Mt Beauty and District Men's Shed Inc.

Minutes

Special General Meeting

Friday 15th October 2021 at the Shed

- 1. **Present:** Dick Puttyfoot, Paul L'Huillier, Irvin Beeston, Graeme Caulfield, John Driver, Campbell Ford, Mark Hardidge, Barry Hinson, Reg Hollonds, Ian Howley, Rod Hyde, Michael Parkinson, Phil Armitage, Duncan Robertson, Ken Halse, Derek Hutton
- 2. Apologies: Henry Ziemnicki, Noel McDougall

Meeting commenced with Chairman Dick Puttyfoot. Dick vacated the Chair for Paul L'Huillier to outline the purpose of the meeting and provide details of the motions that were submitted to the meeting. The proposed changes to the Constitution were initiated by communication from the Australian Taxation Office to advise us of a requirement to amend Clause #4, to delete the requirement for Committee approval of membership applications, or we would lose our Deductible Gift Recipient status. The opportunity to make other changes to the Constitution was also taken.

- 3. Business of the Meeting
- (a) Motion #1 That the Shed Constitution be amended with Removal of Clause 4 and replace with the following Clause 4.

(A) Membership Fee

- (1) A person who applies for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the membership fee payable under these Rules. The membership period is the financial year 1 July to 30 June.
- (2) An application of a person for membership of the Association must-
 - (a) be made in writing on the Associations Membership Application Form accompanied with the fee; and
 - (b) be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.
- (3) Membership is open and unrestricted to those individuals who identify themselves as male. All Applications will be approved subject to Rule 4 (A)
- (4) The Secretary must, within 28 days enter the applicant's name in the

register of members.

- (5) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when his name is entered in the register of members.
- (6) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association—
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- (7) The membership fee is the relevant amount as determined at the AGM.

(B) Type of Membership

- (1) Individual (males over 18 years)
- (2) Community organisation
- (3) Business
- (4) Life membership (voted on at a committee meeting)

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Paul L'Huillier and Carried

(b) Motion #2 – "Remove all references in the Constitution to <u>her</u> and <u>she</u> which occurs in 17 places.

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Reg Hollonds and Carried

(c) Motion #3 – That Clause 7 (9) be amended with removal of- "not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person, or by proxy, in favour of the resolution", and adding "a majority of members present in favour of the resolution".

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Phil Armitage and Carried

(d) Motion #4 – That Clause 12 (2) be amended by replacing current wording with replace the current wording with the following; "Notice may be sent–

- a) By electronic transmission; or
- b) By prepaid post to the address appearing in the register, if requested by the member".

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Mike Parkinson and Carried

(e) Motion #5 – That Clause 13 (1) be amended to add "Members who attend a meeting via a video link are considered to be present at the meeting".

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Mike Parkinson and Carried

(f) Motion #6 - That Clause 33 be amended to replace the current wording with the following;

"Notice may be sent-

- a) By electronic transmission; or
- b) By prepaid post to the address appearing in the register, if requested by the member".

Moved by Ian Howley, Seconded by Irvin Beeston and Carried.

Meeting Commenced at 12-05 pm and closed at 12-30 pm.