



Western Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association Inc

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Friday 26th February 2021 10.30am – 12.30pm

Hall of Wesley Quarter Queen's Building Level 1/97 William St Perth

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Welcome

President Ron Chamberlain expressed pleasure in extending a welcome to all in attendance. As the first possible General Meeting of the Association since February 2020, he thanked everyone for their interest and attendance.

1.2 Attendance: 44 pre-registered members
3 members without pre-registration
2 Visitors

1.3 Apologies: 11

1.4 Appointment of Proxy: 12

2. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING Friday 8th November 2019

Resolved: That the Minutes be approved.

Moved: E Browne

Seconded: C Edwards

Carried

3. CORRESPONDENCE Nil

4. REPORTS

4.1 President

The President highlighted Reports provided to members in recent communication

4.2 L&A Committee

Convenor Ron Chamberlain highlighted Reports provided to members, He spoke of the challenges responding to the CRIS papers and roundtable discussions relating to changes to legislation. He encouraged members to provide the Briefing Paper to members of the WA Government.

4.3 Treasurer's Report 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020 as reported in the February Newsletter

The Treasurer presented the Report. In response to a question, she explained that the decreased expenditure is attributed to COVID-19 in 2020.

Resolved: That the Report be accepted.

Moved: C Knappers

Seconded: D Street

Carried

4.4 Auditor's Report

Resolved: That the Report included in the February Newsletter be accepted.

Moved: C Knappers

Seconded: L Beardmore

Carried

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

The President stated that a quorum for the Meeting is 20 members, and the Special Resolutions require 75% majority of votes cast.

5.1 Special Resolution 1: The General Meeting agrees that WARVRA Constitution rules 2, 3, 5-8, 16 and 20 be changed to read as in Draft 9 of the Constitution advised by bulk mail electronically or hard copy.

The President explained that to comply with the Associations Act 2015, the Secretary of WARVRA is required to maintain a register of each member who has provided a signed Application of Membership.

This generated much discussion with many questions, and was summarised as:

- (a) WARVRA needs to embrace new understandings;
- (b) villages pay a subscription fee to WARVRA annually, and residents in these villages individually complete and lodge an 'Application for Membership' with no payment required;
- (c) individuals, whether in a subscribed village or not, may complete and lodge an 'Application for Membership Individual' with payment of \$10.00 annually.

Application for Membership Forms will be available on the website to download.

A suggestion that the WARVRA representative in each village makes available Application forms and submits completed forms in bulk was favourably received.

Resolved: That Special Resolution 1 be accepted.

Moved: D Cousins Seconded: variously Carried by: 58 votes including proxy

5.2 Special Resolution 2: The General Meeting agrees that WARVRA Constitution rules 10.0 – 10.4 be changed to read as in Draft 9 of the Constitution advised by bulk mail electronically or hard copy.

The President explained the Council's need and desire for the Association to elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the organisation, and to invite three members to join Council.

D Cousins advocated the continuity of the Council electing the Office bearers of the Association from the present requirement to elect 10 Council members.

Several members voiced the need for change to, what is now common practice in organisations.

Resolved: That Special Resolution 2 be accepted.

Moved: P Farrell Seconded: G Augustus Carried by: 53 votes including proxy

5.3 Special Resolution 3: The General Meeting agrees that WARVRA Constitution rules 10.5 – 10.15 and 11 (g) be changed to read as in Draft 9 of the Constitution advised by bulk mail electronically or hard copy.

The President reported of the difficulties encountered by the Council when the state secretary of an organisation was one of ten nominees for Council and then elected as a member of Council.

One member stated opposition in principle, as this was an isolated instance. In response to questions, it was clarified that a resident ineligible for nomination to Council, may hold membership with WARVRA if residing in a village.

E Browne suggested that a 'Conflict of Interest' statement requires consideration when the Constitution is amended in the future.

Resolved: That Special Resolution 3 be accepted.

Moved: J Vincent Seconded: P Farrell Carried by: 55 votes including proxy

5.4 Announcement:

The President announced that the accepted three Resolutions will be included in Draft 9 of the Constitution, and the amended Constitution will be forwarded to Consumer Protection for ratification.

5.5 Understanding Exit Entitlements

Des Cousins provided a clear summary of Exit Entitlements and the challenges facing both WARVRA and Consumer Protection in a legislation process that commenced in 2006. He urged members to speak with their local politicians, particularly Legislative Council members, and provide the Briefing Paper that WARVRA has prepared.

6. FINALITIES

6.1 Thanks

From his first-hand experience, J Vincent acknowledged the dedicated time and efforts of R Chamberlain, D Cousins, D Street, and E Browne in writing responses and their negotiations in the very best interests of WARVRA.

C Edwards acknowledged the work of WARVRA, and explained the support of his local member, MLC David Templeman.

6.3 Close

The President closed the meeting at 12.30pm.

Minutes adopted:

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Chairperson