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## Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**The Cav, Cavenagh Street, Darwin 5.30pm**

**Minutes open 5.45pm**

### General Notice

Please all sign the check in sheet.

Meeting Chaired by Geoff Cussen

Minutes by Stacey Harris and Jo Fitzpatrick

Confirmed Quorum as per constitution requirements.

1. Apologies Mark White, Kathryn White, Michael Feldbauer, Anna Cussen, Frank Schembri, Julie Page, Prath Sabaratnam.
2. Proxy forms tabled (if any) None
3. Welcome to Attendees

Stacey	Harris
Jo	Fitzpatrick
James	Cussen
Jessica	Cussen
Dom	Fracaro
Geoff	Cussen
Deb	Fracaro
Sharon	Woon
Greg	Owens
Cheryl	Owens
Jim	Ford
Jeff	Pinkerton
Marilyn	Pinkerton
Rex	Wild
David	McHugh
Rowena	McHugh
Luke	Cousins

4. Minutes of previous AGM (with attendees listed) copy attached. Moved by Jo Fitzpatrick and accepted by Stacey Harris
5. Business arising from the previous minutes – Constitution to be discussed in General Business.

## 6. Chairman's report

Fundraising Activities for the past year

We raised over \$30,000 (WM dinner, wine sales after the event) the breakdown is listed in the treasurer's report.

The WineMakers Dinner will be back again in 2023 on Saturday 4th Feb, bookings are now open at Event Brite and a save the date email has been sent out listing the pricing. We hope that the Casino will again sponsor the room hire for the event.

An announcement will be issued re Ben Riggs being the second confirmed winemaker for the 2023 dinner will be sent via facebook to members.

Recipients of funds in 2021/22 - NT Cricket \$33,000 - Taverners National \$5500.00 - Jayla Thorne \$500 to attend the Under 16s Junior championships in Perth in July 2022.

Approved but not paid till 2022/23 Darwin Basketball \$2600 for the whole Girls U 14 Cyclones team to attend the Australian Club Championships in Sydney in late September.

The girls ended up 12th in the Club Championships that's not a bad result given the draw was 23 teams. Suffering only 2 & 3 point losses in the end. Whilst in Sydney both the boys and girls were given the opportunity to watch the FIBA Womens Basketball World Cup watching Australia vs Serbia Australia vs Canada Australia vs Japan an amazing opportunity for our young people.

Cricket Games:

We haven't played any Taverners cricket games this financial year but we are working on another Tavs All Stars versus polities or celebrities match.

NT Cricket has a new CEO in Gavin Dovey who starts in the role in early 2023. We are planning a meeting to introduce ourselves and work on the growing the relationship with the hopes of having fundraising opportunities together.

Membership: very disappointing with only 62 people paying their membership fees of the 120 we have in our data base. We will continue to chase for payment from the others.

We have a good response to the fees in advance offer with 23 people taking the offer of two or more years in advance.

Reminder the membership fees are 1 year \$60 2 years \$100 5 years \$200

Moved by Jeff Pinkerton and accepted by Sharon Woon

## 7. Treasurer's report and audited financial statements

Having the WineMakers Dinner certainly makes a big difference to our fundraising. Fundraising Activities for the past year

We raised just over \$40,000 NETT this year (from all activities including membership)

Auctions this year raised a massive \$30K alone (that's both Silent and Major)

Ticket Sales, Raffle Tickets, - \$35K

Donations \$7850.00 (chamber golf day 5250 held last financial but funds recd this financial)

Our expenses were just over 30K (Casino, Wines)

Memberships \$4220.00

National sent us \$785 from the national raffle

We gave away in sponsorship 39K

NT Cricket \$33,000

Taverners National \$5500.00

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Membership: very disappointing with only 62 people paying their membership fees of the 120 we have in our data base. We will continue to chase for payment from the others. We have a good response to the fees in advance offer with 23 people taking the offer of 2 or more years in advance. And to finalise thanks from me to Jess Cussen as always a legend. Mark White for his accounting skills at the winemakers to allow me to eat drink and be merry. After the hell week I had been through with the floods that meant a lot. Thanks again Mark. And a super effort special mention to Jo for single handily arranging 4 full tables for the Winemakers.

Jeff Pinkerton asked if our financials are lodged. Stacey replied - Yes, we submit to territory business. A fee is paid and documents lodged after we have our AGM each year. .

Moved by Jeff Pinkerton and accepted by Sharon Woon

## 8. Election of new committee – Majority of committee have nominated to return.

Geoff Cussen - Chair, Jo Fitzpatrick – Vice Chair and Secretary, Stacey Harris - Treasurer, Jess Cussen – Marketing, Luke Cousins- Committee, Mark White – Committee, Julie Page - Committee. Moved by Dom Fracaro and accepted by Jeff Pinkerton

## 9. Appointment of Auditor – Perks Audit Pty Ltd. Whilst Perks is the same firm, we can confirm that each year the person completing is a different member of the audit team. Moved by Dom Fracaro and accepted by Jeff Pinkerton

## 10. General business

- Constitution changes and Name Change – Still with Territory Business. Change of their staff and back and forth with Stacey has meant delays.
- Winemakers dinner booked with Winemakers - Ben Riggs from Mr Riggs and Scott Collett from Woodstock will also attend. Scott will again offer the cabin stay for auction along with the guests to have a winery tour. Confirmed for 04.02.23
- David McHugh spoke as Treasurer of Rotary. Wondering with there was an opportunity for Taverners and Rotary to work together on events. Consider 1M hole in One at the Gardens 2 day Golf tournament. Perhaps share membership list. They cover the insurance meaning no risk to Taverners. Meeting to be conducted between Rotary and Taverners to further discuss.
- Membership needs attention. Dom raised corporate membership – Deb expanded perhaps \$250.00 per year. We need to raise the profile of Taverners. This along with recognition of our 5 pillars in the community is paramount to the ongoing success of Taverners NT. In donating to national - what is the benefit to us. The ICC mainly its part of our 5 pillars and there are no NT teams to sponsor so we contribute to national. All branches do the same. Amounts differ though.
- Thanks to Stacey Harrison and Steve Smith who leave us from the committee who are now travelling the East Coast. We are happy to work with the committee number we currently have.

***And before we close Sharon Woon has requested we acknowledge the loss of a Taverner***

***A very special mention for the loss of a long time Taverners member David Pearson in August. You may remember David was with us at last year's AGM, his first in a long time. We were very excited to see an old friend return to the fold. It is a very sad time with this the loss of a cherished story teller and a friend that was always up for a chat. Our thoughts are with Marie Louise and family at this time. Vale David.***

Please stay and enjoy some drinks and snacks. Meeting Close 6.20pm

Signed 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



Geoff Cussen - Chair



Stacey Harris - Treasurer