

Minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Angus Society of Australia Ltd

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23rd May, 2019

Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury NSW

Meeting opened at 2:00pm

Attendees:

Full and Honorary Life Members: Mr Derek Lotz (AIV), Mr Murk Schoen (EVS), Mrs Marg McLeish (NDL), Mr Michael Gadd (GMJ), Mr Richard Whale (HJS), Mrs Noelene Branson (VON), Mr Bob Dent (AKR), Mrs Joy Potter (VPW), Mr Mark Gubbins (VCC), Mr Peter Grieve (NPG), Mrs Libby Creek (SPH), Mr Brad Gilmour (HLG), Mr Sam White (NBB), Mr Hamish McFarlane (VTM), Mrs Erica Halliday (NBN), Mr Andrew Kuss (WAT), Mr Jock Hughes (THC), Mr Laurie Denholm (EDU), Mr Perry Gunner (SYA)

Guests: Mrs Kate Schoen, Mrs Kay Lotz, Mrs Joy Gadd, Mr Stephen Branson, Mrs Juliet Denholm

Angus Australia staff: Dr Peter Parnell (CEO, Company Secretary), Mr Ron Bower, Mr David Cameron, Mrs Diana Wood, Mr Andrew Byrne, Mr Christian Duff, Ms Liz Pearson, Mr Scott Wright

1. Introduction

The President (Mr Brad Gilmour) welcomed all members and staff to the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Angus Society of Australia Ltd (Angus Australia) and noted that a quorum of at least 20 financial Full Members were present in person or by proxy.

The current Directors of the Angus Australia present at the meeting were introduced as follows:

Mrs Libby Creek, State-elected Director from South Australia, immediate Past-President and Chair of the Board's Strategy and Risk Committee;

Mrs Erica Halliday, State-elected Director from NSW and Chair of the Board's Marketing, Communication and Youth Committee;

Mr Brett Piraner, State-elected Director from Qld and Chair of the Board's Organisation Review Committee and the Angus Foundation Committee;

Mr Sam White, National-elected Director from NSW, Vice-President, Chair of the Board's Audit and Finance Committee, and Chair the Board's Breed Development and Extension Committee;

Mr Andrew Kuss, State-elected Director from WA;

Mr Jock Hughes, State-elected Director from Tasmania;

Mr Hamish McFarlane, National-elected Director from Victoria and Chair of the Board's Strategic Projects Committee; and,

Dr Laurie Denholm, Appointed Director from NSW.

Current Directors not able to attend the meeting were noted as follows:

Mr Jim Wedge, National-elected Director from Queensland and Chair of the Board's Commercial Supply Chain Committee.

The President also welcomed Angus Australia staff present at the meeting, including Dr Peter Parnell, Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary.

2. Apologies & Proxies

The President asked the Company Secretary to read the list of apologies and proxies received from members, and invited further apologies from the floor.

The apologies included the following: Mr Tony Seymour (TSE), Mr Michael Pointer (VOP), Mr Dennis Ginn (VDR), Mr Bryan & Mrs Lucinda Corrigan (NOR), Ms Rebecca Rundel (CUN), Mrs Maureen Ritcher-Rundel (CAH), Mr Stephen Chase (BSC), Mr Jim Wedge (QQF), Ms Jill Grieve (BGV), Mrs Cherry Steel (NBN), and Mr Mark Lucas (NLR).

The CEO noted the list of proxies received by members, as follows,

Proxies to the Chair: Mr Tony Seymour (TSE), Mr Michael Pointer (VOP), Mr Lindsay Wolridge (HAN), Mr William Milne (HAN), Mr David Murray (NUR), Mr Stephen Chase (BSC), Mr Bryan Corrigan (NOR), Mr James Laurie (BCA), Mr Rob Williams (VWV), Mr Barry McFarlane (NMB), and Mr Andrew Anderson (VRR).

Proxy to Mr Peter Grieve (NPG): Ms Jill Grieve (BGV).

Proxy to Mr Derek Lotz: Mr Mark Lucas (NLR).

3. Notice of Meeting

The President advised that as required by the Angus Australia Constitution, a Notice of Meeting was sent to all Full and Honorary Life members 3 weeks prior to the AGM and a Notice placed on the Angus Australia website.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The President advised that the approved Minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting held in Armidale on the 24th May 2018 had been posted on the Member's secure download area on the Angus Australia website.

5. Procedure for The Meeting

The President advised that the first item of ordinary business would be the tabling of the financial reports and the Directors' and Auditor's reports. This would be followed by tabling of the President's Report for 2018, declaration of the results of the Directors ballot and notification of the new and continuing elected Directors for 2019.

6. Receival of Accounts and Reports

The President advised that the Declaration by the Directors and the Reports of the Directors and the Independent Auditor for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 were included in the 2018 Annual Report which was made available to all members on the secure members' area of the Angus Australia website and copies mailed to members on request.

The President invited Members to comment or ask questions on these reports. No comments or questions were received.

7. President's Report

The President referred to his report included in the 2018 Annual Report and noted that it had been another successful year for the Angus breed and Angus Australia.

8. Membership Awards

The President acknowledged that in 2018 there were 25 members recognized with 25 years of membership; and, 13 members recognised with 50 years continuous membership including Degafelga Partners, Vic; Inglewood Estate, NSW; Yalkuri Pty Ltd, SA; Truro Angus, Vic; Mackie & Co Pty Ltd, WA; I Collard, WA; M Schlicht, Vic; H & R Lawson, Vic; John MacLachlan Pty Ltd, Vic; D Scanlon, SA; W & J Crossing, NSW; Fingal Pastoral, Tas; and H & D Richards, Vic.

9. Notification of Directors

The President advised that in accordance with the Angus Australia Constitution, nominations were called from members to be state-elected Directors for the states of Victoria, South Australia and Queensland; along with nominations for a single National-elected Director position.

Since there were no more nominees than the available number of elected Directors to be appointed for the state-elected Director positions no ballot was required for these positions.

Since more than one nomination was received for the single vacant National-elected Director position, a ballot was conducted for this position in accordance with procedures set out by the Board and specified by the Angus Australia Constitution.

Following the ballot, Angus Australia's auditor, Roberts and Morrow, confirmed that the successful candidate was Dr Laurie Denholm from NSW.

The President advised that following the nominations, and subsequent ballot, the newly elected Directors were as follows:

the State-elected Director for South Australia: Mr Perry Gunner;

the State-elected Director for Queensland: Mr Brett Piraner;

the State-elected Director for Victoria: Mr Brad Gilmour;

and,

the successful National-elected Director: Dr Laurie Denholm.

The President congratulated these members on their election to the Angus Australia Board and advised that considering these newly elected Directors, and those Directors with continuing terms, the following Directors would form the 2019 Angus Australia Board: from NSW - Mrs Erica Halliday, Mr Sam White and Dr Laurie Denholm; from Queensland - Mr Brett Piraner; from Western Australia - Mr Andrew Kuss; from Victoria - Mr Brad Gilmour and Mr Hamish McFarlane; from Tasmania - Mr Jock Hughes; and, from South Australia - Mr Perry Gunner.

The President advised that in accordance with the Angus Australia Constitution, the elected Directors of the Board could appoint up to two Optional Appointed Directors with specific skills and experience that the Board believed appropriate for the Board and which are not currently available amongst the elected Directors.

10. Acknowledgement of Retiring Directors

The President acknowledged the contributions of retiring Directors Mrs Libby Creek and Mr Jim Wedge.

Mrs Libby Creek served as a State-elected Director from South Australia for the last 8 years. During this period, Mrs Creek made an enormous contribution to the Board, including performing the role of Board Chairman during 2017-2018, and as a member of numerous Board Committees, including most recently Chair of the Board's Strategy and Risk Committee.

Mr Jim Wedge served as a National-elected Director for 2 years and particularly made significant contributions as Chairman of the Board's Commercial Supply Chain Committee.

The President thanked all the retiring Directors for their generous contribution of time and intellect for the benefit of members.

11. Acknowledgment of descendants of Foundation members

The President acknowledged the presence at the National Conference of Mrs Mary Paul, a descendant of Mr Hubert Docker, Bontharambo, founding member of The Angus Society of Australia. In addition, Mr Sam White, a descendant of founding member Cornel Harold White, Bald Blair, was present at the Conference and AGM.

12. General Business and Conclusion

The President thanked his fellow Directors for the support and guidance they provided to him as Board Chairman and President of Angus Australia for the previous 12 months.

The President also acknowledged the many members who have contributed to the growth and enormous success of Angus Australia over the past 100 years, particularly those who have participated in the governance of the organisation as Board members.

As there is were no further business on the meeting agenda the President invited items of General Business from the members present.

Mr Derek Lotz asked for an explanation of parentage verification suffixes included with animal names and what measures were being taken to protect the integrity of the Herd Book. The CEO provided an explanation of the parentage verification suffixes and noted that they were introduced by Angus Australia during 2018 as an important step contributing to greater transparency of the accuracy of pedigree information included in all registers including the Herd Book. The CEO also explained that parentage verification was being routinely conducted for all animals on the Angus Australia database with relevant SNP profiles available.

As there was no further General Business the President concluded the Annual General Meeting at 2:20pm.

Peter Parnell
CEO and Company Secretary