

MINUTES

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting of the Photographic Society of Queensland Inc.
held via Zoom link on Sunday 4th June 2023 at 7pm.
The order of business of the Annual General Meeting:

1. Meeting opened 7.09pm

2. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

Fran McFadzen - Judge

Keven Hyde - Caboolture

John Staib – Masters Apprentices

Ralph Brown – Judge

Debra Rychvalsky – Caboolture

Richard Bassett – Gympie

Lesley McEwan – Wynnum Bayside

Margaret O’Grady – Judge

Simon Cox – Judge

Esther Andrews – QCG

Gayle Harrison – Gympie

Victoria Purdie – Judge

Ann Bryan – Sunshine Coast

Travis Lord – Toowoomba

Sue Mayer-Miller – Mackay

Danielle Morrish – Ipswich

Lee Schatkowski – Beaudesert

Martin Riley – QCG

Apologies: Tina Dial – Judge

3. Presentation of 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted. Moved: Ralph Brown, Seconded: John Staib. All in favour.

4. Business arising from the previous minutes: Nil

5. Presidents Report was sent to members previously.

Verbally added to the report:

That clubs make sure psq.org.au is added to the whitelist on the club’s emails to ensure information sent out by the PSQ committee does not end up in junk mail.

That Clubs are to inform PSQ Web Admin of any changes to the Club’s committee straight after their AGM so that the PSQ website can be updated.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted. Moved: Ralph Brown, Seconded: Richard Bassett. All in favour.

6. Treasurer's Report - Annual Financial Statements were sent to members previously and were summarised by John.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved: John Staib, Seconded: Fran McFadzen. All in favour.

7. Motion: That Veal and Prasad Jimboomba be appointed as Auditors of the Photographic Society of Queensland Inc. Moved by John Staib, Seconded by Richard Bassett. All in favour.

8. Motion: That the Group Member Affiliation fees remain at \$25 per club per year, and \$2.50 per member per club. Moved by John Staib, Seconded by Debra Rychvalsky. All in favour.

9. Judges Executive Report was sent to members previously and summarised by Victoria.

Motion: That the Judge's Executive Report be accepted. Moved by Victoria Purdie, Seconded by Gayle Harrison. All in favour.

10. Election of Office Bearers

President - nomination **Ralph Brown**

Secretary – nomination **Keven Hyde**

Treasurer – nomination **John Staib**

Vice President – nomination **Victoria Purdie**

General Members – nominations **Fran McFadzen, Gayle Harrison, Danielle Morrish and Debra Rychvalsky**

Motion: That all positions be accepted and appointed. Moved by Ralph Brown, Seconded by John Staib. All in favour.

12. General Business

13. Meeting Closed at 7.54pm.

Annual General Meeting Presidents Report – 4th June 2023

Good evening everyone, and welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

The last twelve months have been a time of reset and rebuilding for many of our clubs following the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Many clubs have reported reduced numbers but are slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels. Some combine ZOOM with face-to-face meetings but encourage members to socialise at club meetings and other outings. We hope 2023 and beyond will be a better year for our clubs and their members.

The SEQ 2023 competition was a great success, conducted by Caboolture Photography Club, with 1343 entries across A and Non-A Grade club members. Congratulations to all the award winners at QCG who won the overall club trophy. Next year, QCG will be conducting the SEQ judging, and we look forward to another great competition.

This year's PSQ convention was held in Rockhampton, and the club did a fabulous job organising a very enjoyable event. High praise goes to the organising committee, and PSQ wishes to express our appreciation for their efforts and hard work. Thanks to Fran, Peter, Greg, Scott, Pam and the Rocky Team for hosting such a fabulous event.

The PSQ Convention in 2024 will be hosted by the Aspley Club and held at the Kedron Wavell RSL in Chermside. I have been in discussions with Peter Law and others at Aspley, and planning is underway for another fabulous convention. We have been discussing with Harvey Bay Club, who have indicated they are willing to host the 2025 PSQ Convention.

I would like to thank all our judges who dedicated their time and talent during the year to critique the images from our clubs. As volunteers, they put in an extraordinary effort for our members. Victoria Purdie has taken the role of Chair of the Judge's Executive, and the members have been working throughout the year to guide our judges and assist our clubs and members with regular monthly judging.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) – The subject of AI has been in discussions with many of our members over the last few months. AI is here to stay, and new tools are being released to manipulate images captured in the camera. We want to encourage members in their own creativity and to use images captured in their cameras. Images generated by an AI programme are not regarded as photographic work but as a useful tool for companies needing images for advertising and promotion. Our recommendation to clubs is to include the following wording in all club competitions and interclub competitions (including open) definitions: -

"Images using AI-generated technology are not to be used in this competition."

If clubs wish to allow AI images to be used, we recommend creating a separate category specifically for AI.

Scoring System – To get greater consistency from judges, PSQ strongly recommends that the scoring system attached as an appendix to the Judges Manual be club adopted by all clubs to give our judges consistent criteria for judging club images. I have attached it to my report to save you the effort of downloading it from our website.

Copyright and Plagiarism – The subject of copyright and plagiarism was raised during the year, and I thought it worth mentioning that PSQ does not endorse this behaviour. We ask that all members comply with all copyright and plagiarism laws and maintain the highest ethical standards. Please be careful when posting on PSQ or any associated club member's sites that you uphold the highest integrity level and encourage our members to explore their own creativity. Anything presented at clubs and PSQ levels should be the complete work of the member and not copied from other sources.

Code of Conduct – Numerous clubs have approached me regarding a code of conduct for members. The committee has been developing a document as a guideline to clubs for acceptable behaviour. In some utopic world, everyone would treat others with respect and consideration, but unfortunately, that is not always the case. We are all volunteers and give our time and effort for the benefit of club members, and should be treated appropriately.

PSQ Grants – Our Grants Programme was a huge success this year, with many of our clubs taking advantage of the offer to fund the purchase of new equipment. I encourage our club committees to consider this to supplement your funds for larger purchases—applications close on the 31st Oct each year. Details are on the PSQ website.

Communications – Add a task after your club’s AGM for your secretary to notify Fran and Keven to update the club’s contact details so PSQ can keep the website and secretary’s contacts correct. The email server has been problematic, and we need to ensure all clubs get emails from PSQ. Please google how to whitelist PSQ.ORG.AU in your email system, particularly if you use Gmail. It has been my pleasure to visit many of our clubs during the year, and I look forward to seeing many more in the coming year. My wife and I enjoy travelling in our caravan and try to meet members of regional clubs if we are in your area.

Regards

Ralph Brown

President PSQ

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APPENDIX 1: One Guide to Competition Scoring. There are many others. Where members are at different levels (B Grade, AB Grade, A Grade) the scores should be adjusted accordingly. Points Guide to Image Features 1 Out of Category Use this score to disqualify an entry. An image may be disqualified if • It is considered not to fit the definition of the Set Subject • It clearly infringes on another artist’s copyright or contains material of an inappropriate nature. 2 The image displays serious technical defects, such as an extreme under or overexposure, very poorly handled focus, substantial (and clearly unintended) camera movement, or similar problems. 3 The image has noticeable technical defects or noteworthy shortcomings in image content. Because most club competition entrants have a reasonable level of experience, scores of 1 or 2 are rarely used in club competitions. 4 The image does not have significant technical defects or noteworthy shortcomings in image content. However there may be evidence that composition, lighting, etc, has not been well controlled. 5 5-6 Acceptance The image is acceptable in most respects (E.g. Technical, content, composition, etc.) and creates some interest for the viewer. The score could be raised by some small improvements (indicated by the judge.) 6 7-8 Commended With minor alterations (suggested by the Judge), the image could easily receive a higher score. 7 9-10 Highly Commended The image has been reasonably well produced. Technical aspects and image content have been competently handled, and it shows one aspect of emotion, impact, creativity or story for the viewer. 8 11-12 Merit or Credit The image is well handed technically all or most of the image aspects is above average. It shows some aspects of emotion, impact, creativity or story in its presentation. 9 13-15 Honour The image has a strong emotional influence, visual impact or creativity and narrative content. The image is exceptional and worthy of special recognition. Be aware that an Acceptance in a National or International competition is highly regarded as it means that the image has been “Accepted for Exhibition”. An Image of the Month is a separate item for some clubs. It is suggested that where images do NOT meet the Club’s Competition Guidelines, it is up to the Club to remove those images from the image set before submitting them to the Judge.

Judge's Executive Report for AGM 2023

I took over as Chair a few months back at Ralph's request when the position became vacant.

There were quite a few things that had been on the Agenda for a while so I looked into them and got some things moving with lots of emails between myself, Fran and others, during the month between Zoom meeting dates. There were two sub committees set up to tackle the rewriting of the Judge's Mentor Guidelines and the Judge's Manual. These are nearly finished now with lots of input from JE members.

We have had a few new Understudy Judges sign up which is great and a couple just received their qualifications earlier this year.

I was pleased to present one new Judge with her badge and certificate at the Rockhampton conference over the long weekend in April/May. This was an excellent, well-organized conference and a lovely time to bond with JE members and PSQ Committee members that I only normally only see via Zoom meetings.

As a committee we have had a lot of discussions on topics that affect our judges in their service to clubs, such as images being out of category before they are submitted to a judge, scoring systems to help judges, and the use of Artificial Intelligence in images and in editing software.

We are approachable if anyone has any issues regarding individual judges or judges as a whole, and we encourage clubs to fill in Judge Feedback Reports which can be found on our website.

Thankyou

Victoria Purdie

JE Chair

2023

Photographic Society Of Queensland Inc

ABN 71 271 756 062

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trading Account

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023 2022

\$ \$

Trading Income

PSQ Convention Registration 17,356

Sales Merchandise 585

Total Trading Income 17,941

Cost of Sales

Add:

Purchases Merchandise 566

PSQ Convention 17,002

17,568

Cost of Sales 17,568

Gross Profit from Trading 373

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023 2022

\$ \$

Income

Trading profit 373

Affiliation Fees Clubs 1,250 1,300

Affiliation Members Levy Clubs 4,885 4,970

Insurance Public Levy Clubs 5,208 12,253

Judge Understudy Fees 40 140

Annual Convention Income 4,650

Competition Income

- Competition Income 926

- Competition Expenses (988)

(63)

Raffle

- Raffle Income 578
- Raffle Expenses (8)
570
Provisions Reversed Grant 2,000
Other income 6
Total income 16,975 20,606

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Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023 2022

\$ \$

Expenses

Advertising and promotion 418
Audit fees 275 275
Bookkeeping Expense 200
Bad Debts 100
Bank Fees And Charges 60 10
Catering 516
Computer Expenses 320
Competition Expenses 170
Debtor Shown As Income 272
Depreciation - plant 446 3,834
Filing Fees 59 172
Grants To Photography Clubs 5,100 6,055
Insurance 3,400 3,327
Materials & supplies 59
Postage 13
Printing & stationery 198 28
Staff training 600
Sponsorship Ekka 418
Trophies & Badges 98 909
Training 110
Travel, accom & conference 1,130 659
Website Expenses 289
Zoom Subscription 240 231
Total expenses 12,274 17,717

**Profit from ordinary activities before income
tax 4,701 2,889**

Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities

Net profit attributable to the association 4,701 2,889

Total changes in equity of the association 4,701 2,889

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023 2022

\$ \$

Opening retained profits 34,081 31,192
Net profit attributable to the association 4,701 2,889

Closing retained profits 38,782 34,081

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

Note 2023 2022

\$ \$

Current Assets

Cash Assets

Cash At Bank A Main Account 27,994 28,731

Cash At Bank Judges 431 947

Cash At Bank Convention 7,339 11,268

Cash At Bank Debit Card 100 100

35,864 41,046

Receivables

Trade debtors 45

Advance For Conference 2,200 9,009

2,200 9,054

Total Current Assets 38,064 50,100

Non-Current Assets

Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant & equipment - at cost 1,164

Less: Accumulated depreciation (446)

718

Total Non-Current Assets 718

Total Assets 38,782 50,100

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

Note 2023 2022

\$ \$

Current Liabilities

Payables

Unsecured:

- Trade creditors 718

718

Other

Advance Payments 15,302

15,302

Total Current Liabilities 16,020

Total Liabilities 16,020

Net Assets 38,782 34,081

Members' Funds

Accumulated surplus (deficit) 38,782 34,081

Total Members' Funds 38,782 34,081

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 March, 2023

DISPOSAL ADDITION DEPRECIATION PROFIT LOSS

Total Priv OWDV Date Consid Date Cost Value T Rate Deprec Priv CWDV Upto + Above Total - Priv

Plant And Equipment

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Deduct Private Portion 0
Net Depreciation 446

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountant's Compilation Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

Certificate by Member of the Committee

For the year ended 31 March 2023

In the opinion of the Committee the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- (1.) Presents fairly the financial position of Photographic Society Of Queensland Inc as at 31 March 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.**
- (2.) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.**
- (3) The Photographic Society Of Queensland Inc keeps financial records in a way which properly records the Photographic Society Of Queensland Inc income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.**

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Ralph Brown
President

John Staib
Treasurer

Signed at Beaudesert on the 2 April, 2023