

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OLDER MEN:NEW IDEAS (OM:NI) INCORPORATED, HELD AT THE GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB CNR MITCHELL STREET AND MCKELL PLACE GOULBURN ON 21ST AUGUST AT 11:30am

PRESENT: Jack Smith (Canterbury); Herb Sowter, John Dougherty (Charlestown); Ian Edwards, David Baker, Steve Cooper (Glebe); Joe Rose (Hillston); Mick Sheehan, Bert Yates (Griffith); Ian Scobie (Holbrook); John Tate, Ron McLachlan, Barry Hyde, Stan Rosinski (Tomaree); Russell Stevenson, Norm Brown, Andrew Hepburn (Tumbarumba); Alan Constable, Laurie Hull, John Smit, Bill Salter, Ken King, Bill van Wel, Ray King, Bill Whitting (Wagga Wagga Group 1); Jim Saligari, John Hyland, Harry Smith, Roy Possee, Bob Toose, Geoff Auld (Wagga Wagga Group 2); Frank Deluca (Wagga Wagga Group 3); Tony Edwards (Willoughby); Ken Young, John Douth, Martin Bonavita, Jim Thornley (Melbourne OM:NI groups).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all the OM:NI members present and made special mention of the four members from OM:NI groups in Melbourne and Bill Whitting (OM:NI Wagga Wagga Group 1). Apologies were received from Richard Marony (OM:NI Willoughby) and Spencer Wanklyn (Melbourne), and from Arthur Wallace and Kevin Pascoe (Temora).
It was moved that apologies be accepted (G. Auld/R.King)

The Chairman recognized the following delegates: Canterbury, Jack Smith; Charlestown, Herb Sowter; Glebe, Ian Edwards; Griffith, Mick Sheehan; Hillston, Joe Rose; Holbrook, Ian Scobie; Tomaree, John Tait; Tumbarumba, Russell Stevenson; Willoughby, Tony Edwards; Wagga Wagga 1 Laurie Hull; Wagga Wagga 2, Geoff Auld; Wagga Wagga 3 Frank Deluca.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15TH AUGUST 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all delegates. The Chairman asked that the salient points be read out by the Secretary.

It was moved that the minutes of the meeting of 15th August 2008 be received as a correct record (R. King/I. Scobie)

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not elsewhere included)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inward

Application for membership – Willoughby OMNI.

Sundry letters

Advice from COTA re availability of Limited Liability Not for Profit Company

Outward

Membership Certificate and Rules document to Willoughby OMNI

Minutes of meeting of 15th August 2008

Documents submitted to Office of Fair Trading for registration (Forms 12)

Request to COTA re availability of Limited Liability Not for Profit Company

It was moved that the correspondence as dealt with be received (R.King/M.Sheehan)

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report is attachment to the Minutes as document A

It was moved that the Chairman's report be adopted (L.Hull/G.Auld)

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The secretary/Treasurer presented the financial report copies of which were tabled. Total deposits were \$2,171.54, total withdrawals \$1,044.00 and the account balance as at 30 June 2009 was \$1,127.54.

In subsequent discussion, the Treasurer pointed out that the accounts included \$200.00 subscriptions from Willoughby OM:NI group and that given the recency of their membership their subscription was taken to cover the group for the period 2009-2010.

It was agreed that once the subscriptions for the year had been paid, no further amounts were due for new members joining during the financial year

The need to establish more OM:NI groups was acknowledged and also information about the location of previous groups including those now incorporated within Older Men's Network Inc.

The example of Melbourne in establishing 19 OM:NI groups in five years was applauded. It was agreed that all OM:NI groups should be encouraged to extend the number of OM:NI groups within their neighbourhood.

Relationships with Men's Shed were discussed with members generally viewing this as a positive step and as an opportunity for partnerships.

It was moved that the financial statement be received (R.King/R.Stevenson)

7. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

The Chairman thanked all 13 groups for submitting reports and confirmed that copies of all these reports (from Canterbury, Charlestown, Griffith, Glebe, Hillston, Holbrook, Temora, Tomaree, Tumbarumba, Wagga Wagga 1, Wagga Wagga 2, Wagga Wagga 3, and Willoughby), had been given to delegates. A brief statement of the history and present status of OM:NI in Victoria was circulated and addressed by the Melbourne OM:NI members. Joe Rose (Hillston) wished to present a report about his OM:NI group. It was decided that time would be made available at the conclusion of the meeting (this was done).

It was moved that the reports be taken as read (J.Tate/G.Auld)

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following elections were made:

Chairman: Laurence Hull (*G.Auld/I.Scobie*)

Vice-Chairmen : Bill Whitting (*B.Salter/ T.Edwards*) , Herb Sowter (*R.King/I.Scobie*)

Public Officer/Secretary/Treasurer: Ray King (*I.Scobie/L.Hull*)

It was proposed that the secretary also retain the duties of treasurer and that the Treasurer have power to co-opt an OM:NI member as assistant Treasurer (T.Edwards/I.Scobie)

9. OTHER BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED

1. Per capita subscriptions for period 2009-2010.

The Chairman stated that the previous capitation subscription of \$10.00 seemed adequate given the statement of accounts presented by the Secretary/Treasurer.

It was moved that the per capita subscription for 2009-2010 be \$10.00 (J.Tate/H.Sowter)

2 Day and Date of AGM in 2010

It was resolved that the 2010 AGM be held at the Workers Club in Goulburn on Friday 20th August 2010. (*H.Sowter/G.Auld*)

3. Communication among groups (newsletter-OM:NI L-inc, other ideas).

Discussion centered around the need for groups to communicate with one another. The practice of an occasional newsletter (e.g. OM:NI L.inc) was supported with the suggestion that this might be one of the duties of the Vice-chairmen.

4. Power point demonstration of the Web pages.

The Secretary presented a power point of the content and access to the “OMNI.org” website. All groups approved the placing of contact details on the website. The Melbourne delegate advised that a link between the NSW and the COTA(Victoria) websites would require approval from COTA (Victoria). Melbourne groups were currently in the process of organizing a central advisory group so that placement of details of the Melbourne OM:NI groups was not appropriate at this time.

5. Re the offer to take over the Not for Profit, limited liability company held by COTA

Herb Sowter outlined the history of the establishment of the shelf company Older Men: New Ideas(Australia) and the Secretary gave an account of his communications with COTA(NSW) and with the Office of Fair Trading which had advised that if the Australian wide incorporation were to be registered (ie accepting the ownership of the shelf company), the present statewide incorporation should be cancelled. It would not be useful to register both levels of incorporation.

COTA(NSW) had suggested that one means to achieve a seamless handing over of the company would be for two OM:NI directors to be appointed and for the current directors to resign thus in effect assigning the company to OM:NI. This process would require the approval of the Board of COTA(NSW).

It was proposed by Geoff Auld that the advice from the Office of Fair Trading to access the constitution of the company was an essential first step before a decision could be made.

It was moved that the meeting give approval for the investigation of the take over of the company (R.King/G.Auld)

This motion was amended and the following amendment put, passed and also passed as the motion.

It was moved that two directors of the company be appointed in accordance with the COTA's offer (H.Sowter/J.Rose).

It was suggested by Tony Edwards that the executive decide who should be the directors and this was supported by Herb Sowter.

The Meeting Closed at 3.00pm

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