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Estonian Relief Committee Limited

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MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING = E.R.C Ltd

Sunday 28th October 2018

Taara Gardens Community Hall, Thirlmere

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting commenced at 11:10 a.m.

The Chairman, M. Rampe opened the meeting by welcoming the members.

A minute's silence was observed as a sign of respect to members who had passed during the year.

2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: 21 people plus five proxies as per Attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Hillar Ranniko; Ago Kuru

2.1 Vote Counters

The following were appointed: Trevor Ford; Pam Rampe; Hedda Moll

3 AGENDA – ORDINARY BUSINESS

3.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company, held on Sunday, 22 October, 2017

3.2 Annual Accounts and Records

3.3 Election of Auditors

3.4 Election of Directors

3.5 General Business

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 22 October 2017

4.1 These had been circulated via email, and were read out by Secretary Dr Looveer

Discussion: Need to insert into the minutes a question posed by Tiina Alvre about the number of financial members of ERC.

MOTION: Moved Trevor Ford ; seconded M Barrow

That the Minutes of the previous meeting (22 October 2017) be accepted as a true record of that meeting

AGREED

5 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

5.1 Annual Accounts

- Treasurer Kaili Ford presented the accounts.
- \$28,542 received
\$23,974 expenses
\$4,568 nett profit
- Total Equity = \$853,742

MOTION: Moved Krista Ford; seconded Lea Holm

That the Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the Estonian Relief Committee Ltd held on 22 October 2017 be accepted

AGREED

5.2 Auditor's Statement

This was presented to the meeting. The Auditors have given their approval for the accounting for the Company.

6 ELECTIONS

6.1 Auditors for Coming Year

- MR proposed that Rick Fitzpatrick & Co be again appointed as auditors

MOTION: Moved E Vahar; seconded Pam Rampe

That Rick Fitzpatrick and co be appointed auditors for the Estonian Relief Committee Ltd for the following year

AGREED

6.2 Directors of the Board for ERC Ltd

- MR explained that according to the current Constitution, the current Directors would be continuing for another year. Hence, there would be no elections this year.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 AESL and ERC funding arrangements

- A draft of this was included in the information pack for the 2018 AGM
- Informal discussions between both parties appeared at this stage, to be in general agreement to the proposal
- Next steps entailed the following:
 - AESL needs to ratify this proposal at their next AGM (January 2020)
 - Then ERC needs to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to make necessary changes to its Constitution
 - AESL would nominate 4 Directors to the new Board
 - Directors would be elected/appointed initially for periods of three years
 - Groups and organisations would also be able to become members

7.2 Future Options process for the Sydney Estonian House Co-Operative

- Annual General Meeting was held recently
- Chairman of the Co-Op Madis Alvre was invited to address this meeting
 - Madis challenged the right of the ERC to discuss this matter
 - Madis stated that the Co-Op would convene a public meeting in the first quarter of 2019
- Tiina Alvre explained that the Co-Op needs various responses from Governmental authorities before they can progress matters
- I Tartu: there needs to be better communication and a more collaborative approach
- JL: ERC Directors have obligations under federal laws to ensure due diligence with all investments, including their share holding in the Co-Op
- JL: Toronto (Canada) is in the process of selling their Estonian House and transitioning for the future; They have a specific person appointed to manage all information, including keeping the interested public up-to-date.
- M Barrow: Toronto (Canada) also has regular meetings to inform interested parties of proceedings and what is happening.

7.3 Other Matters

- A question was asked about being tax-free for donations.
MR explained that ERC would need to become a new and different entity for this
- M Barrow added that the Estonian Archives of Australia has also looked into this, but this also imposes restrictions on the use of such funds.

8 CONCLUSION

- M Rampe thanked RSL Lifecare for the use of the facilities for this meeting.
- M Rampe also thanked the Ford family for their organisation and support on arranging this meeting and the ensuing lunch

The meeting closed at 11:50 a.m.