



Polskie Muzeum i Archiwum w Australii

Polish Museum and Archives in Australia

Polish Museum and Archives in Australia (Inc.(PMAA or MAPA))

30th Annual General Meeting – Sunday 29 November, 2020 held via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

Sunday 29 November, 2020 at 3pm (1st call) Or 3.15pm (2nd call)

Present: Zdzislaw Derwinski (ZD), Barbara Capewell (BC), Aniela Kociuba (AK), Maria Peszek (MP1), Ania Zamecznik (AZ), Janette Wells, Lucyna Artymiuk (LA), Monika Lesna Lukas (ML), Andrew Balcerzak, and Malgosia Growinska,
Apologies : Janette Obuch-Wells, Julia Niziol-Nyazi (JN), and Maria Picyk (MP2), Violetta Majewska, Henry Foster
Minutes taken by Barbara Capewell

Next meeting: Date, time and place to be announced

1. Opening

Zdzislaw Derwinski opened the meeting at the second call (3.15 pm) and welcomed all present.

2. Election of Chairperson

The President, Zdzislaw Derwinski, asked for the election of a Chairperson for the Annual General Meeting. Ania Zamecznik proposed that the President Zdzislaw Derwinski, should chair the meeting. This was seconded by Maria Peszek, and carried.

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3. Reading and approval of minutes from the last Annual General meeting

The minutes from the last Annual General Meeting on 25 November, 2018) were read by the President, Zdzislaw Derwinski. There was one minor correction – BG amended to Barbara Gzybek as an attendee.

4. President's Report 2018/2019

The President, Zdzislaw Derwinski, read the President's report (refer to attached President's Report).

5. Financial Statement 2018/2019 presented by the treasurer Maria Peszek

The Treasurer, Maria Peszek presented the financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2019 (refer to attached financial statement).

Total income of \$13,237.81

Less Expenses of \$12,861.04 resulting of a net profit of \$376.77

Current Assets of \$35,864,69

6. Discussion

- The issue of storage space was raised by the President, Zdzislaw Derwinski. He has approached the Management Committee of the Polish Sports Club, and will attend their Annual General meeting in December, to discuss the proposal of permanent facilities for the PMAA on their site
- Any agreement between the PMAA and the Polish Sports Club would need to be legally agreed to
- Zdzislaw Derwinski also has had discussions with a prominent person in the Polish Community re permanent space and fundraising
- Millenium House - unsure when and if redevelopment will commence, it is not known if redevelopment plans of permits have been granted or denied. Neighbors objected to noise and litter during and after proposed functions
- Ania Zamecznik discussed the possibility of starting a Building Fund for the PMAA, and asking for bequests, and proposing articles about the PMAA in newspapers, the media internet, etc.

7. The Auditing Committee Report

The Auditing Committee of Janelle Wells and Violetta Majewska, has read the financial documentation of the PMAA for the financial year ending 30 June 2019, reviewed the submitted

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invoices, bank statements, and other documentation, stated these were consistent with the presented revenue and expenditure, and signed off by both members.

Janette Wells applauded the PMAA Committee of Management way of organizing and presenting the accounts

The PMAA Financial statement for the year ending 30 June 2019 was nominated for acceptance by Ania Zamecznik, and seconded by Barbara Capewell, and accepted by all PMAA members present.

8. Election of the new Committee of Management of the PMAA

The President nominated that the current Committee of Management remain as stands with the following nominations:

Zdzislaw Derwinski nominated Barbara Capewell for Acting Secretary, seconded by Aniela Kociuba, and accepted by Barbara Capewell

Monica Lukas, Julia Niziol- Nyazi, Aniela Kociuba, and Maria Picyk were nominated as ordinary members by Zdzislaw Derwinski and seconded by Maria Peszek

Lucyna Artymiuk nominated to remain as Vice President by Zdzislaw Derwinski and seconded by Maria Peszek

Zdzislaw Derwinski to remain as President – nominated by Ania Zamecznik and seconded by Barbara Capewell

Maria Peszek to remain as Treasurer, nominated by Zdzislaw Derwinski and seconded by Ania Zamecznik

Barbara Capewell nominated by Zdzislaw Derwinski, and seconded by Aniela Kociuba as Public Officer, and accepted

Ania Zamecznik to remain as Assistant Treasurer, nominated by Zdzislaw Derwinski and seconded by Maria Peszek

Janette Wells and Violetta Majewska, nominated by Zdzislaw Derwinski and seconded by Maria Peszek, for the Auditing Committee

All PMAA Management Committee nominated by Zdzislaw Derwinski, seconded by Maria Peszek and accepted by all present PMAA members.

9. Working Plan for 2019/2020

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- Proposal to extend the Polish Soldier Migrant project to Destination Australia Part 2 – Displaced persons. The project to include exhibitions, a book, etc after the research is done
- Commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw 1920 – prepare an exhibition
- Publish the next volume of the Annual Journal 2020 – Leon Kustra offered his help
- Zdzislaw Derwinski to attend the Polish Libraries and Archives Conference in Argentina in 2020. ? He may present a paper or go as an observer
- For Polish Archivist ? Barbara Gzybek, and to be paid for by the Polish Ministry of Culture, to come again in 2020 and continue working on SPK paperwork

10. Discussion

Janette Wells stated that the PMAA has done a great job with the Destination Australia Polish Soldier Migrants Exhibition and book

Ania Zamecznik stated her personal connection with the Battle of Warsaw 1920

Ania Zamecznik also stated that the PMAA should include the history of Polish migrants from South America – not currently accepted

Janette Wells was asked by the President, Zdzislaw Derwinski, to write up a plan and put it forward to the PMAA Committee of Management her suggestion about an exhibition on the Polish Air force in the Metteranium

11. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

12. Closing of the Annual General meeting

The President, Zdzislaw Derwinski, closed the Annual General meeting at 3.46pm