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**MINUTES**

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**1 OPENING AND WELCOME**

The meeting begun at 3:04pm with the President Samantha Pearse-Marmont, welcoming everyone to the AGM. Samantha acknowledged members and special guest speakers.

**2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Due to the pandemic the Annual General Meeting was held online with 15 members present as well as the associations committee.

**3 OPEN AGM and MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD**

Given the Annual General Meeting was held online the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were available on the association's website. The President referred to those meeting minutes.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019 be adopted.

1. **Name:** Mark Baldwin                      2. **Name:** Silke Kerwick                      **Carried**

**4 ANNUAL REPORT**

Given the Annual General Meeting was held online the associations Annual Report was available on the website. The President, Hon Secretary, and Hon Treasurer spoke about the 2019/2020 Annual Report.

**5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Samantha Pearse-Marmont provided an overview of the committee's activity throughout the 2019/2020 financial year, noting the impacts of the pandemic.

**6 HON SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Sam Badans provided an overview of the current members, committee's meeting participation and associations events attendance.

**7 HON TREASURER'S REPORT**

Campbell Shepherd reported on the associations financial position and detailed the outcome of the satisfactory financial audit of the associations 2019/2020 accounts.

**Resolved:** That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the association be adopted.

1. **Name:** Mark Baldwin                      2. **Name:** Silke Kerwick                      **Carried**

**8 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All positions in the Committee were declared vacant and the following were nominated. The Objects and Rules of the Association permit four Office Bearers (President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer) and five Committee Members. Below were the nominations received by the Backpacker Operators Association by the close date of nominations - that is, one week before the Annual General Meeting at 3pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

The following nominations were received for the office bearer positions:

President:	Samantha Pearse-Marmont	Hostelworld Group
Vice President:	Andrew Cowan	The Millett Group

Hon Secretary: Sam Badans YHA Australia  
Hon Treasurer: Campbell Shepherd Lasso

Because there was only one nomination for each of the Office Bearer positions, the above people were declared automatically elected.

**Resolved:** To accept the declaration of the election of the Office Bearers.

1. **Name:** Andrew Collins      2. **Name:** Mark Baldwin      **Carried**

The following Committee nominations were received prior to close of nomination on Thursday 12th September 2019.

Andrew Collins	Booking.com
Jacob Waugh	AAT Kings
Sophie Brown	Ultimate Travel
Deon Carstairs	Experience Co.

**Resolved:** To accept the election of the committee members.

1. **Name:** Mark Baldwin      2. **Name:** Sam Badans      **Carried**

## **9 OTHER BUSINESS**

Samantha Pearse-Marmont introduced other business discussion points.

### **9.1 Name of the Association**

Andrew Cowan reported on the associations future intentions to change the name of the association to more accurately reflect the membership base focusing more on 'youth tourism' rather than 'backpackers'.

### **9.2 NSW Tourism Industry Council and Business Australia**

Sam Badans provided an update on the associations relationship with the NSW Tourism Industry Council and Business Australia, highlighting the benefits of being a member of Business Australia.

Nicole O'Donnell from the NSW Tourism Industry Council presented in a pre-recording of their activity and relationship with the association.

Melissa Williams from Business Australia was supposed to present at the meeting, however due to the Annual General Meeting being ahead of time, Melissa was not able to present.

## **10 CLOSE OF PROCEEDINGS**

Samantha Pearse-Marmont thanked everyone for their attendance noting a special thank you to Allsopp Bunting Insurance, guest speakers, members, committee members and office bearers and the Secretariat, closing the meeting at 4.05pm.