

Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters Inc (Trax FM)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7pm

Present: Graham Johnston, Rhonda Johnston, Brenda Edwards, Tony Adriaanse, Rose Marschall, Christine Kent, Mark Piggott, John Rohde, Llew James, Vicky Walters, Ray Walters, Maxine Dienhoff and Brendan Butler.

Apologies: Peter and Delmar Allen, Dan Pearce, Greg Kerr and Maggie Johnston

Minutes: of the previous AGM were read and confirmed on a motion put by Rose Marschall and seconded by Christine Kent – carried.

Business Arising:

- Airconditioning at the Bluff is working well with the new control system minimising electricity consumption. Solar for the Bluff has not progressed.
- A local transmitter at the studio also has not progressed as although we have all of the equipment (except for and arial) licencing costs in our present financial situation considers it a luxury.

Reports:

1. Station Report was given by John Rohde (attached)
2. Finance Report was given by Christine Kent (attached)
3. Technical Report was given by Graham Johnston (attached)

Election of members of the Board:

- Graham Johnston (secretary) and Tony Adriaanse (board member) are retiring having served for two years and are eligible to be re-elected. Both members have nominated for another term.
- Brenda Vinal has nominated as a Board member.
- As there were less nominations than there were vacancies, the nominees were declared elected by the Chairman for a period of two years.

General Business:

- Graham Johnston informed the meeting that the Code of Practice for community radio is being reviewed and proposals to alter a number of sections to make them easier to understand, simpler and remove violations that are deemed one off offences and of a

minor nature, not deemed in the spirit of the codes. These are open for comment currently and it is suggested that all members should read them and if necessary make comments to the ACMA.

- Graham Johnston also broached the subject of complaints, explaining the form and procedure required at all community stations if a complaint is received. Presenters are required to fill in the first page with details if the complaint is received via the telephone and lodge it in the mail slot for follow up by station officers.
- Vicky Walters mentioned that she had received a complaint. Graham will discuss this with her.
- Rose Marschall was presented with Life Membership by Chairman John Rohde on behalf of the Board and members of Trax FM for exemplary service in many many areas during her time at Trax FM.
- General discussion was held on ways to raise membership numbers and improve the financial situation of the station.
- It was noted that PCRB had been notified in February that our licence would be renewed when it expired on 1st October 2022. We have now had our original licence and four renewals in our time as a permanent broadcaster.
- John Rohde suggested that we should have a planning meeting for all interested people to guide us into the future. COVID has had a severe impact on our finances which has worsened the downturn that we have experienced over the last four years.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Trax FM Chairperson's Report - 2022

It is my pleasure to provide this report as Chair of Trax FM. The environment in which our station has existed throughout 2022 has continued to be a difficult one. Covid 19 has continued to impact on our community, particularly early in the year but it is hoped that with restrictions being lifted there is a return to some form of normality.

Covid has complicated our operations and restricted our capacity to build. It has been difficult to source volunteers for important roles, our sponsors and business community took a hit over the course of the pandemic and it has just been hard to connect with each other like we use to. Hopefully as we head to 2023, we can restore those things that have made being part of Trax FM so enjoyable.

During this difficult time, I must thank Graham and Christine for everything they have done to keep the station operational and viable. Without their efforts we would be in a far worse position than currently.

We are a family at Trax FM and it has been with great sadness that we have lost important members of the team. Recently we had lost long term presenters Graham Bell and Jan Stockdale added to by the passing this year of Merv Davies who had been involved with programs like 'One O'clock Rock', 'Yee Haa it's Country', Elvis specials along with others. His contribution was very appreciated by his listeners and by members of Trax. He is missed.

Even with a difficult year, 2022 has seen some positive things happening at the Station. New programming has been added to our schedule with "Scoring up", a great program that takes a close look at Harness Racing in South Australia beginning. Various programs throughout the year including 'Live and Local', 'Smooth Saturdays' and 'Rock on Saturdays' have had their beginnings and are now regular features of our line-up. We continue to utilise other forms of reaching you with 'Night Tunes' with Dani being recorded and delivered to you away from our Studio.

A very successful fundraiser was held for the Station at the NCMA Hall in Port Pirie during May. Local Country Music artists provided an afternoon of entertainment that was enjoyed by a large audience. A considerable amount was made from the event and much thanks must go to Vicki, Ray, Jimmy, artists attending and all the Trax Team for making this event a wonderful success.

During the year a campaign to find a volunteer sales coordinator was undertaken. Funding from our sponsors is a very important component in the running of Trax and we have desperately needed someone to fulfill the role. We are pleased that Daniel Pearce will be involved in this work and look forward to seeing what can be achieved in 2023.

At this 2022 Trax AGM it is my great pleasure to award a long-time member and presenter at the Station, Life Membership. Rose Marschall who has been at the Station nearly since its inception has been presenting 'The German Music with Rose' for a considerable number of years and is always a happy, positive person around Trax. She has always had the best interests of Trax at heart and she is a worthy recipient of Life Membership – Congratulations.

As Chairman I am looking for a clear year ahead for the Station. It has been difficult over the last few years but know we can regain that connection with members and community alike. I look forward to see what we can achieve.

John Rohde - Chairperson

Technical Report AGM 2022

1. This coming year will have challenges for the technical operations at Trax FM.
2. Equipment is aging and with the lack of cash reserves a failure at any one of several critical points in our broadcast chain could see us off air for several weeks.
3. Alternative methods of keeping us on air are being explored which could shorten the period off time off air.
4. This last year has seen large saving of electricity at our transmitter site due to air conditioning control and lower transmit power over night.
5. Unfortunately the rising cost of electricity could negate any gains made in this area.
6. All is not doom and gloom as we have made some advances in outside broadcasting that have increased public awareness in what services we can provide.
7. This year we ceased SGL football broadcasting, and devoted our time to Savoy soccer matches, and installed a wireless network link between our studios and the Port Pirie Sports Precinct.
8. This has enabled us to provide a better quality service, and, for the last two matches of the season live stream video and audio on Facebook of the soccer matches together with broadcasting on radio. One match was viewed in the Royal Adelaide Hospital by a patient and his visitors from Port Pirie.
9. In conjunction with Howzat Sound Whyalla, I have started a 1 to 2 hour weekly programme of live music recordings of bands in various venues in Whyalla. This is not likely to be continuous programming as the source of material to broadcast is variable. What we have broadcast has received favourable comments and been listened to far and wide. One of the bands lead singers' family in Queensland have been able to hear her sing for the first time due to our internet stream. The bands themselves are excited at the exposure they are getting.
10. Two OBs that are coming up soon are Carols in The Park on 11th December 7pm to 9.15pm and possibly Australia Day at The Beach on Thursday 26th January.

Profit and Loss (Cash)

Report Period: 01/07/21 - 30/06/22

Files in this report:
Trax FM

A.B.N.: 62 763 780 505

Income	\$	\$
ATO - BAS refund	734.00	
Donation	934.92	
Event - Admission	1338.30	
Event - Raffle	550.00	
Grants	4500.00	
Insurance Claim	3570.00	
Membership	1418.18	
Membership - Friends of Trax FM	150.00	
Membership - Groups	100.00	
Sponsorship	7196.80	
Sponsorship - Other	36.36	
Total Income		<u>20528.57</u>
Expenses		
Advertising & Promotion	176.13	
Broadcast Equipment	4070.00	
Broadcast supplies	110.00	
Cleaning supplies/consumables	78.23	
Electricity - Bluff	3351.96	
Electricity - Studio	1475.19	
Insurance	2998.55	
Internet charges	1485.54	
License Fees	774.00	
License Fees - GST free	145.00	
Maintenance	21.77	
Postage	130.91	
Rent - Bluff	1000.00	
Square Fees	0.01	
Subscriptions	5940.35	
Total Expenses		<u>21757.63</u>
NET Profit (Loss)		<u>(1229.06)</u>

Please Note: This is a 'cash' Profit and Loss Statement and may require adjustment for items such as depreciation, or 'accrual' items such as accounts receivable or accounts payable depending on your tax or accounting requirements