

FRIENDLY STREET POETS INC AGM

1st April 2019

MINUTES (amended)

1. 2019 AGM commenced at 6:30pm.

2. Present:

42 members:

Murray Alfredson, Maeve Archibald, David Bailes, Elaine Barker, Val Braendler, Martin Christmas, Margaret Clark, Darrell Coggins, Dawn Colsey, Sue Cook, David Cookson, Veronica Cookson, Ian Coulls, Brenton Cox, Andrew Drake, Steve Evans, Margaret Fensom, Nigel Ford, Jill Gower, Cary Hamlyn, David Harris, Michael Harry, Emelia Haskey, Roger Higgins, Erica Jolly, Angelo Kathigitis, Alan P Kelly, Jules Koch, Martha Landman, Keith MacNider, Inez Marrasso, Gordon McPherson, Shaine Melrose, Louise Nicholas, Susan O'Brien, Sue Reece, Ros Schulz, Val Smith, Valerie Volk, Maria Vouis, Rob Walker, Lindy Warrell.

3. Apologies.

2 members: Ian Gibbins, Judy Daly

4. Acceptance of 2018 AGM minutes

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Proposed Maria Vouis, 2nd Maeve Archibold: Carried

5. Convenor's Report – Nigel Ford

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Membership over 100, meetings have been running smoothly and finishing by about 9:00pm. A thank you to this year's committee which has worked well together to give us a very successful year. The New Poets series was re-established in 2018 and was a great success and included a second print run. Sales surpassed all expectations. We are hoping in 2020 to get back to publishing three books a year, the main Anthology, New Poets and Single Poets. All Friendly Street Poets' meetings are open to the public and free to attend. The \$5.00 fee only applies to those wishing to read, but membership is required to submit for publication. Halifax Cafe meetings also continue to run monthly under the care of Ian Gibbins and Jelena Dinic.

6. Treasurer's Report – Roger Higgins

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Highlights of the year- great book sales aided greatly by our new poets efforts. Healthy bank balance which gives us scope for three publications in the coming year, for the first time since Arts Grants dried up. Some money has been moved to a new fund which is yielding higher interest rates.

7. Regional Report – Nigel Ford

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Poetry on Fleurieu has now run 63 monthly meetings and is publishing its first Fleurieu Anthology, edited by John Malone and Margaret Clark and proposed to be launched in June 2019. FSP added Francis Folk Festival to the stable, sponsoring a competition and anthology. Thank you to FSP members Edie Eicas and David Harris for their work. Other regional events included Goolwa Poetry Cup, Edwards Crossing Group, association with Core Coast Events and 2018 SPIN.

8. Membership Sub Committee Report - David Harris and Sue Reece

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David reported approx 80 paid up members Sue gave a short talk on FSP as a Community in which members have a responsibility in the running of our organisation and the maintenance of good will. Copies of the Code of Conduct were available for collection.

9. Management Committee.

Elections: Nigel Ford, stepping down after 2 years on the Committee. Edie Eicas stepping down due to personal reasons Roger Higgins, David Harris, Margaret Clark elected onto committee in 2018 to remain for the remainder of their two year term.

Nominations: Nigel Ford, Emelia Haskey, Geoff Aitken. All nominations were accepted by the meeting. This constitutes a committee of six people (requirement is 5-8 members) so elections were not required.

10. Any other business.

None.

Meeting closed at 6:55pm.

Margaret Clark
FSP Secretary