob covered in his AGM report the problems facing woodwork clubs. Unfortunately lockdowns & changes in community life have meant that young people have had limited exposure to woodcraft.

Clubs need to make contact with community organizations & make them aware of the club activities. Bryan stressed the need for face to face contact. Open days publicized with pictures.

Bryan also suggested that some people have financial difficulties and have difficulty in paying a lump sum for membership. He suggested that people could contact their bank to discuss the possibility of paying by instalments.

Alison has been receiving emails from companies wanting to be included in our newsletter but we feel that our organization supports woodwork clubs not companies.

It was moved by Rob Allan and seconded by John Wheeler

“That any requests from companies wishing to be included in our newsletters be rejected.”

Passed

Stuart stressed that clubs should seek publicity from newspapers, councils and local members.

Meeting closed