

Perth International Folk Dance Group Inc.
Minutes of Special General Meeting
Monday 18th March 2019

St Margaret's Hall, cnr Tyrell and Elizabeth Sts, Nedlands

Meeting Started at 8:20 pm

Present: Anne Griffiths, Aileen Whittaker, Arksdiusi Filipeczyk, Cyndie Innes, Eve Blair, Gisela Gmeinder, Jenny Bardill, John Bardill, John Whaite, Louise Scott, Margaret Lang, Margaret McHugh, Martin Williams, Nina Thompson, Pamela Gunn, Pam Williams, Pat Charlton, Paula Day, Paula Schneider, Peter Fallon, Tamer Dincer, Tony Hoar, Trish Eyre, Tuna Dincer.
Twenty-four present; all members.

Apologies: Jenny Currell, Jennifer Eyre, Jenny Green, Maureen Humpage, Hazel Kiliff, Palenque Blair, Pam Massey.

1. Reference Material

- Agenda for Special General Meeting - covering three Special Resolutions
- Special Resolution 1 - changes to Rule 45(3)(b) and Rule 55(5)(b) changing the number of attendees constituting a quorum under special circumstances from 2 to 3.
- Special Resolution 2 - to amend 'Classes of Membership' and 'Membership Fees' subrules to cater for life members and specifically to allow life members to vote and become committee members.
- Special Resolution 3 - To Endorse the Rules of Association

2. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

Attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

John Bardill, as chair, summarised the focus of the Special General Meeting as the three key special resolutions with the primary aim of endorsing the new Rules of Association for the Group.

It was stressed that only members could vote and that at least 75% voting in favour will be needed for any Special Resolution to be carried. Under the current constitution a quorum of 8 is required for a General Meeting.

Noted that summaries of current changes to the Association's new Rules and a summary of the background and timing are attached to this Agenda and have been promoted on the Group's web-site and at dance sessions for more than one month..

3. Special Resolution 1 - Proposal 1

Summarised as: *To discuss and vote on the proposal to change Rule 45(3)(b) and Rule 55(5)(b) from 2 to 3. Specifically to reword these as:*

*45(3)(b): "at least 3 **committee** members are present at the meeting, those members present are taken to constitute a quorum.", and*

*55(5)(b): "at least 3 **ordinary** members are present at the meeting, those*

members are taken to constitute a quorum.”

Proposed by Trish Eyre and **Seconded** by Martin Williams.

There being no members speaking against Special Resolution 1, the Chair called for a show of hands. **All present voted in favour of the proposal and the proposal was declared carried. (100%)**

4. Special Resolution 2 - Proposal 2

To amend 'Classes of Membership' and 'Membership Fees' subrules to cater for life members and specifically to allow life members to vote and become committee members.

The term, scope and selection for 'life membership' was clarified in response to a question from Arksdiusi Filipczyk. To avoid perceived conflict of interest Special Resolution 2 was **proposed** by Pam Gunn and **seconded** by Anne Griffiths. The original proposer was Martin Williams who holds life membership.

There being no members speaking against Special Resolution 2, the Chair called for a show of hands. **All present voted in favour of the proposal and the proposal was declared carried. (100%)**

5. Special Resolution 3 - To Endorse the Rules of Association

To endorse the new Rules of Association as circulated, as promoted and as endorsed by Committee. These Rules incorporate all identified changes including the above two proposals (amendments to Rules 8, 12, 45 and 55).

By a show of hands the Rules of Association, as amended, were unanimously endorsed.

The special resolution was declared carried and the Rules of Association were accepted. (100%).

3. Other Business

No other business

4. Next scheduled General Meeting - AGM 25 November 2019

Meeting closed 8:55 pm

Minutes by Martin Williams; PID Honorary Secretary 2019.