

Sustainable Upper Ovens AGM 2021 Minutes:

Sunday 19th September 2021 - 4pm

Zoom online meeting

Attendees

Attendees	Apologies
Lily O'Neill, Dennis Lambert, Jessica Cox, Monica Omodei, Sarah Nicholas, Sarah Buckley, Michael Block, Anne Heuperman, Marthijs Heuperman, Brian Edwards, Petula Edwards, Bronwyn Westbrook	Michelle Kent, Stahan Anderson

Minutes from 2020:

- Mover: Dennis Lambert/Second: Michael Block
- Comments: Skills workshops have been postponed due to Covid-19
- Minutes accepted by the meeting.

President's Report:

(Sarah Nicholas)

- [Link to Report](#)
- Additions:
 - Thank you to Strahan Anderson for all he has done for the Bright Community Garden and Sustainable Upper Ovens (SUO). It has been powering along and work will resume in spring.
 - Anne Heuperman is organising a clothes swap in October, helpers to contact Anne via email (anne.heupermann@gmail.com) or via Plasticwise Facebook page;
 - Lily thanked Sarah for all her contributions to SUO as president and her environmental work in many different forums including as a councillor.

Treasurer's Report:

(Michelle Kent, read by Sarah Nicholas on her behalf)

SUO had a quiet year financially due to Covid and subsequent difficulty mobilising the organisation and working within restrictions. We started with a balance of \$4947.08 and have spent \$2,872. We've made \$725 this year in memberships and fundraising via Lily's contribution at the Human Rights night.

Most of the spending was on Ric's videography for the Climate Flash Dance, which we were able to allocate to a portion of the Skills Workshop grant that we were unable to fully action due to Covid restrictions.

Remaining expenses went to finalising the Community Garden wicking beds - a grant received in 2019/2020, finalising the Event Waste Toolkit, and administrative expenses.

It's been a pleasure working with SUO first as Secretary and then as Treasurer since its inception in 2018. I look forward to being further involved when we eventually return to Bright.

Any other business:

Sarah Nicholas: There is a **motion to the AGM** that we introduce structured membership fees; \$20 individual/\$50 business/\$10 concession (eg students, low-income, elderly) If a donation is made over and above the minimum fee, the member can choose where the donation will be allocated to. The standard fee will go towards operating and administrative expenses for SUO.

Michael Block queried that there had been no reminders for membership renewal for more than a year. Monica Omodei responded that members will get reminders about renewals of memberships once the online membership form has been changed to reflect this new fee structure

Brian commented that as a new member when he discovered SUO and went to the online membership form that lack of a set fee in the absence of context was confusing.

Jennifer Showers moved that this motion be accepted, Dennis Lambert seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

(Sarah Buckley)

- Declare all committee positions open

Position	Name of Person Nominated	Mover/Second
President	Lily O'Neill	Sarah Nicolas/Michael Block
Vice President	Dennis Lambert	Sarah Nicolas/Michael Block
Secretary	Jessica Cox	Sarah Nicolas/Michael Block
Treasurer	Monica Omodei	Sarah Nicolas/Michael Block

The meeting accepted these nominations and the new office bearers were confirmed..

Welcome from New President - Lily O'Neil

Election of Committee Members:

(Sarah Nicholas)

Position	Name of Person Nominated	Mover/Second
Plasticwise Coordinator	Anne Heuperman	Sarah Nicholas/ Monica Omodei
General Committee Member	Michael Block	Sarah Nicholas/ Monica Omodei
General Committee Member	Brian Edwards	Sarah Nicholas/ Monica Omodei

Meeting concluded at 4:30pm

Projects and Programs	Unallocated Funds	Event Waste Management Toolkit	Boomerang Bags	Plasticwise	Community Gardens	TOTALS
Opening balance	1412.75	1300	1973.31	150.65	110.37	4947.08
Grant Money Approved from 2019/2020		5,000	1741		3935	
Income (Actual)						0
Grants outstanding		0	0		0	0
Grants Received			0			0
Total Grants Received						0
<i>Unallocated funds</i>						0
Bag sales			0			0
Corporate sales						0
Bank interest	0.87		0			1
Donations			0			0
Event takings and food						0
Fundraiser (Human Rights)	200					200
Memberships (business)	0					0
Memberships (general)	525					525
TOTAL INCOME	725.87	0	0	0	0	726
Expenses (Actual)						0
Administration						0
Bank charges						0
Catering						0
Consumer Affairs Charges	59.2					59
Contract labour						0
<i>Acer Earthmoving</i>						0
<i>Event Waste Toolkit consultants</i>		150				150
<i>Videography - Skills grant</i>			1800			1,800
Display materials						0
Domain Purchase and						0
Hosting fees	110.75					111
Environment Victoria						0
Equipment						0
<i>Market equipment</i>						0
<i>Garden materials</i>					178.09	178
<i>Sewing and wkshp materials</i>			183.67			184
Insurance	390					390
Postage			0			0
Promotional Materials						0
Speaker charges						0
Speaker gifts						0
TOTAL EXPENSES	559.95	150	1983.67	0	178.09	2,872
AVAILABLE FUNDS	1578.67	1150	-10.36	150.65	-67.72	2,801