



## Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW) Inc

Minutes of Annual General Meeting.  
Dooley's Catholic Club, 24-28 John St, Lidcombe NSW.2141  
Saturday, 19th April, 2008

Meeting opened 10.50 am

**Apologies:** Martin Regan (Sharks), Gary Riley, Gavin Roberts, Elsie Hall (Mosman), David Miller (St George), Peg Jones, Life Member

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of 2007 AGM were read by Peita Ward. Moved by Luciano Vranich/2nd Russell Kirkland

Move to accept Secretary's report Luciano Vranich/2nd Nic Peters, Carried.

### **President's Report:**

Andrea Robinson presented President's report, thanked the committee for their hard work, as volunteers they do their best in the role. The committee has been working very hard behind the scenes on relationships with clubs, sponsors and other organisations to promote photography. Andrea announced she would not be standing as President again.

Move to adopt President's report Luciano Vranich/2nd Nic Peters, Carried

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bob Milojevic presented the Treasurer's report on screen, printed copies available only on request

Very successful year - receipts of \$25,000 as per the report, Outgoings of \$18,000 leaving \$35,000 available funds.

Discussion on treasurer's report:

Margaret Butt wanted hard copies for review, while Mike Faulkner would like the report sent out to clubs.

Susan Buchanan asked is the treasurer's report has been signed by auditor (yes) and suggested it be published to the website.

Alan Hitchell also wanted a hard copy.

Paul Bennie requested we accept the treasurer's report as not providing hard copies is not affecting the report/2nd Lu Vranich, Carried.

Bob Milojevic read the country liaison report, also announced stepping down from committee.

### **Other Business:**

Special Resolution - Nic Peters requested the President, Andrea Robinson, move a motion to adopt changes to the Constitution/2nd Luciano Vranich

Luciano Vranich spoke for the motion. There were long struggles to get people to agree to changes. The title of Federation of Camera Clubs does not include individuals. We should be looking at what we can offer clubs. We need to move forward on what we can offer and do to support clubs. There is a difference in the Honorary and Life members - how do you honour those who contribute to the organisation, note FCC and APS are separate organisations. A lot of things have been streamlined and updated to be in line with changes to the model rules.

Alan Hitchell - against, stated he had not received the old Constitution with the new Constitution in the pack with the notice for AGM.

Bob Milojevic - point of order, Alan Hitchell not speaking against the motion, but on a procedural matter.

John Newton - discussing the motion, Alan has the right to discuss distribution.

Alan Hitchell - not aware of ruling by Dept of Fair Trading.

Andrea Robinson - reply - advice was given that it was not required to provide the old Constitution, however, the old and new Constitutions were provided for comment after the last

AGM to all, we received 4 comments. A second draft was provided to all Clubs with changes marked.

Luciano Vranich - pointed out old copies were made available.

Paul Bennie - supportive of what the FCC is doing and this is what we want the FCC to be focussing on. Constitutional review has gone on long enough and cost enough in time and money. It will never be perfect and there will be further changes in the future. Implored all clubs to put this to bed and get on with the job, we don't want any further time and cost spent on this. If argument continues in this manner the clubs will lose in the end. Proposal to vote now.

John Newton - agreed with Paul Bennie. Want to finalise in the best interest of the Clubs. Concern about whether unincorporated clubs can be members.

Andrea Robinson - under the new Constitution there is no difference between "unincorporated" and "corporated" clubs.

Bob Milojevic - the document is a guideline for Camera Clubs, there is no contract with Clubs.

John Newton - does legislation allow "unincorporated" and "corporated" clubs.

Bob Milojevic - legal advice was given that the new Constitution complied.

Andrea Robonson - stated the existing Constitution does make a difference.

Paul Bennie - stated you can have "unincorporated" clubs be members on "incorporated" body.

John Newton - as long as legal advice approved Constitution.

Andrea Robinson - legal advice was sought and the Constitution approved.

Margaret Butt - asked if Service Honours should be included in the Constitution?

Andrea Robinson - as part of the Constitutional review it was recommended the next committee review the Honours and Service Awards. As they were not included in the Constitution they can be adapted.

Luciano Vranich - the Honours document would have the same status as a bi-law, changes can be made by the committee.

Andrea Robinson - replied - Constitution had been vetted and approved by legal advice to be lodged with the Dept of Fair Trading as is. It was not required that copies of the old constitution be distributed (perhaps this should have been done but it was not required).

Motion - "That proposed amendments to the Objects and Rules of the Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW) Inc. as set out in the document attached and distributed to Clubs as above be adopted."

Vote was taken - 20 for, 1 against. Motion passed.

Comment - other advice from the floor agrees with legal opinion.

### **General Business:**

Lucian Vranich - would like to extend thanks to the committee and the sub-committee who worked on the Constitutional review, particularly Gary Riley. Andrea Robinson 2nd motion.

Meeting was handed over to Patricia Beal as the returning officer for election of officers.

All standing officers of the committee stood down.

No nominations were received.

President -                      John Newton nominated - refused  
   Ray Finneran nominated - refused  
   Alan Hitchell nominated - accepted, elected

Vice President -              no nominations

Secretary                      no nominations

Treasurer                      no nominations

Committee members        no nominations

Paul Bennie suggested with adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes for discussion.

Ray Finneran - clubs will be faced with a problem if we cannot form a committee and FCC does not continue.

Paul Bennie - makes the point that the committee has resigned  
Alan Hitchell - makes point there is now no committee.  
Bob Milojevic - presented 2 options, we elect 4 people by 12.30 or dissolve the organisation and distribute the funds.  
Alan Hitchell - maybe someone will help in interim positions.  
Ray Finneran - suggest meeting be adjourned and returning officer responsible for election.  
Paul Bennie - agree, if 4 members cannot be elected, adjourn meeting.  
Alan Hitchell - asked if Treasurer and Secretary could help run an adjourned AGM.  
Patricia Beal - (returning officer) won't be available for another meeting  
Barry Daniel - said he had no idea the committee were going to resign  
Jane Milojevic - stated that in the last f/stop it was stated that all committee members were resigning and asked for nominations.  
Paul Bennie - asked for volunteers for 4 executive members.  
Alan Hitchell - need to adjourn meeting  
Ruth Schumi - can we appoint a Chairperson, adjourn meeting to re-convene in 4 weeks time without a committee, giving time to find a new committee?  
Luciano Vranich - as Alan Hitchell has accepted nomination as President he can take over, nominate a chairperson and re-convene.  
Ruth Schumi - can we do this?  
Alan Hitchell - stated he will need help in re-convening new meeting  
John Newton - asked if existing committee could stay on (no members volunteered)  
Paul Bennie - suggested meeting ask 3 existing committee members to stay on for 2 months  
John Newton - agreed,  
Bob Milojevic - said it is up to the members to find a new committee.  
Ray Finneran - said there were no reserves to take over without lobbying for replacements.  
Bob Milojevic - said members were notified of the need for a new committee, it is up to the delegates to find volunteers from the Clubs for their committee.  
Andrea Robinson - volunteered to stay on to help.  
Norm Watton - commented it was sad that the committee can't stay on to help further.  
Barry Daniel - stated presented committee has an obligation to hand over.  
Andrea Robinson - replied that the current committee has prepared all material to hand over to a new committee. It is unfair to expect the current committee who have worked hard for the past 2 years to be expected to continue in the role because no-one else is willing to volunteer to take over.  
Paul Bennie - need 3 or 4 people in Sydney to continue  
Alan Hitchell - need someone to send out material for next AGM, proposed 3rd weekend in May to re-convene AGM.  
Mike Faulkner - motion to elect Luciano Vranich to re-write constitution again.  
Luciano Vranich - not accepting nomination for health reasons but if asked will help as sub-committee member.  
Alan Hitchell - can we re-convene in May?  
Luciano Vranich - can we move further out to June?  
Alan Hitchell - stated we need to re-convene in the shortest possible time  
Bob Milojevic - said the existing signatories can stay on.

Meeting adjourned at 12.55pm till date to be arranged.