



MINUTES

Global School Partners

Annual General Meeting 2020

13 August 2020

6.30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Attendees: Paul McGinness, Jann Carroll, Simon Carroll, Philippa Brearley, Karen Achurch, Jenny VD Meeberg, Josephine Maundu, Kathy Laudenbach

Proxies: Alison Just, Drewe Just

Apologies: Christine Melican, Julie Jobson, Glenda Wilkinson

Documents: Agenda, Annual Report 2020

6.33pm

Welcome

Paul, as Chair, welcomed all attendees and remarked that we had a very successful year, with many significant achievements under very trying and difficult circumstances. Thanked Simon and all board members for their work.

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Details of Proxy Forms

Drewe and Alison Just provided proxies in favour of the Chair

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Conflicts of Interest

None declared

4.

Annual report

Taken as read.

Update on the situation in Kenya:

Simon provided an update on the situation in Kenya. We have been inundated with requests for money for food, more so than most years.

Simon highlighted some of the projects we have been able to complete in the first half of the year. The latter half has been severely affected by COVID both in Kenya and Australia.

GSP needs \$1500.00 per school to get students back to school so they are able to open in January 2021. No projects will

proceed until we have certainty from the Ministry of Education in Kenya of exactly when schools will return.

Kathy L clarified that the schools in Australia need to raise \$1500.00 each for their partner school. Simon informed Kathy that this will be required by November to make sure we are in a position to meet the needs of the Education Department in Kenya. This will be used to provide the mandatory requirements for re-opening, including hand sanitizer, masks, hand washing stations, forehead thermometer, extra desks etc.

Programs are also being curtailed due to lack of funding: Young Women's program lost funding; text book roll out has halted.

Many Australian sponsors have dropped out due to their own personal circumstances, but the good news is we have managed to re-sponsor these children. Sponsored children and families are receiving money for direct food support rather than school fees and uniforms.

Australian schools that are still able to raise funds are being advised that funds will be held until we can send funds to support the schools when they re-open.

The fundraising activities over the last 12 months were summarized.

Philippa asked if Australian schools will be advised if their partnered school has been affected and whether they would like to continue. Simon responded that a newsletter is being prepared for each school. If Australian schools, who are partnered with a Kenyan school that will not re-open, would like to continue partnering we will allocate them a new school.

ACFID application update

GSP has been judged compliant by the ACFID Secretariat and our application will proceed through the ACFID committee process towards full membership of ACFID and as signatories to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

This will allow for an application to be made to DFAT for accreditation in the Australian NGO Cooperation Program. This process can take up to 18 months.

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Financial report

Presented and accepted.

Moved: Jann Carroll

Seconded: Jenny VD Meeberg

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Election of Directors

As per the GSP Constitution the following members were required to stand down having served three years on the Board: Philippa, Simon and Jann.

Re-election of members: Philippa, Simon and Jann all stood again and were re-elected for another term.

Paul welcomed the members back to the Board and thanked them for their continued serviced.

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Other business or matters arising

No other business

7.10pm

Close

Simon, as CEO, thanked the Board for all their efforts and their continued support.

Paul, as Chair, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.
