

SAFE Rehoming (Sydney's Animals for Everyone)

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SAFE Annual General Meeting - MINUTES

Date	05 September 2021	
Time	14:00 - 14:32	
Place	SAFE Haven, 19/30-32 Barcoo Street, Roseville ZOOM	
President	Tim Crossman (TC)	
Attendees In Person	Peter McLardy (PM) Katie Geeves (KG)	Jacquey Wheatley (JW)
Attendees via Zoom	Lauren Radford (LR) Mary-Anne Rose (MAR) Joy Sherlock (JS) Prue Hill (PH) Sue Barber (SB) Helen Thomas (HT) Liz Fitzsimmons (LF) Wendy Calvert (WC)	Joan White (JW) Marisa Mitterhuemer (MM) Rosanna Sheridan (RS) Irene McLardy (IM) Stephanie Dos Santos (SDD) Robyn Bennett-Jones (RBJ) Natasha Gatien
Minutes	Fiona Massie (FM)	
Apologies	Gillian Wares (GW) Catsie Baker Davies (CBD)	Michael Baker (MB) Terry Rowlings (TR)

1. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

TC proposed that the Minutes of the AGM held on 20 September 2020 be accepted. PM & KG seconded.

2. Presidents Report

- We, along with the rest of the world, have been feeling the effects of COVID19 but have pulled together to ensure the smooth-running of the shelter – rehoming twice as many pets than in previous years
- Over the last 12 months we have rescued more animals and had more adoptions than ever before
- We are continuing to make follow-up calls to adopters to ensure that both guardian and pet are doing well
- The establishment of the play area has been successful and improved the wellbeing of both boarders and residents
- We leased an extra room at SAFE Haven which has enabled us to isolate newcomers and sick cats
- A big thank you to all our volunteers – without whose help the shelter could not function
- A big thank you to all our affiliates – including all the vets who provide ongoing generous support; Dr Kim Kendall, who provides reduced rental fees and vet support
- A special Thank You to the Committee for all the work and long hours that they continually put into the smooth-running of the organisation

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3. Treasurers Report

- Increased vet fees saw us increasing our adoption fees (in line with other animal rescues). Income from adoptions this year was \$61,695, compared to FY19/20 \$25,450
- Vet expenses for the year totalled \$57,438 compared to FY19/20 \$36,025
- We leased an additional room Dr Kim Kendall for a reduced rental fee. We also set up more workstations, which were fitted with new computers
- As at May 2021, the General Manager role became the first official paid role within SAFE
- Negative impacts of COVID have meant reduced income from donations (FY20/21 \$32,800; FY19/20 \$41,373) and boarding revenue (FY20/21 \$26,040; FY19/20 \$35,000)
- We have started to sell pet accessories as another means of revenue and this looks promising
- Anne McLean, a volunteer, ran a donation drive on Facebook and raised \$3,682. Anne also organised our major fundraiser at Pymble Players, which raised over \$6000. A huge thank you to Anne for her tremendous efforts and significant contributions
- We have potentially gained two sponsors – Purina and Love Pets Photography – with Purina supplying dry cat food and Love Pets sponsoring SAFE. A big thank you to these companies
- Our surplus for FY20/21 was \$29,136, compared to FY19/20 \$18,746.

4. Committee Election Resolution

There were seven committee member nominations made to fill seven spaces available.

Nominees were:

- Timothy Crossman
- Stephanie Dos Santos
- Jaquey Wheatley
- Sue Barber
- Peter McLardy
- Irene McLardy
- Katie Geeves

Citing Clause 45.6 of the Constitution, TC put forward the motion that as there are seven nominees and seven spaces to be filled, it would be taken that all nominees be elected. There were no objections from the members.

TC gave acknowledgement and a big thank you to HT who is stepping down from the Committee, noting that she will continue to assist with volunteer roster. HT's contributions this year have been much appreciated.

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5. General Business

- SDS gave an update on dogs
 - We received seven dogs/puppies in the last week
 - We are looking after approximately 16 dogs at present

6. Member's Questions and Comments

- MM asked about how we were managing the growth of the shelter, to which TC responded:
 - We have to consider whether we have the personnel to support expansion, the funds to cover vet bills associated with newcomers and costs associated with any ongoing medical expenses.
 - We would expand the shelter at a pace that we could sustainably support, ensuring we don't get too big too fast.
- JS asked how long is the current lease for, to which TC responded:
 - The lease has another 6 months left.
 - There is a review on the 50% discount which may or may not have that put up with the review.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 14:32.