

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (South Australia) Incorporated was held at 5:30pm Wednesday, 18 October 2017 at 16 Nelson St Stepney.

1. Welcome

As there were 15 members present who were eligible to vote, the President, Mr R DiMonte advised that a quorum was present and the meeting was declared open.

President welcomed those present to the 142nd Annual General Meeting of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. and introduced the current Board members; Deborah Miller (Vice President), Mary Barton, Giuliano Rech, Andrew Carter and Marcus Gehrig.

President extended the welcome and introduced Auditor, Penny Woods, Legal Counsel, Joe Subic, CEO, Paul Stevenson and COO, Kevin Tinkler.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been recorded from Board members Jill Bottrall and Maria Armstrong, and from members Charles Dormand, Peter Anderson, Kimberley Miller-Owen, Jordon Miller-Owen, Anna Mackie, Dr Daphne Menary, Hon Kelly Vincent, Margaret Andrews, Rosalie McDonald and Win Paix.

President asked for any further apologies from the floor. No further apology received.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting for RSPCA (SA) Inc. have been made available to all present. President asked whether there are any comments or questions to the minutes. No comments or questions were received.

It was moved by M Barton and seconded by D Miller that the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the RSPCA (SA) Inc be accepted as a true and correct record.

President asked for a show of hands.

Majority voted in favour, motion was CARRIED

4. Receiving of the 2016/2017 Annual Report

It was moved by J Adams and seconded by A Lewis that the 2016-2017 Annual Report of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. be received.

President asked whether there are any comments or questions. No comments or questions were received.

President asked for a show of hands.

Majority voted in favour, motion was CARRIED

5. Receiving of 2016/2017 Audited Annual Accounts

It was moved by A Carter and seconded by D Miller that the 2016/2017 audited annual accounts of the RSPCA (SA) Inc, and the auditors' report on those accounts be received.

President asked whether there are any comments or questions. No comments or questions were received.

President asked for a show of hands.

Majority voted in favour, motion was CARRIED

6. **Appointment of Auditors for 2017/2018**

President advised that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu is our current auditors and representative, Penny Woods is present. The RSPCA (SA) Inc. Constitution requires that auditors be reappointed each year.

It was moved by M Barton and seconded by A Lewis that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu be appointed as auditors of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. for 2017/2018.

President asked whether there are any comments or questions to the minutes. No comments or questions were received.

President asked for a show of hands.

Majority voted in favour, motion was CARRIED

7. **Strategic Directions Presentation**

President announced that Debra Lane, Gary Burns and Jerry Adams will not be continuing as Board members and took the opportunity to thank them for their service.

CEO presented on the strategic directions; knowing what we stand for and the understanding to change. Explained how last year we reported a \$1.5 million operational loss and that we forecast similar for this year; that it is a priority to rectify this issue through a range of revenue increase and cost reductions - without reducing services or activities.

Traditional fundraising is becoming increasingly challenging due to donor fatigue, and while we are introducing innovative new fundraising programmes, our plans also include diversifying income with the addition of new commercial income streams. Moving RSPCA from a charity to a social enterprise, by creating a commercial group within our organisation.

From a prevention perspective, a major priority will be developing new education programmes for schools and the community.

Member, Keith Baldwin a volunteer at Lonsdale, questioned what the organisation can do to address the too common public perception that RSPCA will euthanise animals after 2 weeks if they are not rehomed. CEO replied that it is difficult to change people's perception, but we are trying to share the positive stories on re-homed animals who have been at our shelter for an extended period of time. Andrew Carter commented that there are some animals that are not suitable to be rehomed and simply "warehousing" that animal is not good for their welfare. He expressed that "no kill" shelters are often seen as more ethical but usually it is completely the opposite as they are keeping animals alive and the quality of life for the animal is sacrificed.

The RSPCA's response to the new Greyhound track at Murray Bridge was queried with the CEO advising that the organisation is working to increase awareness of the broader Greyhound issue through our media activities.

In response to a member question, the CEO explained the RSPCA's plans in the aged care sector to assist the aging with pet ownership; going into retirement villages and educating and assisting with the care of pets.

Director Andrew Carter raised his concerns on fish welfare, and that there is an urgency needed to educate the fisherman on how to humanly kill a fish. President agreed that we need to have a wider view on all animals and not just focus on dogs and cats.

A concerned member proposed that we ask the government for increased funding. President explained that the money we receive from the government is to run the inspectorate which is a legislative requirement; a service we provide for them, and that we had received recently a small increase but that the funding still covered less than half of the Inspectorate's operating costs.

It was moved by Bronwyn Ludlam and seconded by Andrew Carter, that the presentation proceedings be accepted.

President asked for a show of hands.

Majority voted in favour, motion was CARRIED

8. Other Business

President asked if there was any other business. No comments or questions were received.

9. Meeting Close

President thanked, on behalf of the Board, staff and volunteers, all members for attending and supporting RSPCA (SA) Inc.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 6:12pm.