

**GLOBAL SCHOOL PARTNERS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016**

Simon Carroll opened the meeting at 6.05pm and thanked the members for attending. He also thanked Julie Jobson and Angela Whitaker for enabling the hosting of the AGM at Canberra Girls Grammar School.

**Attendees**

Philippa Brearley, Kathy Laudenbach, Jack and Miguel from CGS, Angela Whitaker, Julie Jobson, Imogen McMahon, Nicole McMahon, Drewe Just, Alison Just, Chris Melican, Graeme Lendrum, Penny Vanzwol, Paul McGinness

**Apologies were received from:**

Glenda Wilkinson  
Helen White  
Lizzie Collier

**Minutes of 2015 AGM were presented**

Matters arising

Simon reviewed the previous minutes and noted that some events did not go ahead as planned, for example the trivia night. It was agreed this is still a good idea and may occur in the future.

On the matter of the Election of directors, Simon reported that the board decided at this stage we don't need a high profile chair, but rather to grow our profile first

With regards to the engagement of auditors it was reported that at this stage auditors are not required due to new ACNC ruling.

No further matters were raised from the previous year's minutes.

Proposed: Kathy Laudenbach

Seconded: Julie Jobson

**Financial report**

Simon presented and explained key areas of the financial report. He highlighted:

That administration fees include web hosting and bank fees.

No profit occurs as the money received equates to money spent, but as a snap shot at 30 June there are funds in the account, all of which are earmarked for projects or sponsorship.

Balance sheet was presented and accepted.

There was a discussion regarding the 2 well being officers and Simon explained their role in the schools in Kenya. The financial report was approved and accepted.

Proposed by: Phil Brearley

Seconded by: Graeme Lendrum

**Annual report**

Simon reviewed aspects of the annual report and relayed some stories about the previous trip.

Covered the wellbeing officers and the challenges they have faced.

Simon demonstrated the brochures that each school child is receiving to share with their parents and the flyer for the Annual Dinner and thanked Fuji Xerox for the printing.

Penny Vanzwol talked about the Walk for Hope that she ran at school Good Shepherd school and how successful that was with over 1000 parents and children taking part. Simon thanked Penny for her continued commitment and creativity in raising awareness and funds for GSP.

Simon highlighted the annual dinner and the preparation to make it an experiential event. Numbers are growing and all schools are encouraged to put a table together.

The Walk for Water fundraiser on the Kokoda track successfully raised \$8500.00. Simon reflected that we had reached new audiences through this initiative and encouraged members to look for other opportunities.

Sweat working was explained and volunteers were called for to either participate or to cook on 18th October.

Jann explained the Mirror book initiative and the Florey Family Literacy project. Graeme mentioned the St George's Anglican Sudanese community as a contact and suggested we could build community through sport as his school has played a basketball game with the Sudanese students in the past. Graeme asked about how the money gets to the schools in Kenya. Simon explained the process.

### **Election of directors**

Jann and Simon re-elected

Proposed that board be expanded to 6 and this was accepted. Philippa Brearley was elected as a board member unopposed.

### **New Business**

Simon proposed that GSP become a member of ACFID Australian Council for International Development. This was accepted by the members. The board will work towards membership and getting credentials as a registered provider. Benefits to us include Compliance Information on latest developments in the not for profit sector and networking opportunities. The Cost is \$1600.00. This will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

Simon thanked the members for their continued support of GSP and for attending the AGM.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm