

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (South Australia) Incorporated was held on Thursday, 18 October 2018 at 5.30pm at 16 Nelson St Stepney, SA.

1. Welcome

As there were 17 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 143rd Annual General Meeting of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. and introduced the Board Directors present; Deborah Miller (Vice President), Mary Barton, Maria Armstrong, Andrew Carter, Marcus Gehrig, Leanna Read, Kerry Dollman, and Martine Welfare.

President extended the welcome and introduced Auditor Penny Woods, Deloitte; Chief Executive Officer, Paul Stevenson; Chief Operations Officer, Kevin Tinkler & Head of Finance & Treasury, Victoria Holmes.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Board Directors Jill Bottrall, Paul Hutchinson and Sheenagh Edwards, and members Sheree Sellick, Sandra Whitehead and Derek McNair.

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

President advised that for a resolution to be passed relating to general business of the meeting, such as confirming the minutes and receiving reports, the vote must be a simple majority of those present and voting. Resolutions submitted by members or amendments to the Constitution require a special (two thirds) majority of those voting to pass. No resolutions have been submitted by members of the society.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

President advised that the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting for RSPCA (SA) Inc. have been provided to all present and asked if there were any comments or questions relating 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 2017 Annual General Meeting of the RSPCA (SA) Inc be accepted as a true and correct record.

Majority voted in favour, the motion was CARRIED

4. Receiving of 2017-2018 Annual Report

President advised that a copy of the 2017-18 Annual Report had been provided to all present and asked if there were any comments or questions relating to the Annual Report. No comments or questions were received.

It was moved by A Lewis and seconded by L Read that the 2017-2018 Annual Report of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. be received.

Majority voted in favour, the motion was CARRIED

5. Receiving of 2017-2018 Audited Annual Accounts

President advised that a copy of the 2017-18 Audited Annual Accounts has been provided to all present and asked if there were any comments or questions relating to the Audited Annual Accounts. No comments or questions were received.

It was moved by D Miller and seconded by R Buchiw that the 2017-2018 audited annual accounts of the RSPCA (SA) Inc, and the auditor's report on those accounts be received.

Majority voted in favour, the motion was CARRIED

6. **Appointment of Auditors for 2018-2019**

President advised that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu are our current auditors and that RSPCA (SA) Inc. Constitution requires that auditors be reappointed each year.

RSPCA (SA) Inc. have gone to tender for the 2018-2019 audit and the Board recommends BDO be appointed as auditors for 2018-2019.

President congratulated Penny Woods and the auditors at Deloitte, who have done a fantastic job as our auditors for the last four years. However, being mindful of ongoing expenditures, BDO were able to demonstrate a cost effective proposition.

It was moved by A Carter and seconded by V Holmes that BDO be appointed as auditors of the RSPCA (SA) Inc. for 2018-2019.

Majority voted in favour, the motion was CARRIED

7. **Director Nominations for Re-Election**

RSPCA (SA) Inc. Constitution requires four of the eight member-elected Directors to retire by rotation every second year, and that this year, the Directors required to retire are Deborah Miller, Maria Armstrong and Martine Welfare.

All retiring Directors were eligible to stand as candidates for re-election and all have re-nominated.

There were no other nominations from the membership; therefore all three nominations were accepted for re-election, leaving one casual vacancy on the Board.

A vote was not required and that the nominees are effectively elected unopposed.

8. **President and CEO Presentation**

The President outlined RSPCA's new strategic plan "Amplifying Our Impact" including its objective of engaging resources well beyond RSPCA SA itself, in the achievement of our mission to prevent cruelty to animals. Importantly he noted the "RSPCA Ignite" programme related to building education as a core function of RSPCA in most effectively delivering our Prevention of Cruelty goal.

CEO presented long term metrics on Animal Outcomes, Activities, Financials and Amplifying Impact Strategy.

This year there was a decline in dogs due to good legislation and good animal management practises. This meant there was a record low reclaim rate in dogs. We also see a 5% drop in euthanasia rates due to our extensive work on behaviour modification.

The number of cruelty reports and rescue requests dropped due to working closely with the call centre in identifying true cruelty and rescue cases.

Operating financials have been declining for some years but we have taken action this year to improve our financial position including regrettably staff redundancies, but also new income generating measures.

RSPCA (SA) Inc. have two new commercial income streams commencing in the next month; Dog grooming and Puppy Training School, with our first dog day care centre opening early in 2019.

9. **Other Business**

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

Member Bronwyn Ludlam provided feedback around process when her credit card expired for her monthly regular giving contribution. Fundraising Manager Elizabeth Somers apologised and noted that this issue has been rectified with an outsourced telemarketing company phoning our members when cards become expired.

10. **Meeting Close**

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

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 6:02pm.