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Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative Draft AGM Minutes 2020

Sunday 8th November 10.30am

Via Zoom

- 1. Meeting opened by the Chair G. Putt with a welcome and acknowledgement of country.**
- 2. Directors in attendance:**

All present - Gerard Putt, Marina Garvey, Martin Lloyd, Steve Bruggeman, Jodi Theissen, Vanessa O'Keefe
- 3. Apologies:**

Jo and Bronek Karcz, Mike and Carolyn Boyden, Harry and Judy Recher, Jacklyn McDougall
- 4. Members in attendance:**

Quentin Strauli, Anne Conway, Wally Bower, Tim Irwin, Wendy McMurdo, Leong Lim, Pat Woolley, Michelle Rumsey
- 5. Adoption of 2019 AGM Minutes**

Adoption of 2019 Minutes - proposed by Felicity Brownrigg and seconded by Steve Bruggeman - *Carried*
- 6. Business Arising from 2019 AGM Minutes**

Memberships and waiting list – moved to other business.
- 7. Chair's Report:**
 - 2020 has been a very challenging year as a result of COVID19. In spite of this board meetings have proceeded albeit via Skype. However, we were unable to hold the general meeting with the membership proposed at our 2019 AGM.

- This year has seen an increased turnover of members with more movement than in the previous three years and as such we would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to the BMC. In addition, the Board has increased the number of assignments to 27 in a further effort to maximize use of the facility. With usage changes due to people's changed work arrangements, the increased movement memberships and in the number of assignments the Board thinks it prudent to monitor the current usage patterns before increasing assignment /membership numbers further. The facility appears to be well utilised but by no means overcrowded.
- Cameras have been repaired and a link to a server on Dangar Island established. All camera footage is offsite and accessible over the web. A river resident has volunteered to be an initial administrator for the system.
- This year we have been updating the BMC Rules to conform with the Cooperatives National Law and these are now in draft form. We are currently in the process of removing those provisions which have become redundant and adding, clarifying and bringing consistency to other provisions which were ambiguous especially areas regarding indemnity, inheritance and the passing on of memberships. When this process is complete, we will present the draft rules to the membership for further discussion prior to implementation.
- The adoption of the draft Hornsby shire Council Car Parking Management Study presents significant challenges for the River communities. We are making representations to Council on behalf of our members to ensure we remain firmly in the consultation loop.
- This year we have completed significant repairs to the Western Pontoon and both ramps, lights and cameras.
- All members of the Board have been very active on behalf of the membership.

8. Treasurer's report

- Treasurer's report and Financial Statements were attached to the AGM notice.
- In brief our situation is very positive in spite of the difficulties created by the pandemic and the major repairs undertaken. Our income for last year was \$64,000, expenses \$47,000, with term deposits still at \$78,000, we currently have 17,000 in the bank account but this will reduce before key change due to insurances which amount to approx. \$11,000.
- 3 members still remain to pay their levy.
- Adoption of financial report - proposed by Wendy McMurdo seconded by Quentin Strauli - *Carried*
- Auditors - Steve Bruggeman put it to the meeting that the BMC has been using the same auditors for a number of years (Kes Moodley) and proposes that we look for new auditors. Gerard Putt requested that this be pursued and a motion authorizing the Board to seek expressions of interest from other auditors was put to the meeting: Wendy McMurdo proposed the motion and it was seconded by Anne Conway - *Carried*.

- Annual Levy – proposed that it be set at \$400 before if paid before the 31st March 2021 and \$500 if paid after this date. Motion that the 2021 annual levy as proposed be adopted was put by Jodie Theissen and seconded by Quentin Strauli - *Carried*.

9. Maintenance Report

- Successful upgrade to the Western pontoon has occurred.
- Ramps on both the east and west pontoons have been renewed with new hinges on the western ramp and arms being reinforced on the eastern side.
- Martin Lloyd requests that he be alerted to damage / maintenance issues.
- Many thanks to Quentin Strauli for his work on the lights.
- Work has also been undertaken on the cameras.
- Wally Bower raised the issue of sticking locks and it was acknowledged by the board that it may be time to have the locks completely replaced at the next key change day.

10. Secretary's Report

- Four new members to date and 2 new memberships currently being offered.
- 6 in abeyance.
- 27 assignments.
- 147 on the waiting list.
- The Licence is currently being renewed – the paperwork is lodged with Lands.
- In view of the ongoing pressure to have the Board manage assignments it is suggested that an email will be sent to the membership with the list of people wanting an assignment – any such list would need to have the consent of the people concerned. This will put people wanting assign their mooring in contact with assignees. The Board needs to approve assignments, but does not manage the assignment or the assignee.
- It should also be noted that assignments are not a leasing or renting opportunity for members.

11. Election of Directors

- 3 positions declared vacant and as there were no additional nominations were then filled by returning Directors - Steve Bruggeman, Vanessa O'Keefe and Jodi Theissen.

12. Directors Remuneration

- The meeting agreed that the annual levy will continue to be waived for Directors. This motion proposed by Wally Bower and seconded by Quentin Strauli - *Carried*.

13. 2021 Key Change Day

- 8.00 am -12.00 midday 28th Feb 2021.

14. Other Business

- Brooklyn Parking issue raised and the meeting affirmed the importance of remaining vigilant and working with other community groups on this issue. Wendy McMurdo – stressed the need for cautious in relation to HSC parking strategy due to the lack of recognition of river settlements and no recognition of Peat island at all. Wendy drew attention to the need for clear and precise language from HSC. Anne Conway added that there was much in the letter from HSC that was simply not feasible.
- Updated rules are still being drafted and a face-to-face meeting with the membership will be needed to permit full discussion of the proposals.
- Tim Irwin requested that the AGM minutes be sent out asap – this was agreed to.

Meeting closed 12.30