



Australasian Men's Health Forum

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

4 October 2007

Room 8, Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide SA

The meeting opened at 12:42pm

1.0 Present: John Macdonald (President)
Chris Johnson (Vice President)
Terry Melvin (Treasurer)
Anthony Brown (Secretary)
Mick Adams
Gary Bryant
Megan Cock
Carmine di Campli
Greg Andresen
Jeremy Hearne
Des McKenzie

Apologies: Dave Hughes
Greg Millan
Phil Gouldson
Julian Krieg
Roy Price
Jason Bonson
Nick Moonmuang

2.0 Minutes of the previous AGM 22 March 2006

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

Moved: Chris Johnson Seconded: Terry Melvin

Passed unanimously

3.0 President's Report

We're still here!! John thanked everyone for attending the AGM, and for their support for AMHF. The AMHF is kept alive through teleconferences between the executive, which have been supported by Terry and organised by Anthony. Thanks to Chris, for the energy he brings to the Executive, and for the connections with the Men's Health and Wellbeing Association.

National Men's Health Conference

John thanked Greg Millan and Chris Johnson for their work in organising the conference, and liaising between the AMHF executive and the local organising committee. The conference would not have happened without their work. John also thanked the SA Local Organising Committee for their hard work. While the AMHF is the linking body between conferences it doesn't own the conferences, and it is the local organising committee that sets the agenda and does most of the work.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men

The AMHF remains committed to supporting and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

National Men's Organisation

The AMHF is supportive of the process for development of a national men's body. The AMHF is open to becoming the national body, if that is the recommendation of the consultations. AMHF is also prepared to change its name, should the word 'health' be a barrier to other groups' participation.

3.0 Financial Reports

National Men's Health Conference

The accounts are still to be finalised but Chris expects the conference will make a profit of between \$15 – 20,000. The total sponsorship for the conference was \$95,000.

AMHF

The audited financial reports are still in preparation. Terry reported that the approximate summation of the accounts for the 2006/07 financial year is:

Opening balance as at 1 July 2006	\$2,000
Income	\$32,000
Expenses	\$24,000
Closing balance as at 30 June 2007	\$10,000

The majority of income and expenditure was around the conference.

There is a shortfall in untapped membership renewals. It was agreed to increase membership fees to reflect GST, so this becomes \$22 for an individual and \$55 for an organisation. We also need to take active measure to renew memberships annually.

4.0 Direction for 2008

National Men's Organisation

It was agreed to support the process for development of a national men's body. There was concern expressed from the floor that any change to AMHF could result in men's and boys' health being lost from the agenda of male issues. AMHF has developed credibility over the years, due mainly to the successes of the national conferences, the work we embark on this year should build on this credibility.

Website

Greg Andresen reported that a new website has been developed, and will be launched tomorrow. The website is a collaboration between AMHF, the Men's Health Information and Resource Centre, and the South Australian Men's Health Alliance. The website will have a space for a media monitoring function and will create an AMHF presence on the web. The website is: <http://www.menshealthaustralia.net/>

Membership

AMHF will continue to build its membership base. It was suggested that members of AMHF could receive discounted registration to future National Men's Health Conferences.

Action:	A form will be left at the registration desk for people to register their interest in becoming AMHF members.
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Des McKenzie will encourage individual Aboriginal Medical Services to become members of AMHF. All members should promote AMHF membership to their members and colleagues.

Advocate for Male Issues

It was agreed that AMHF would advocate for male health issues with governments; starting with a national men's health policy.

5.0 Appointment of Auditors

Motion:

That the resignation of the current auditors WHK Greenwoods be accepted, and Bentleys MRI be appointed as the new auditors.

Moved Terry Melvin Seconded: Anthony Brown

Motion carried unanimously

6.0 Election of Executive

The existing executive stepped down, nominations for office bearers and ordinary members of the executive were called for.

President: John Macdonald
Nominated: Terry Melvin Seconded: Gary Bryant
Elected unopposed.

Vice-President: Chris Johnson
Nominated: John Macdonald Seconded: Terry Melvin
Elected unopposed

Treasurer Terry Melvin
Nominated Chris Johnson Seconded: Des McKenzie
Elected unopposed

Secretary Anthony Brown
Nominated: Gary Bryant Seconded: Terry Melvin
Elected unopposed

Ordinary members of the executive:
Mick Adams
Nominated: Des McKenzie Seconded: Terry Melvin
Elected unopposed

Jason Bonson
Nominated: John Macdonald Seconded: Des McKenzie
Elected unopposed

Greg Andresen
Nominated: John Macdonald Seconded: Terry Melvin
Elected unopposed

In the interest of obtaining more complete state and territory representation Julian Krieg (WA) will be invited to join the executive.

Action:	Anthony to prepare a one page summary of the role and expectation of members of the executive.
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It was agreed that the Executive will meet by teleconference at least once a quarter.

7.0 Resolution for signatories on AMHF bank accounts

The motion was put that all office bearers be signatories on the AMHF bank accounts, with the signatures of any 2 required for cheques.

Moved: Terry Melvin Seconded: Chris Johnson
Passed unanimously

8.0 Next National Men's Health Conference

John Macdonald reported that AMHF and MHIRC have put in a bid to host the 2009 World Congress on Men's Health (WCMH) in Sydney. The success of this bid will impact on the location of the next Australian National Men's Health Conference. It was agreed that if the results of the WCMH bid is known that the Executive work to bring together a steering committee for the WCMH, or look for bids to host the next National Men's Health Conference.

9.0 Close

The meeting closed at 1.53pm