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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
on Friday 6 September 2019 at 11.15 am**

PRESENT

Board

Sandra Venn-Brown, District Governor (DG), Chairman

Jill Lucht, Treasurer

Sandra Peters, Area 2 Director (AD2)

Helen Miller, Area 4 Director (AD4)

Patricia Cussens, Secretary (non voting)

Bridget Mather, Lt. Governor (LG)

Petra Ladwig, Area 1 Director (AD1)

Ann Beulah, Area 3 Director (AD3)

Barbara Coleman Area 5 Director (AD5)

Attending Members representing all 44 clubs –

Zonta Club of Beaudesert Area Inc

Zonta Club of Bowen Inc

Zonta Breakfast Club of Brisbane Inc

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc

Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc

Zonta Club Burdekin Inc

Zonta Club Caloundra City Inc

The Zonta Club of Charters Towers Inc

Zonta e-Club of Queensland Inc

Zonta Club of Hervey Bay Inc

Zonta Club of Longreach Inc

Zonta Club of Maroochy Inc

Zonta Club of Mount Isa Inc

Zonta Club of Northern Rivers Inc

Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc

Zonta Club of Roma Area Inc

Zonta Club of Stanthorpe Inc

Zonta Club of Toowoomba Area Inc – 2

Zonta Club of Townsville Inc

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

Zonta Club of Blackall Range Inc

Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc - 2

Zonta Club of Brisbane City Heart Inc

Zonta Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club Inc

Zonta Club of Brisbane River Inc

Zonta Club of Bundaberg Inc

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc

Zonta Club of Cairns Inc

Zonta Club of Dalby Area Inc

Zonta Club of Gladstone Inc

Zonta Club of Ipswich Inc - 2

Zonta Club of Mackay Inc

Zonta Club of Maryborough Inc

Zonta Club of Noosa Inc

Zonta Club of Northside Inc

Zonta Club of Pine Rivers Inc

Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc

Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed Inc

Zonta Club of The Whitsundays Inc - 2

The Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City Inc - 2

Zonta Club of Townsville Metro Inc

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland Inc

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 8 September 2018 are presented from page 13 in the handbook.

Moved: Robyn Pratt, The Zonta Club of Charters Towers Inc

Seconded: Kathryn Galea, Zonta Club of Toowoomba Area Inc.

That the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held 8 September 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The District Governor commented that it had been a privilege to be the Chairperson of the Board for the past ten months and congratulated the other Board Members who have given due diligence over the period. The Board had reviewed the goals set out in the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan which align to the Zonta International Biennial Goals and was on track to meet all targets. The Committee Chairpersons were thanked for their work in achieving this.

The Women in Technology Award pilot established in 2018 had resulted in six nominations and the Committee was in the process of choosing a winner. The Chairperson, Amelia Earhart Committee, Jacquelyn (Jo) Diessel, was congratulated on her promotion of the Award. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award produced an international winner in 2018 and again in 2019 and the contribution of Chairperson Amelia McLarnon and Leanne Shepherd, International YWPA Committee member were acknowledged. The Jane M Klausman Scholarship had resulted in an international winner in 2018, Emma Beal, who was to address the District Conference on the final day.

The work of Glynis Gartside, Advocacy Committee Chairperson, in consolidating the District Clubs' activism relating to Zonta Says NO to Violence was also acknowledged. It was a tribute to the dedication of members that all clubs in the District contributed to the 16 days of Activism from 25 November to 10 December.

Most of the Clubs had digitized their records and the majority of clubs had embraced the Centennial Year by holding specific events. The District Governor expressed great pleasure in a new club in Biloela being in formation thanks to the work of Lt Governor Bridget Mather and members of the Zonta Club of Gladstone Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report at page 17 in the handbook.

The Board has continued to focus on keeping dues at the same level. The General Fund Statement of Income and Expenditure reported at Note 2 shows a \$4,856.88 deficit due to the greater proportion of activity being in the first year of the biennium. The Expenditure chart shows the greater expenditures are for benefits and support to clubs. \$10,000 General Fund Reserves was contributed to Membership Fund to continue this level of support.

Denise Conroy, Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc asked if the Board had developed a budget strategy to sustain the District over the next few years.

The District Treasurer replied that there may be a small deficit. The Centennial Anniversary Celebrations created the unusual situation necessitating much more travel than in typical years. Board members are all regionally based, rather than Brisbane based, which had added to the cost of travel. The car mileage rate had been reduced to .40c per km as recompense for the additional running costs. A deficit of \$4K in the first year of the biennium did not raise any alarm and assured members that the Board was conscious of using club dues appropriately.

The District Governor added that some Board meetings have been conducted online. Face to face meetings have been in venues which were free of charge, with one exception. Billed accommodation is sought as much as possible. Members are assured that all efforts were made to keep the costs of the Board to a minimum.

Moved: Jill Lucht, District Treasurer

Seconded: Sandra Peters, AD2

That the Financial Report, including Directors' Report and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 May 2019 and the Treasurer's Report be received. Carried

A vote of thanks was extended to the District Treasurer for her work over the past four years. She thanked everyone for their confidence and advised there is still more work to be done.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved: Jill Lucht, District Treasurer

Seconded: Ann Beulah, AD3

That Neil Morris of Ramsey and Associates, Ipswich be appointed Company Auditor for the year ending 31 May 2020. Carried

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.40 am

Signed as a correct record

Chairperson

Date 12 September 2020