

BOTANY BAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held at Tradies, Gymea on

Wednesday 7 September 2022

The President, Jennie Fairs, opened the Meeting at 7.35pm.

1. All members including new members were welcomed to the AGM:

Apologies:

Margaret and Brian Heaton and Annette Bourke. Maree Kirkland

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

Minutes of BBFHS AGM held 1 September 2021 had been uploaded to the Members Area of the BBFHS website. The Minutes were taken as read.

Moved: Noel Watkins; Seconded: Sue Jones; that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 September 2021 be signed by the President as a correct record. **Carried**

3. Business Arising from Minutes:

Nil.

4. Presentation of Reports:

All reports had been uploaded to the Members Area of the BBFHS website.

The Auditor's, Publicity Officer's, Secretary's and Webmaster's Reports were not read this night as they had been provided to members in advance.

The Membership Report was not read this night as it had been provided to members in advance. The Membership Secretary (Carole Goodyer) provided an update advising 19 members had resigned and only 21 members had not renewed with the expected number to be lowered in the near future.

The Research Centre and Education Reports were not read this night as they had been provided to members in advance. The Research Centre and Education Officer (Jean Campbell) provided a summary of the reports to the members.

5. President's Report: Jennie Fairs

The President's Report had been uploaded to the Members Area of the BBFHS website.

The President gave an overview of her report to the members.

6. Financial Report: Brenda Connors

The Finance Report had been uploaded to the Members Area of the BBFHS website. Brenda Connors presented an overview of the finance report for the period to 30 June 2022.

Details of income and expenditure are as follows:

Total income for 2021-2022 FY	\$19,467.96
Total expenditure for 2021-2022 FY	\$21,081.55
Difference	-\$1,613.59

FUNDS AT BANK	2020-2021 FY	2021-2022 FY
BBFHS Cheque Account	\$15,784.78	\$6,164.07
BBFHS Online Saver Account	\$24,527.71	\$32,534.83
TOTAT FUNDS AT BANK	\$40,312.49	\$38,698.90

Brenda Connors received no questions regarding the financial report.

Moved: Brenda Connors; Seconded: Jacki Butters; that the Financial Report be accepted. **Carried**

7. General Business:

Including other business by notice to the Secretary from members:

Nil.

8. Awarding of Certificates:

Certificate of Appreciation

Jennie Fairs - President

- Jennie first joined BBFHS in 1986 as member 148! She rejoined in 2015 as member #1508.
- She then joined the BBFHS Management Committee in September 2017. She was Vice President, organised the Meeting Speakers and was also the Minute Secretary. She was voted in as President in September 2019.
- Jennie Fairs has steered the BBFHS Society through two difficult years of Covid. She has introduced Zoom meetings, twice a month, so members could stay in touch and be informed and educated as well. We now have quality Speakers from anywhere in NSW, other states and other countries! We have our Interest Groups all meeting regularly via Zoom and now some hybrid. We have had new members during Covid, as we, ie BBFHS, represent a Society going forward and thinking of our members and their needs.
- She has done a lot of work with so many people... the Council, the Research Centre, Zoom information and working with Pat on the website, Microsoft Office, the Committee and is always willing to volunteer and participate in so many activities... Open Days, our Fair, Interest Groups, tours, classes...
- She has always been working towards the future of our Society in these challenging times.

Our President who knew nothing about it!! So many members gave her a nomination, and many offered support. The two Vice Presidents (Carole Goodyer and Noele Watkins) signed her certificate and presented it and the badge.

Brenda Connors - Treasurer

Our recipient volunteered at the Research Centre for 5 months in 2009 before volunteering full time in March 2018.

- She joined the BBFHS Committee in October 2016 to assist our then full-time treasurer before taking over the position of Treasurer in Sep 2020.
- She has worked tirelessly to improve the overall financial operation of BBFHS which at times has involved telling banks and service providers that they are, in her own words, "ripping us off" – so if there is 1 dollar to be saved by us, our recipient will fight for it!
- ... and along with Pat Fearnley, she has worked intensely in the background to provide the online booking system now available to members and visitors.

In recognition and appreciation of her valued contribution to the Society I now have the honour to present a Certificate and Badge of Appreciation to Brenda Connors. (Presented by Jennie Fairs, President)

President's Citation

John Levy - Endeavour Journal Editor

Throughout the years the recipient has:

- Assisted with the preparation of our monthly meetings on CD by taking the sound recordings of the meetings.
- Uploaded Other Societies eJOURNALS on to the computers at the Research Centre.
- Continues to assist with Research Centre computer updates, when necessary, especially after the lockdown months in the past two years.
- Is the Coordinator of DNA Interest Group; has had one on one meetings with members in the Centre.

- As editor of our journal, The Endeavour, he saw our journal win the Nick Vine Hall Award for the first time in 2009 as well as the Elizabeth Simpson (UK) Award.
- In Dec 2015 the recipient started the eJOURNAL of The Endeavour ONLINE. (This has saved a LOT of postage!)
- In 2017 the Endeavour was again the Nick Vine Hall Award winner.
- and in 2021 our journal was placed second Nick Vine Hall Award.

I now have the honour to present a President's Citation In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Society as editor of the Society journal – The Endeavour to John Levy. (Presented by Jennie Fairs, President)

Patricia Fearnley - Web Master

Throughout the years the recipient has:

- Continually added to, and updated our website
- Established a Members only section on the website
- Has conducted intense background work (with Brenda Connors) during the Covid lockdown to enable members to pay online, through the website... Membership fees, classes, Interest Groups and Tours.
- Thanks to this recipient's dedicated service, BBFHS has won:

2010 Federation of Family History Societies Commended award (from UK).

2011 The inaugural Dorothy Fellowes Website Award for best website from the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies.

2019 Category A: Dorothy Fellowes Website Award: Botany Bay Family History Society Inc

2021 Category A: Dorothy Fellowes Website Award: Botany Bay Family History Society Inc (Category A: Best website designed and administered by a society member.)

I now have the honour to present a President's Citation In recognition of her outstanding contribution in producing and managing the Society website to Pat Fearnley. (Presented by Jennie Fairs, President)

9. Election of Office Bearers for 2022 – 2023

The Returning Officer, John Levy, declared all positions vacant.

The election of the Management Committee of BBFHS followed.

The following nominations were received in writing and each elected unopposed.

President:	Jennie Fairs No. 1504	Nominated by: Rhonda McKinnon 109 Seconded by: Rowena Summers 254
Vice Presidents:	Carole Goodyer No. 1237	Nominated by: Sue Howitt 41 Seconded by: John Levy 806
	Noele Watkins No. 1161	Nominated by: Margaret Heaton 1152 Seconded by: Carol Cronan 1662
Secretary:	Anthony Wright No. 1167	Nominated by: Rowena Summers 254 Seconded by: Rhonda McKinnon 109
Treasurer:	Brenda Connors No. 1089	Nominated by: Robyn Nicholls 1699 Seconded by: Lynne Phillips 1698
Committee Members:	Leonie Bell No. 1799	Nominated by: Carol Proctor 694 Seconded by: Sally Johnson 1799
	Jackie Butters No. 1140	Nominated by: Rowena Summers 254 Seconded by: Rhonda McKinnon 109
	Jean Campbell No. 451	Nominated by: Pam Heather 1247 Seconded by: Margaret Heaton 1152

Maree Kirkland No. 1619

Nominated by: Sue Jones 585

Seconded by: John Levy 806

Insufficient nominations were received to fill all vacancies on the committee. Nomination for the vacant committee position was requested at the AGM. With no nomination received the vacant committee position would be filled as a casual vacancy as per clause 20 of the constitution of the Botany Bay Family History Society Inc.

10. Incoming President's Remark

The continuing President advised the society of the changes to the Societies Website, encouraged members to visit the Members Section of the BBFHS Website and the Vertical Files indexing project. She thanked the members for their support and the continuing BBFHS Management Committee for their assistance over the previous year.

11. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

President:

Date:

Minute Secretary:

Date