

28th Hyperbaric Technicians and Nurses (HTNA)

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES – Monday, 02 of November, 2020

Chaired by Dave King (President),

Minuted by Mark Orkney (Secretary)

Recorded on MS Teams

1. **Opening welcome to everyone by Dave King.** Dave discussed the unusual year it has been and praised our hyperbaric community for all the hard work and commitment by all units. Dave also thanked all sponsors for their ongoing support.
2. **Members present:** Dave King, Mark Orkney, Kris Hollmann, Liz Williams, Christian Lismann, Russell Cronin, Shane Dennis, Basil Murphy, Carol Bain,
3. **Apologies:** Peter Atkinson, Troy Pudney, Richard Turk and Steve Goble
4. **Proxy Vote:** Karl Price for Training Committee member
5. **CONFIRMATION OF 2019 MINUTES:** Accepted by Basil Murphy
Seconded by Shane Dennis

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6. President's Report: Dave King		
6	President's Report	<p>Report distributed to all members via email prior to AGM</p> <p>6.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - 2020 AGM</p> <p>We'll, it's been an unforgettable year since our last AGM in Sydney in August last year. The last 14 months has seen Australia besieged with Bushfires and then, in early 2020, COVID-19 hit the world very hard. The threat of COVID-19 really started to hit us Antipodeans around February, which was when an unforeseen medical event took me away from my work in hyperbarics, so I haven't been in the thick of it like all you have been. I take my hat off all of you for facing the Coronavirus in all of your hospitals and workspaces, let alone its effect on normal day-to-day living. We have had some excellent Webinar presentations in the last few months that all relate to Coronavirus, so it is obviously front-of-mind for everyone. Let's hope and pray that there will be a vaccine ready for safe release soon. In the meantime, stay safe, and keep doing what you've been doing – I haven't heard that anyone working in hyperbaric medicine in Australia or New Zealand has contracted the virus. It seems that hand-washing, safe distancing and the wearing of masks will be the front-line defence against the spread of the disease for some time yet.</p> <p>You will have seen that the HTNA has had to go onto a little bit of a 'hibernation mode' since the outbreak. This had us call off the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane. We have now rescheduled for September 1st to 4th next year – so mark it down in your calendars!! The venue and program have remained unchanged, with all the guest speakers remaining confirmed. The Organising Committee is very excited about presenting it to you, so let's hope that we are able to travel without restrictions by then.</p> <p>When I think about it though, using the term Hibernation Mode might be a little misleading.</p> <p>The Executive Team has been very busy over the last 10-odd months. After a hideous start to the year, and in an effort to bring some semblance of good news to the membership, in May we instigated a 12-month free membership offer. This was not just as a thank you to our current members, but also to their hyperbaric colleagues who have also endured a horrid year. This was very well received and increased our membership. As of today, we have 2 Associate Members; 29 Associate-Plus Members and 132 Full Members.</p> <p>We also extended the free membership offer to all of our current Corporate Members by extending their membership dues out 12 months. This has obviously maintained our Corporate Members from last year. They are:</p> <p>Diamond Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fink Engineering Wesley Hyperbaric Phoenix International <p>Platinum Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australasian Diving Safety Foundation Radiometer Taleb Medical <p>Affiliate Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society <p>Getting back to the issue of Membership though, the Executive Team is concerned about the future viability of the Association. We have been asking for some time, with little to no response, for volunteers to fill positions of several of our existing committees – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Training (1) and Technical Training (2) Committees; • Constitution Review Committee (2); and • President Elect and Treasurer Elect which are two new temporary positions we thought might elicit some interest from the membership. <p>Of these 7 vacant positions, only two have been filled. I would like to thank Shane Dennis who is also the Tasmanian State Rep – he has volunteered to fill the Treasurer Elect position and Liz Williams (who is also the Western Australian State Rep) one of the two vacant positions on the Nursing Training Committee (filled by the WA State Rep, Liz Williams.)</p> <p>Report Accepted by: Liz Williams Seconded by: Mark Orkney</p>
7	HTNA Scholarship: 2020 scholars announced	<p>7. No applications Postponed until 2021 Conference/AGM</p>

8	Secretary's Report: Tabled	Report distributed to all members via email prior to AGM	8. No issues/response via email Report Accepted by: Shane Dennis Seconded by: Liz Williams
9	Treasurer's Report:	Report distributed to all members via email prior to AGM	9. No issues/response via email Report Accepted by: Mark Orkney Seconded by: Liz Williams
10	NFPA Representative's Report	Report distributed to all members via email prior to AGM	10. Need confirmation if HTNA still hold a position on the committee, Justin Callard will stand down and Karl Price or Shane Dennis will take up position. Report Accepted by: Mark Orkney Seconded by: Shane Dennis
11	Training Committees' Reports:	Both reports distributed to all members via email prior to AGM	
	a) Nursing Training Committee:		11.a Contact Derelle Young to have Unit Nurses course endorsed, there was discussion on possibly in the future having presentations on HTNA website via an online library. Military have shown interest in possibly having part of their course endorsed by HTNA and the Nurse training committee will investigate further.
	b) Technical Training Committee:		11.b Pete Atkinson has retired and Karl Price has volunteered to step into the training committee role Rolly Gough Allen has also volunteered to be part of the training committee. Reports Accepted by: Seconded by:
12	Business arising from the 2019 AGM:		
	a. Offgassing		12.a Steve Goble has been editor of off-gassing for a very long time and is possibly not far off retirement, this means our Association may soon need another passionate person to take on the role of editor. It was also asked that Units be on time with their articles for off-gassing
	b. Membership Numbers		12.b Free membership was offered during 2020 and was received well with current numbers at: Full members: 132 Associate plus: 29 Associate: 2

<p>15.b</p>	<p>1. President Elect 2. Treasurer Elect</p>		<p>15.b As discussed, the current Executive Committee will be stepping down next year and the Association will need new people with new modern ideas to take us forward, it has been put forward that we instigate a President Elect and Treasurer Elect position so that interested individuals can learn from the current positions and see that the work isn't too daunting or overwhelming.</p> <p>The new 'Elect' positions will be nurtured in all things HTNA and then take over at the following year's ASM, they will still have support from the past positions.</p> <p>Shane Dennis has Volunteered for the Treasurer Elect position, so we will still need a volunteer for the President Elect and the Secretary for next year. Please contact the Exec Team if you are interested.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>2021 Venue announcement</p>		<p>16. Brisbane 2021 still on track but will remain to be reliant on uninterrupted travel within Australia & New Zealand.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>2022 ASM Venue Announcement</p>		<p>17. Hobart has volunteered to remain the venue for 2022</p>
<p>18 Meeting Closed</p>			