**Annual General Meeting 2021-2022**

**Minutes**

**Thursday 12 May 2022, University Club of Western Australia**

**PRESENT:** Mary Gurgone (President), Jill Anderson, Donella Caspersz, Kate Ellson, Val Gandossini, Judy Gorton, Karen Groves, Lena Hilton, Chrissie Hodges, Helene Jaccomard, Rosie Jeanes, Lyn McArthur, Lennie McCall, Vicky Nazer, Faith O’Brien, Vera Riley, ‘Tricia Summerfield, Carole Theobald, Jennifer Wood.

**Guests**: Mary-Rose Tomeo (Guest Speaker), Kara Pitman (prospective member).

**Apologies:** Wendy Atherden, Laura Bernay, Hannah Donders, Liz Parlour, Sue Martins, Linda Higgie, and Lan Tran (all LOA): Carolyn Armstrong (transferring), Natasha Kusmuk, Ute Schierhorn (Treasurer), Gloria Sutherland (prospective member), Ping Teo, Emily Thomas (Secretary)

**WELCOME:** PresidentMary Gurgone welcomed everyone to the AGM, which started with the usual Welcome to Country and introduction of guests. The Zonta thanks was read by Val Gandossini.

**Guest Speaker: Mary-Rose Tomeo (Preventing Violence Together Initiative)**

Mary-Rose had kindly stepped in at short notice to replace Alison Evans of the Centre for Women’s Safety and Wellbeing, who had been called away on urgent business. She is the Manager of the Preventing Violence Together (PVT) Initiative. PVT has an emphasis on primary prevention, with a priority of engaging with communities. She highlighted the Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program in WA schools. Primary prevention focuses on shifting the culture that permits violence to occur in the first place. It aims to do this by identifying and challenging the social norms, practices and structures that drive violence against women. More details are available on the website pvt.org.au. Rosie Jeanes thanked Mary-Rose for her talk, and presented her with a certificate verifying that the Club would make a donation to ZI in her name.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROCEDURES**

**1.Minutes of last AGM, held 13 May 2021**.

No outstanding matters.

Motion: *That the 2021 AGM minutes be accepted*.

Moved: ‘Tricia Summerfield Seconded: Karen Groves **CARRIED**

2.**Correspondence:**

Nil

**3.Presentation of the 2021-2022 Annual Report**

The 2021-2022 Annual Report was compiled by President Mary Gurgone and Secretary Emily Thomas. Mary thanked Emily, the Team Leaders, Treasurer Ute Schierhorn and all who had contributed to the document. In presenting it, Mary screened a colourful photo slide show of a range of celebratory events, fund-raisers, and achievements of the Club over the proceeding twelve months. The meeting applauded her presentation.

It was noted that the name of the Treasurer, Ute Schierhorn, needed to be added to the Treasurer’s Report within the document.

Motion: *That the 2021-2022 Annual Report, with the minor addition referred to above, be accepted*.

Moved: ‘Tricia Summerfield Seconded: Jill Anderson **CARRIED**

4.**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report of the Club’s finances, plus the Auditor’s Report, were included in the Annual Report, which was approved under Item 3 Above. Members were invited to comment or raise questions. None were raised.

President Mary spoke for all members in acknowledging the high level of contribution the outgoing Treasurer, Ute, had made to the Club in fulfilling the Treasurer’s role over a number of years.

**5.Team Reports**

These were included in the Annual Report, approved under Item 3 above.

**6.Office Bearers and Nominating Committee Membership for 2022-2023**

**(i) Election and Installation of Office Bearers for 2022-2023**

These proceedings were conducted by Judy Gorton on behalf of the Nominating Committee, which had also included Karen Groves and Carole Theobald. The slate of nominations had been tabled at the Club’s March Business meeting. No further nominations being received from the floor, the following nominees were elected:

President: Ping Teo

Vice-President: Vicky Nazer

Treasurer: Lena Hilton

Directors: Jenny Wood, ‘Tricia Summerfield; Karen Groves and Lyn McArthur.

Secretary: Faith O’Brien

Ping Teo and Emily Thomas were apologies for the meeting. Judy formally inducted the other newly elected office bearers, noting that the inductions for Ping and Emily would be carried out at the first available opportunity.

**(ii) Nominating Committee for 2022-2023**

Judy informed the meeting that the Nominating Committee for the forthcoming year already had two members (herself and Karen Groves) but a third member was sought. Donella Caspersz volunteered from the floor, was supported by Karen Groves, and was accepted as the third member.

**7. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing President Mary Gurgone**

On behalf of all members, Karen Groves made a warm and moving speech of thanks to outgoing President Mary, and presented her with a silver picture frame as a memento. Karen emphasised in particular that Mary had never failed to encourage and express appreciation to all members for our efforts during her term of office. Those present seconded Karen’s words by acclamation.

**DATE OF NEXT AGM: THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023.**