

# **Minutes of Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters Inc (Trax FM)**

## **Annual General Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

### **In the Meeting Room**

Present: Graham & Rhonda Johnston, Greg Kerr, Christine Kent, Rose Marschall, Graham Bell, John Rohde, Ray & Vicki Walters, Jan Stockdale, Peter & Delma Allen, Melissa & Wayne Castle, Brendan Butler.

Apologies: Maxine Dienhoff and Radio Filipino (7)

Minutes: of the previous AGM were read and confirmed on a motion put by Graham Bell and seconded by Peter Allen. – carried.

Business Arising: solar install at the studios has been completed. Child Safety requirements in South Australia changed on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Changes do not affect us. Appears to be more streamlined in operation.

Reports:

- Ray Walters gave the Chairman's Report (attached)
- Christine Kent gave the Treasurer's Report.
- Graham Johnston presented a short report on technical issues at the station and changes that are being made, mostly behind the scenes. The biggest change for us has been the solar install which should see us providing all the electricity we need for our operations during daylight hours with the surplus being exported at 10 cents per kWh.

Board Elections: Nominations were received from Ray Walters for Chairman, Christine Kent for Treasurer, Greg Kerr and John Rohde for ordinary members of the Board. As there were not more nominations than positions vacant, a ballot was not needed and those nominees were declared elected.

General Business:

- John Rohde addressed the meeting about suggestions for changes to overall presentation on Trax FM and introduced Tom Rohde who then spoke about how some other stations are changing their on air image to the public. Recruitment of young people and a long term focus for the station were key points for discussion. A General Meeting later in November would be held to workshop these suggestions and explore avenues for increasing participation, financial long term stability, younger membership, collaboration with other organisations in a more formal manner and working with the peak business organisation in Port Pirie.
- Peter Allen talked about replacing the air conditioner at our transmitter site, metering electricity up there to see where efficiencies could be made. Possible power reduction overnight or during heat emergencies could be explored.
- Graham Johnston addressed the meeting about a very special person who has been with the station since 2003 in the role of Treasurer, Christine Kent. Christine came to us at a time when our current Treasurer was leaving Port Pirie for work interstate and put in place a robust accounting system for GST reporting and reorganised the paperwork for the station so that the station auditor's work was made much easier. She has taken on audio

production work both in the station and at sporting outside broadcasts, and helped immensely in technical fault finding when the need arises. Graham presented Christine with Life Membership of the station on behalf of the board and the members.

- General discussion was held on:
  - next AGM should not be scheduled on Melbourne Cup Day
  - Proposed General Meeting date, settled on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November as being convenient to all to discuss Tom Rohde's proposals.
  - Christmas get together at the Travelway Motel on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm for a 7pm start subject to confirmation by the Motel.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Footnote: the Christmas gathering was later changed to the following evening (Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec) as the Motel could not accommodate all of us on the Tuesday due to prior bookings