

RQAS meeting minutes



Annual General Meeting									
24/10/2020	11.05 am RQAS Gallery Broadbeach								
Meeting Called by	Lynne Astill								
Facillitator	Lynne Astill								
Note Taker	Judy Banks								
Attendees	25 Members were in attendance: Peter Thompson, Denise LaNauze, Lynne Astill, Effi Mouzakitis, Johanna Sampson, Julie Dwight, Michael Watson, Martin Panton, Michael Hooper, Shirley Ballinger, Lyn Church, Toni Lucas, Judy Banks, David & Sandra Ladley, Cheryl Stone, Daphne Volin, Gabrielle Vining, Lyn McBride, Alison Fielding-Price, Winny F. Michael, Tom Sharman, Leanne Manns, Bob Murphy, Margit Major.								
Welcome and Introduction	Lynne Astill welcomed members and outlined the process for the meeting								
Apologies	Phil Middleton								
Approval of Minutes from previous AGM on 26 October 2019	Seconded by Michael Watson. Approved by all.								
Receiving of the Branch Management Committee's Report on the Branch for the year ended 30 June 2020. Attached to Newsletter and sent to all members to read.	<p>Lynne Astill read the report out to the members outlining the achievements and issues overcome during the year- 760 Instagram followers, Covid 19, Coffee Cart, Storage Shed replacement, Gallery floor replacement, air conditioner coils replacement, Alarm system, homeless smashing in doors and windows leading to building closing in the area., Back windows smashed causing police and insurance reports.</p> <p>After Covid 19 lockdown- No grand opening for Art Awards, 12 painting sold, More sold in October.</p> <p>Marketing- changed flags to Broadbeach Art Gallery, listed on Destination Gold Coast, brochures, article in over 50's magazine.</p> <p>Art classes- less classes, more people. Booked once a month to Artable. Art in the park very successful.</p> <p>Reduction in number of paintings to 2 per month for members.</p> <p>Coffee Nook- Council suggests could include new room. Goal is to invite groups and clubs for morning teas.</p> <p>46 new members. 347 fully paid members (includes a dozen Honorary Members)</p>								
Receiving of the Statement of Income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Branch for the year ended 30 June 2019.	<p>Audited financial Statements-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>\$67,525</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>\$47,244</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coffee Loss</td> <td>-\$21,370</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plus depreciation</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Income	\$67,525	Expenditure	\$47,244	Coffee Loss	-\$21,370	Plus depreciation	
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	<p>Deficit \$8629</p> <p>The Auditor advises we need to clearly categorise our items'</p> <p>Members Fund = \$106,204</p>
Receiving of the Auditors report upon the books and accounts for the Branch's Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020.	Received.
Questions	<p>Michael Hooper- Regarding Air Conditioners- problems caused by corrosion due to lack of regular maintenance. Contract was cancelled by a previous officer, so maintenance not happening. Lynne advised she would look into it.</p> <p>GST Threshold was advised by our accountant to be \$100,000. The coffee cart program tipped our accounts over the threshold. Michael believes the threshold is \$150,000. Rebecca Garrett (accountant) can be contacted via email with any questions.</p> <p>Answers to questions regarding new coffee program – Yes, the area for coffee will be leased and it will open once council approve the plans.</p> <p>The proposed group morning teas will be catered for by the coffee tenants.</p> <p>David Laidley asked whether we would be aiming to reduce our GST obligations. Lynne advised that we want to grow, not reduce our earnings to overcome GST issue. Lynne to contact the Auditor next day and get clarification on the threshold for GST.</p> <p>Cheryl Stone asked whether the figures are for this financial year. They are for 2019-2020.</p> <p>Toni Lucas asked whether our fees were going up. Lynne advised accountant suggests annual membership to rise from \$70 to \$80 renewal to include GST. Renewals begin January 2021 and new members will get 2 free months if paying in Nov 2020 to take them to Jan 2022. The auditors confirmed that all income into the gallery has to pay GST.</p>
Appointment of an Auditor	Wardle Partners have sent us a letter of acceptance for next years audit.
Retirement of the old committee	The meeting was then conducted by the Returning officer Bob Murphy. He thanked the outgoing committee and advised that the nominations for the new committee had been completed correctly
Election of the Branch Management Committee	<p>The following were unanimously elected-</p> <p>President: Lynne Astill</p> <p>Vice President: Johanna Sampson</p> <p>Secretary: Julie Dwight</p> <p>Treasurer: Shirley Ballinger</p>

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	Artistic Director: Leanne Manns Committee Members: Peter Thomson, Michael Hooper, Lyn McBride, Alison Fielding-Price, Martin Penton
Other Business	Election of two delegates to attend the RQAS State Committee- Lynne Astill and Johanna Sampson
All In Favour	All delegates were voted in.
Meeting Closed	12.30 pm

L. Astill