



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Queer Screen Ltd ACN: 059 963 110  
3pm, Saturday 11 November 2017  
Albion Place Hotel, 531 George Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

**Board Directors Present**

Booth, Brad	Harding, Vicki	Ryan, Kevin
Burns, Tony	Kavanagh, Cheryl	Whitaker, Shandy
Duggan, Joseph	O'Keefe, Finn	

**Members Present**

Cameron Bayley	Jen Severach	Ross Haywood
Cassandra Dearing	Jeremy Smith	Sharlene Wiebenga
David Libter	Noel Smith	Victoria Gutierrez
G Campolo-Arcidiaco	Paul Kennedy	
Rose, Lisa		

**Valid Proxies Received**

Evelyn Perusco granted to Vicki Harding	Stephen Bailey to Joseph Duggan
Kevin Rigby granted to Lisa Rose	Hayley Locket to Cassandra Dearing
Mary McMahon granted to Tony Burns	Tsachi Pilosof to David Libter
Cecily Black granted to Cameron Bayley	Rob Beetson Finn O'Keefe
Leah Pellkhof granted to Sharlene Wiebenga	Megan McLachlan granted to Kevin Ryan
Steve Brooker granted to Brad Booth	Elaine Czulkowski granted to Jeremy Smith
Charmaine Bingwa granted to Victoria Gutierrez	Tim Daly granted to Giovanni Campolo-Arcidiaco
Louise Nealon to Shandy Whitaker	Owen Evans granted to Noel Smith
Gene Johnson to Paul Kennedy	Graham McCorkell granted to Cheryl Kavanagh
Daniel Henzi to Ross Haywood	Robert McMaster to Jen Severach

**Meeting Chair**

Kevin Ryan, President of Queer Screen

**Secretary**

Sharlene Wiebenga

**Minutes**

Joseph Duggan

**Meeting**

**1: Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

The meeting Chair declared the meeting open at 3.05pm. The Chair acknowledged the traditional Owners of the Land on which the meeting was taking place and paid his respect to Aboriginal elders both past and present.

**2 & 3: Apologies, Proxies & Quorum**

The Secretary advised the meeting that apologies had been received from the following members.

Evelyn Perusco	Steve Brooker	Stephen Bailey	Elaine Czulkowski
Kevin Rigby	Charmaine Bingwa	Hayley Locket	Tim Daly
Mary McMahon	Louise Nealon	Tsachi Pilosof	Owen Evans
Cecily Black	Gene Johnson	Rob Beetson	Graham McCorkell
Leah Pellkhof	Daniel Henzi	Megan McLachlan	Robert McMaster
Tiphane Athans	Charmaine Bingwa		

The Secretary advised that seven valid proxies had been received for the meeting (as noted above). It was noted that there were 20 financial Members present at the meeting and 20 proxies providing a total of 40. It was noted that 10.1 of the Queer Screen Constitution required 30 Members to be present to constitute a quorum. A quorum was declared and the meeting proceeded.

#### **4: Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest raised by Members present.

#### **5: Welcome by Chair**

The Chair welcomed all to the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Queer Screen Ltd.

#### **6: President's Report**

The Chair Kevin Ryan, in his role as President of Queer Screen, presented the 2017 Directors' Report and spoke to some of the highlights of the report. This included a greater diversity of films reflecting the many groups which make up the Community and a considerable increase in overall attendance at both film festivals.

Kevin introduced and thanked each of the Directors present as well as Associates and volunteers. The contributions of Paul Struthers (Festival Director) and James Woolley (Festival Manager) & Paul Kennedy (Corporate & Community Partnerships Manager) were also acknowledged. Both Paul Struthers and James Woolley finished their tenure with Queer Screen in March 2017, both were thanked for their contributions.

#### **7: Treasurer's Report**

After acknowledging that profitability is not the core purpose of Queer Screen, the Treasurer Joseph Duggan stated that it is necessary that Queer Screen is properly capitalised and funded, and that there is sufficient cashflow to support its operations.

Joseph provided a detailed overview of the 2016/17 accounts which had been provided to Members via the Queer Screen website prior to the meeting and offered to take questions from Members. Despite the funding restraints of a not for profit, Queer Screen continued with solid financial results in FY2017. Revenue increased by 23% to \$936,970, which was driven by increase in ticket sales (9%), advertising and sponsorship (39%), membership fees (20%) and donations (32%).

It was explained to the meeting that as Queer Screen is a medium sized charity under the Australian Charities & Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) and a review audit was required. Joseph advised the meeting that Christopher Coote & Co. had been appointed as the audit reviewer for Queer Screen. Joseph highlighted the unqualified audit review provided by Christopher Coote & Co.

#### **8: Questions to Directors**

No questions were forthcoming from the floor.

#### **9: Tabling and acceptance of the Audited Accounts and Report of the Responsible Officers for 2016/17**

The Chair proposed the following resolution to the meeting: That the Members adopt the 2016/7 Financial Report for Queer Screen Ltd.

The resolution was put to a vote with:

- 40 voting in the affirmative
- Nil abstentions
- Nil votes against.

***The resolution that the Members adopt the 2016/17 Financial Report for Queer Screen Ltd was approved unanimously.***

#### **10: Acceptance of Annual Report**

The Chair proposed the following resolution to the meeting: That the Members adopt the 2016/7 Annual Report for Queer Screen Ltd.

The resolution was put to a vote with:

- 40 voting in the affirmative
- Nil abstentions
- Nil votes against.

***The resolution that the Members adopt the 2015/16 Annual Report for Queer Screen Ltd was approved unanimously.***

### **11: Election of Directors**

Paul Rankins was introduced to the meeting as Returning Officer for the election of directors.

Paul provided an overview of his role and assured the Members of his independence from Queer Screen and the election process. Paul declared all Board Director positions vacant.

Paul advised that 8 Director nominations had been received prior to the closure date of 3:00pm Thursday 9 November 2017. Paul announced the eight nominees as listed:

- Booth, Brad
- Burns, Tony
- Duggan, Joseph
- Harding, Vicki
- Kavanagh, Cheryl
- O'Keefe, Finn
- Pellinkof, Leah
- Whitaker, Sandra

Paul advised that he had satisfied himself that all 8 nominees and their proposers and seconders were financial Queer Screen Members by checking the Register of Members.

Paul advised that as the number of nominees did not exceed the number of available Board positions all nominees were elected unopposed.

Paul congratulated the new Board and returned the running of the meeting to the hands of the Chair. The Chair on behalf of the meeting congratulated the new Board of Queer Screen.

### **12: Other Business**

The Chair invited members to raise any other business. Nil questions or issues were raised from the floor.

Vice President Cheryl Kavanagh gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Board to Kevin, Tiphane and Charmaine who were retiring as Directors at this meeting. And also to Lisa Rose who stood down as Vice President during the year, and was appointed as Festival Director after a rigorous selection process in May 2017.

### **13: Meeting Close**

The Chair noting that there was no other business declared the meeting closed at 3:40pm.

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Confirmed as a true and accurate recording of the conduct of the meeting

President:

Date: