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## Annual General Meeting (AGM) Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 The Cav, Cavenagh Street, Darwin 4pm

### Minutes

Meeting Opened - 4:17pm

Acknowledgement of Jeff Pinkerton - Life member in attendance

#### 1. Apologies

Richard Ryan, Sharon Woon, Dom Fracaro, Deb Fracaro, Michael Feldbauer, Matthew Callaway, Dennis On, Anna Cussen, Wolfgang Woerner, Tina Griffiths, Brad Griffiths, Dick Griffiths, Julie Page, Katherine White

#### 2. Proxy forms tabled

##### Stacey holds the following

Geoff Cussen (as attending virtually)  
Michael Feldbauer  
Deb Fracaro  
Dom Fracaro  
Brad Griffiths  
Dick Griffiths  
Anna Cussen  
Dennis On

##### Jo holds the following

Tina Griffiths

#### 3. Minutes of previous AGM (with attendees listed)

Move AGM Jeff Pinkerton, Frank Schembri seconded

#### 4. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising from minutes

## 5. Chairman's report.

Well, where to start.

To say the last 7 months has been tough being part of a charitable organisation and trying to raise much needed funds for our young and disadvantaged is HUGE understatement.

After another successful wine maker's dinner in Feb 2020, the rest of the year was a write-off as far as fundraising goes. With COVID locking down the borders in March our much loved Golf Day was cancelled in May. Thankfully, we had some funds in our account to keep up our commitments so that we were still able to fulfil our support of the Young and Disadvantaged of the NT.

I think this would be a good opportunity to offer some reassurance about my tenure as Chairman. COVID stopped my ability to travel to the NT as freely as I would have liked. That said... I remain committed to the NT. My children remain in Darwin, a part of my income stream comes from Darwin, I have properties in the NT and above all else, I love the NT. I feel I still have a lot to offer the committee and am passionate about what we do as an organisation. However, if you, the members believe there is a better candidate that is willing to take up the challenge, I will step aside and remain a supportive member.

Please consider that whilst I report on the activities of the Taverners NT Branch for the past year.

### **Fundraising Activities for the past year**

Wine Makers Dinner - total including ticket sales, auctions and raffles on the night \$62,724.00

Wine Sales - wine sales \$5,424.00

Total function income \$68,148.00 less expense of \$ 43,492.00 – nett profit of \$24,656.00

Donations of \$7,706.00

Fundraising Total \$75,854.00

### **Recipients of funds in 2019/20 Total of \$51,400.00 given**

Jayla & Kaylani Ah Mat - indigenous females - basketball	\$800.00
Jaime Maglieri - Female participation in sport - Asia World championships	\$1,500.00
Central Spirit Women's Cricket-female participation in sport - indigenous cricket	\$1,000.00
University Rebels Basketball Club - female participation in sport	\$1,000.00
Top End Crocs - female participation in sport - aboriginal basketball	\$1,000.00
Mahali Russell - female participation in sport - tennis	\$600.00
Intersport Vouchers for the Awards at last AGM	\$1,500.00
Lords Taverners Australia	\$11,000.00
NT Cricket Incorporated	\$33,000.00

### **2021 Upcoming functions and Fund Raising Opportunities**

Wine Makers Dinner – TBC due to COVID-19

Golf Day – TBC due to COVID-19

Three Cricket matches to be played with the support of NT Cricket.

## Membership

Event held in Alice springs thanks to Krafty and Christine Ponter for organising 12 members paid - of which 4 were renewals - bringing in 8 new members

The winemakers dinner saw 10 new members join with one nominating for our committee - Luke Cousins

Total membership is now at 114

## The Committee

Leaving us this year is Frank Schembri. Frank has been with the committee since 2016 and leaves to spend more time in his business. Frank will still support Taverners through the support of his business, United Realty and of course, his talent with the gavel come auction time.

James Cussen also leaves us this year. James is giving up his position to allow for new talent on the committee. James will remain an active member and will continue to assist with wine sales deliveries and the various events throughout the year.

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

Geoff has covered off my entire report within his report. Is there anything else you would like to know or have questions about? Response - no questions

Stacey moved to accept report. Seconded Cheryl Owens

### 7. Election of new committee - Nominations rec'd from

#### **Returning**

Geoff Cussen as Chairman  
Jo Fitzpatrick as Secretary and Vice Chairperson  
Stacey Harris as Treasurer  
Jess Cussen as committee member  
Mark White as committee member  
Julie Page as committee member  
Steve Smith as committee member

#### **New Nominations**

Stacey Harrison as committee member  
Luke Cousins as committee member

MM COVID and temp move to Adelaide – Geoff committed to be Chairman, unless anyone wants to nominate. MM suggest we accept nomination – transition period next 12 -24 months.

Seconded Frank Schembri

Jeff Pinkerton move that remaining returning committee members and Stacey and Luke come on board as committee members.

Seconded Joel Morrison

### Leaving us

Frank Schembri – on the committee since 2016 – remaining as an active member but leaving the committee to concentrate on new business ventures.

James Cussen - on the committee since 2016 - remaining as an active member and only leaving to make way for new talent on the committee.

### 8. Appointment of Auditor

Perks with review by Peter Hill

Stacey motioned and Seconded by Jim Ford

### 9. General business

General business – Stacey – constitutional changes required.

COVID evident our constitution is vague on ability to vote via electronic means – had conversations with NTG associations team suggested we minute it and agree that we not only want to allow voting via electronic means but also potentially whole virtual meetings in future. Could undertake meeting electronically via video conference.

Stacey to request this

JP - is this a permanent thing?

SH – I think so – COVID example. We need to embrace technology, no drink driving, could do it from home. I think we should have it in constitution

MM - what you are suggesting is to Move that constitution to allow virtual meetings and vote on line.

SH – donated a free membership for Zoom so we have secure corporate zoom membership. As technology evolves, we should too.

JP – we can do this now.

MM - confirmed this can be done.

SH - some suggestions that we should do a special meeting – Stacey to send draft of change to constitution for members to comment and provide feedback.

MM - it is an extension of what we have done before at national level to vote via phone etc.

Stacey moves this.

Seconded – Jeff Pinkerton

JP - do we need to report to NTG – SH responded - Yes we do.

Frank – in event of lockdowns, people travelling, this will allow quorum for meetings.

Stacey clarified – Geoff is joining us via zoom but he cannot vote at the moment as he is not in the room. SH holds his proxy.

JP – yes let's do this today unless we have to talk to NTG

In principal everyone agreed to allow voting, attendance virtually.

SH – my personal situation – sold home. I'm going to keep a property in NT and will be coming and going. Business interests in NT still – 1 week on 1 week off. NT resident, maintain license, medicare etc in NT. But will be in Brisbane – expanding our business in Qld.

Constitution – must be a resident of NT

Whilst I still will be in NT – Geoff similar – committed to NT but residency may change.

Change so committee can be not a resident.

Sought legal advice and spoke to NTG – no one sees an issue.

Moving forward would like members to consider her future place of residency as treasurer.

MM - we've had this before at national level.

Some organisations in NT and NTG legislation covers you can be non resident.

MM - suggested we look towards this change to constitution. JP – non event while SH 1 week on 1 week off.

MM - National organisation – sensible to take holistic approach and don't see any issues to NT branch to allow non-residents to be on committee.

Firm up SH position – approached by Qld Taverners – attended national meeting for GC. Offered position – declined as heart is with NT branch. Happy to continue to NT.

Any wording suggested to accommodate this in constitution? Cheryl asked

Yes – SH will draft and forward to members

MM - special general meeting will be required.

SH - making allowances due to COVID – if we want to make changes we can do here and now at AGM

Supported in principal subject to formal confirmation.

Draft to be sent – will have to have SGM in person

SH - constitutional change – name change – Taverners Australia – change to our constitution to reflect Taverners NT.

MM - clarified at national level this has happened due to marketing etc – Lord's not relevant today.

MM supports change.

Moved by SH

Seconded

In favour by all – supported in principal.

Membership fees – change suggested by SH and members – asked for consideration of 1 year \$60,  
2 years \$100  
5 years \$250

JP deal for 5 years needs to be cheaper.  
David happy \$250 5 years.  
All happy with this proposal - Seconder Cheryl.

Any more business. - Geoff Cussen responded

Thank you again for stepping in MM – thanks for everyone who turned up – pleased to be able to move forward.

Next hurdle to get some money back in the bank. We'll sort it out.

SH money in bank – raffle tickets – national body – link on website. Jess has added to our website as well – all easily done on line.

Plenty of wine for sale. Happily take your money and deliver. Christmas special to be sent out.

Congratulations Geoff for being reappointed.

Special congrats to Stacey Harrison and Luke.  
Thanks to James and Frank.

Just a special mention

Karen Schneider. Karen has been a member of Taverners for as long as I can remember. We are saddened at the passing of Karen and pass on our deepest condolences to Karen's family, Krafty, staff of Territory Sports Medicine and her many friends. Rest in peace Karen.

Attendees list for meeting

Stacey	Harris
Jo	Fitzpatrick
James	Cussen
Jessica	Cussen
Michael	Martin
Geoff	Cussen (via Zoom)
Greg	Owens
Cheryl	Owens
Jim	Ford
Joel	Morrison
Jeff	Pinkerton
Rex	Wild
Steve	Smith
Stacey	Harrison
Frank	Schembri
Mark	White
Marilyn	Pinkerton
Luke	Cousins
Lyn	Martin
David	Bryan

Meeting close - 4.50pm - Minutes by Jo Fitzpatrick Secretary

Signed:



**Geoff Cussen Chairman**

Signed:



**Stacey Harris Treasurer**