

Hellenic Association Club of WA Inc
2022 Annual General Meeting
Held Sunday 20 November 2022
At the premises of the Hellenic Association Club of WA
75 Stirling Street
Perth WA 6000

Meeting Opened 2.10pm by Chairperson Socrates Bakaimis (Secretary)

There were 52 financial members at the commencement of the meeting

A quorum of 26 voting members were present

Committee Present: Theo Sarris (President) Socrates Bakaimis (Secretary & Acting Treasurer)

Committee Members: Tasos Margaritis, Yiannis Margaritis, Lambi Bakaimis, Sofia Bazdaric

Apologies: Anna Smilovitis, Natalie & Konstantinos Argyropoulos and Niki Stathaki.

One minute's silence was observed in respect of members who had passed.

Agenda Item 2 - Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 AGM – 5 December 2021

Proposed: George Papaliaris Seconded: Elpida Sidiropoulou Carried Unanimously

Agenda Item 3 – President's Report

The President Theo Sarris presented the President's Report in Greek:

Theo welcomed the members to the AGM, that he is happy to see everyone all in attendance.

He explained the emotions that have been felt due to the passing of our Vice President Vasilios Christopoulos 40 days prior, was an energetic member who helped the club and we will remember him and his contributions to the club. Theo explained it is the second year of his presidency and we are doing the best we can for the club. Theo asked if anyone who would like to join the committee and help the club, to please contact us. The Club has its good and bad points, it's not easy work, it needs support. We will continue to organise taverna nights again from tomorrow night. Your support for us and the club gives us the happiness and the strength to continue serving the club. We are all working for the same goal and we thank you for your support.

Agenda item 4 - Treasurer's Report

Socrates Bakaimis (Acting Treasurer) explained there was a \$56,000 net profit for FY 2021-21.

Rent is up to \$50,000 from \$28,000

Bar sales up to \$49,654 up from \$21,000

Food sales up to \$24,000 up from \$7,000

Bank Balance timeline over the last 7 years was shown on the screen.

Bank balance was down to \$71,000 at the start of 2021 and now it is up to \$145,000.

Income including and not including rent trend line over the last 7 years was shown on the screen

No questions about financial report

Agenda Item 5 - Acceptance of Financial Report for Financial Year 2021 – 2022

Proposed: Jim Dollas Seconded: Ken Manolas Carried Unanimously

Agenda Item 6.1 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

All Special Resolutions require a 75% majority of members present and entitled to vote to be carried.

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 4.10 The annual subscription fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00 AUD Inc. GST) per ~~Financial~~ **Calendar** Year, except for members who hold a valid Government issued concession card, in which case the annual subscription fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00 AUD Inc. GST) per ~~Financial~~ **Calendar** Year. The payment of this concessional annual subscription fee has no effect on a member's rights under this Constitution.

Section 4.11 Subject to clauses 5.4(a), 5.6(a) and 5.8(b), the annual subscription fee is payable on joining and thereafter on or before the first day of January in every ~~Financial~~ **Calendar** Year.

Section 4.12 If a member of the Club fails to pay the annual subscription fee by 31 March of that ~~Financial~~ **Calendar** Year, the member will be removed from the Register of Members

Reason: The Club had Calendar year membership until the Constitution was updated at the 2018 AGM, it then became Financial Year membership. This has caused confusion with the members, this amendment returns the Club to Calendar year Membership and brings us in line with other Greek Associations e.g., HCWA.

Note: This will take effect from the 2024 Membership year, 2022/23 Membership will cover until 31 December 2023.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Theo Sarris

Carried Unanimously

6.2 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 4.13 If a member is removed from the Register of Members under clause 4.12, the member may be restored to the Register of Members if they pay to the Club the overdue annual subscription fee **within 2 years of their removal from the Register of Members under clause 4.12**. Upon this payment, the member's rights, obligations and duties as a member of the Club are restored. **If the member does not pay to the Club the overdue annual subscription fee within 2 years, they will be required to re-nominate as a new member if they wish to be a Financial Member.**

Reason: At present, any person who has been a member at any time in the past e.g., 10+ years ago, can pay all their overdue subscriptions and be restored to a full member, this amendment closes this loophole to 2 years.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Sofia Bazdaric

Carried Unanimously

6.3 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 5.2 Ordinary members:

(c) are eligible to stand for election for any position on the Committee after ~~three~~ **one** years of being a Financial Member; and

Section 7.3 A person is only eligible for election to a position on the Committee if they:

(a) have been a Financial Member of the Club for a period of ~~two (2) consecutive~~ **one** years or are a life member;

Reason: There is a limited pool of willing and eligible members to join the committee, this allows enthusiastic members to join the committee after One year rather than Three years.

Keeping in mind Section 4.6: The Committee at its sole discretion has the power to approve or reject an application for membership.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Theo Sarris

Marcia Manolas queried how long the member will have to wait to be elected under this amendment, it was explained the member will have to wait 12 months from signing up in order to be able to be elected.

Carried Unanimously

6.4 Motion stuck off agenda

6.5 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 6.7 ~~The Club does not have a common seal.~~

(1) The Club has a common seal —

(a) the name of the Association must appear in legible characters on the common seal; and

(b) a document may only be sealed with the common seal by the authority of the committee and in the presence of —

(i) 2 committee members; or

(ii) one committee member and a person authorised by the committee,

and each of them is to sign the document to attest that the document was sealed in their presence.

- (2) The secretary must make a written record of each use of the common seal.
- (3) The common seal must be kept in the custody of the Secretary and stored in the safe at the Office

Reason: The Club does in fact have a Common Seal

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Anna Smilovitis

Arthur Mistillis advised that common seals are not mandatory and the chairperson explained the amendment was to correct that the constitution stated that the club did not have a common seal, when it in fact did.

Carried Unanimously

6.6 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 5.5 An ~~active~~ Member of the Club may nominate another member of the Club to be considered as a life member. The Committee may elect, unanimously, the nominated member as a life member of the Club because they have rendered important services to the Club. This decision is brought to the Annual General Meeting by the President and the nominated member may be elected to life membership by a motion passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present and entitled to vote.

Section 7.9 The nominator must be a ~~senior active~~ Financial member of the Club.

Reason: A Senior active member or active member is not specifically defined, this provides more clarity

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Anna Smilovitis

Carried Unanimously

6.7 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Section 14.11 At General Meetings, thirty percent (~~30%~~) (15%) of ordinary members constitute a quorum.

Reason: It is increasingly difficult to attain a Quorum for General Meetings, this will ensure meetings do not lapse and the Club avoids the additional work of rescheduling and re sending mail notices.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Anna Smilovitis

Marcia Manolas advised she is concerned that if major changes are proposed that 15% does not represent enough of the members.

Jim Dollas proposed an amendment to 20% instead of 15%

The proposer agreed to 20%

Carried Unanimously

6.8 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Current:

Section 9.19 If the votes are divided equally on a question, the chairperson of the meeting has a casting vote in addition to a ~~deliberate~~ deliberative vote.

Section 14.12 Subject to clauses 14.13 and 14.16, a General Meeting will lapse if a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time stated in the notice for a ~~Committee~~ the General meeting.

Section 14.22 Except in the case of a Special Resolution, a motion is carried if a simple majority of the members who are ~~either~~ present ~~are and~~ entitled to vote at a General Meeting, vote in favour of the motion

Reason: Correction of spelling and editing mistakes.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Anna Smilovitis

Carried Unanimously

6.9 Special Resolution - Constitutional Amendment

Motion to amend the constitution, added words in red, deleted words are struck-out:

Delete Section 17 and subsections 17.1 & 17.2 and renumber remaining sections accordingly.

Section 17. ACCOUNTANTS

~~17.1 The books of accounts of the Club must be audited once every year by public accountants, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.~~

~~17.2 The income statement, balance sheet, financial report and other appropriate reports must be prepared by the public accountants and delivered to the Committee. The Committee must present and report on them at the Annual General Meeting.~~

Reason: The Act does not require the club to have its accounts audited as it has under \$3m annual revenue. The Club has significantly less revenue per year than the act's requirement. The audit comes at an expense of the club of up to \$6,000 per year. This is an unneeded cost for the club.

The deleted text from section 17.2 is covered under sections 6.9 and 6.10.

Proposer: Socrates Bakaimis

Secunder: Theo Sarris

Arthur Mistillis asked how we will satisfy the members that there has been an outside view of the finances, the chairperson explained that our accountant audits our finances.

Carried Unanimously

Agenda Item 7: General Business

Ken Manolas (Chairman of Trustees) moved a motion of confidence in the Committee for the fine work they have done since they have been elected. Seconded: Marcia Manolas
Carried unanimously.

George Papaliaris asked why the financial report says Director of the Company and why is it not Club, the chairperson explained that Martha our accountant most likely does company business all day and every day and it would have been a small omission.

Meeting closed 2.35pm

Refreshments and Pizza were served.



Theo Sarris
President



Socrates Bakaimis
Secretary