

# **Minutes of General Meeting – Sydney's Animals For Everyone Rehoming Incorporated**

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**5 November 2017**

Forest Community Arts Centre Forestville

**1. Meeting opened 9:10am**

**2. Present**

Tim Crossman, Sandy Dixon-Hughes, Wendy Sykes, Maureen Nisbet, Helen Thomas, Gillian Wares, Joan White, Abby Ballantyne, Sue Barber, Gay Collins, Patricia Prossmann, Jacquey Wheatley, Gary Neilson, Steph Dos Santos

**3. Apologies**

Pail Baker, Sue Peattie, Pru Hill, Ruth Farre, Catsie Baker-Davies, Kira Elise

**4. Chairperson:** Timothy Russell Crossman – President/Treasurer. **Minutes:** Jaqueline Wheatley – Secretary.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Moved by T Crossman that the minutes of the previous meeting on 10 September 2017 be adopted as a true record. Seconded: S Dos Santos; Motion was carried

**6. Updates since previous meeting**

- a. Australian Charity and Not-for-profit commission (ACNC) has approved S.A.F.E. Rehoming as a Charity
- b. The ATO has approved S.A.F.E. Rehoming exemption from paying income tax.
- c. Membership is now open. Annual fee \$35, Seniors (Pension Card Holders) \$20 and Juniors \$10. This year's membership commenced on 12 September 2017 through to 30 June 2018. Only founding members will be entitled to vote at the first AGM and ongoing, membership must be for at least one year's duration to be eligible to vote.
- d. TC reported that SAFE rented a stall at the St Ives Show Ground Aussie Food Markets on Friday night 4 November. Although the weather was bad, the stall managed to sell sufficient merchandise to break even and managed to talk to many local people who were unaware of the closure of AWL shelter and were supportive of the need for another facility on the northern beaches and signed the petition to be presented to NB Council.

Following the General Meeting SAFE have been invited to set up a stall at Mona Vale Vet Hospital Paws 4 All Festival.

SAFE have also been invited to hold a stall at Avalon Markets on 19 November 2017.

**7. Amendments to the constitution for S.A.F.E Rehoming**

To enable the ATO to issue Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status., small amendments

## S.A.F.E. Rehoming

To S.A.F.E. Rehoming Constitution is necessary. Three clauses 10, 75 and 76 are to be Amended.

A copy of the minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to the ATO

A copy of the proposed changes was distributed to all present at the meeting

### 8. **Resolution for Amendment to Constitution to be approved**

**Moved:** Tim Crossman that the changes to the Constitution be accepted. **Seconded:** Jacquey Wheatley. The motion was carried unanimously.

### 9. **Petition to the Northern Beaches Council to help with the opening of a new Animal Shelter in Northern Sydney**

The petitions will need to be returned to TC by 20 November 2017 and will be presented at the Northern Beaches Council Meeting on 28 November 2017. It is hoped that Rob Stokes NSW State Member for Pittwater will attend.

### 10. **The Palace Cattery**

The Committee have been unable to find a pro bono accountant to look at the profit and loss statements of The Palace Cattery. A further request was made for anyone who could recommend an accountant with no positive result. The committee feel that SAFE has insufficient funds to currently appoint an accountant. Action: To be followed up by SAFE committee

### 11. **Other Business**

#### **a. Volunteers**

Patricia Prossman asked about volunteering as she would like to assist and other parties on the floor also expressed their interest. Sue Barber suggested for a volunteer co-ordinator. This was put to the group. No one offered their services. Action: To be discussed at next committee meeting.

#### **b. Website issues**

TC explained the current problems with SAFE website being that SAFE cannot add items directly onto the site and this causes a time delay.

#### **c. Newsletter**

Sue Barber suggested that the committee sends out a weekly newsletter to update members. Agreed it was a good idea but, as a weekly document, this can be very time consuming as SAFE does not foresee having any paid staff in the near future. Action: To be discussed at next committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 10:00 am