MESA 2005 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19th 2005 5.15pm
Time and place: Centra Virtual Conference
Agenda:
Chairperson Angela Colliver
Attendance:
Angela Colliver, Peter Biro, Bruce King, Jody Plecas, Verity Bone, Harry Breidahl, Alex Gaut, Kerrie Trees, Michael Burke
- Welcome
- Apologies
Michael Julian, John Amor, Jacqueline Foster, Britt Gow, Barbara Jensen, Bob Moffatt, Roz Baker, Tony Isaacson, Dave Kompo, Jan Oliver
- Confirm minutes of past meeting
  Moved Bruce King, seconded Alex Gaut
- Business arising from the past meeting minutes
  Deductibility Recipient Status
Alex proposed that MESA achieves this, Tim Hoile said that the amount of time and money involved was large. Alex apologised but still looking at the options and framework to achieve this.
- Notice of motions:
  No Motions
- Receive council statements and reports:
  - President – Angela Colliver
  - Treasurer – Kerrie Trees for Barbara Jensen
  - Secretariat Kerrie Trees
  - Auditors Report - on the forums, (to December 31st 2004), acknowledging that it concluded that ‘MESA will be able to pay debts as and when they are due’.
  - Summary of Profits and Losses - presented Jan-Oct 04 (Spreadsheet on the forums)
  - State Representatives – SA Alex Gaut. No other reports presented
  - Web manager – Peter Biro
Peter proposed the following two actions:

Membership Benefits
We have often discussed what benefits we can offer our members as we have moved towards greater reliance on the Internet and its associated technologies. Another feature we could offer to some MESA members is an entry in our “Friends” or “Marine Educators in Aus” sections. We have many members who earn their living via Marine Ed and it would be a benefit to them and other visitors to provide info about these organisations. We already are doing this but in an informal manner.

Communications
Council meetings, etc are conducted via Teleconferences, an expensive and often inefficient process. I have investigated the possibility of using a Web Conferencing facility (similar to Centra software for this AGM) to replace this.
It would cost around $30 per month (unless we can find a sponsor) and could be used for Council meetings, Working Group meetings, etc. We could also investigate renting this facility to other groups who currently use Teleconferencing. Even without this the annual cost would be well under what we are spending on Teleconferences.

Although not voted on formally both actions were accepted unanimously.

(Note: These reports are all available from the MESA Forums AGM 2005 section)

**Appointment of Public Officer and Auditor**
- Public Officer Jody Plecas
- Auditor Mr MG Correy

**Election of officer bearers and council members**
Nominations were received and accepted for:
*Those marked* were nominations received prior to the AGM via the online forums

*President - Angela Colliver*
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Dave Kompo

*Vice President - Alex Gaut*
Nominated Angela Colliver Seconded

*Treasurer - Barbara Jensen (Honorary delegating to Secretariat)*
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Angela Colliver

*Editor - Jacqui Foster*
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Alex Gaut

**State Representatives**

**TAS - Jenni Burdon**
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Angela Colliver (at the AGM)

**VIC - Andrew Vance**
Nominated Harry Breidahl Seconded Jody Plecas

**SA - Alex Gaut**
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Angela Colliver

**WA - Michael Burke**
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Angela Colliver

**QLD - Dave Kompo**
Nominated Angela Colliver Seconded Kerrie Trees

**NSW - Sally Williams**
Nominated Kerrie Trees Seconded Angela Colliver

NT & ACT vacant but supported by QLD & NSW respectively.

Council members:

*Bruce King,*
* Tanya Stadler (final confirmation still pending)*

Secretary to be discussed and finalised
Secretariat
Kerrie Trees

Account signatories
Alex Gaut, Angela Colliver and Barbara Jensen - nominated, accepted and carried.

Other business
- Seaweeek 2006
- Angela reported on sponsorship and directions
- MESA conference 2006
Possible venues discussed:
Lady Elliot in conjunction with MTAQ
Bunbury in Conjunction with AAEE
Harry Breidahl report on the OOMF and the directions forward for the group
- Angela outlined the extensive process and achievements to date in formalising a MOU between AAEE and MESA. Details available on the forums

Presidents Award
Kerrie Trees
MESA Secretariat

Close of meeting
6.30pm