

Minutes of the General Meeting

**Held on Saturday, 5 June 2021 at 10.10am
at West Augusta Football Club, 13 Gardiner Avenue, Port Augusta West SA 5070**

MINUTES

1 Meeting open

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.10am.

2 Acknowledgement of country

The Chair acknowledged the first inhabitants of the lands on which we were meeting and paid respect to Elder's past, present and emerging.

3 Apologies

The following apologies were received: Nelson and Timothy Ramm, Janina Strzelecki, Chris Larkin, Ben Symes, Wayne ???, Shane Colby, Judith, Charmaine and Karen Smith.

4 Quorum

It was acknowledged that a quorum has been achieved in order for the meeting to proceed.

5 Minutes silence

One minutes silence was completed in recognition of the recent passings in our community.

6 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and the members were asked if there were any changes or questions. The members were given 5 minutes to consider these after which a vote in favour of acceptance of these minutes was passed.

7 Purpose of meeting

The Chair highlighted to the members that this special meeting was called by the KAC Board to call for Culture and Heritage Committee representatives. The Culture and Heritage Committee have important business to attend too and the KAC Board recognize that culture and heritage is an important part of our decision-making.

In terms of the process, everyone will be asked to break into their family groups, to vote.

The Chair invited questions from the members with the following matters discussed.

Whilst the reps nomination should be conducted at an AGM it has to be conducted at this meeting as there is a lot of business to be attended to which the Culture and Heritage Committee need to advise the Board on.

The process to be conducted at this meeting will remain in place until the AGM in November 2021 when there will be a re-election.

In regards to the last AGM where Selwyn said that there are other options that can be done for the voting is that still valid. The Chair advised that the majority of the family have to agree with the decision.

The process is not something that the Board want to rush. We have time to wait for family members to arrive however by around 11.30am we want to be able have the names for the Culture and Heritage Committee so that we can work to get answers to some of our problems.

It is up to families to make the decision on how they are going to vote before they get here which is set out in the Rule Book.

The 2020 Culture and Heritage Committee is in place but from the moment this meeting started they were stood down and this meeting will decide who those representatives are.

The Chair spoke and confirmed that if a family is in dispute and they decide to go to mediation then the 2020 family rep will remain in place until their rep is confirmed as we need a functioning Culture and Heritage Committee.

In terms of the family groups there are 15 of these. KAC hadn't prepared a list of who is under each family group for this meeting but when everyone breaks up it would be good to have a conversation about who would be the representative.

The Culture and Heritage Committee were stood down at this meeting but a question was raised about the person who was representing from the previous year and the response was that person carries through. The Chair clarified that the 2020 Culture and Heritage Committee members will remain in place until the newly elected representatives are confirmed.

It is important that we have elders on the Culture and Heritage Committee as the processes are currently stalled because the Board don't have the authority to make decisions without the right representatives on the Culture and Heritage Committee.

It was suggested that KAC could make available at the next AGM a list of the families for the information of the members.

It was suggested that having the nominated family reps name put forward to the Chair and then for the families who need to have more time that this be given as this is not an easy process.

The Chair invited everyone to break into their 15 family representative groups at 10.45am with the meeting to reconvene at 11.30am

The meeting reconvened at 11.51am.

8 Announcement of 2021 Culture and Heritage Committee

The Chair acknowledged that she had spoken with members about having two representatives on the Culture and Heritage Committee which has been taken on Board and to address this what the Board have come up with a rep will be on the standing committee and a special resolution will be put forward for the AGM which will have an amendment to the Rule Book. The Chair cannot present a resolution at this meeting as this needs to be considered and worded exactly

as it needs to be for the Rule Book amendment. This Special Resolution will be presented to the Board before the AGM for consideration and approval.

The other representative nominated by the family will be minuted at this meeting so that this person is acknowledged.

There are valid points to having a proxy who can participate in the Culture and Heritage Committee meetings.

There have been no reps received from the Fatt or Starkey Family. The Chair asked those families to speak with her. Those families will have their previous rep carry on until confirmed.

Allen family – Elton Brady as the rep and Lynette Allen
Baker family – Melissa Horace and Kathleen Chamberlain
Dare family – Karen Joslyn
Davis Family – Garth Dodd and no other rep
Dingaman family – Barbara Amos and Isabelle Taylor
Fatt family – no rep(s) received
Kite family – Elaine Kite and no other rep
Larkin family – Chris Larkin and Joanne Kihan for the other rep
Reid family – Aaron Reed (via secret ballot) and Max Reid
Smith family – Kenny Smith with Anna Strezelecki as the rep
Starkey – no rep(s) received
Strangways family – Paul Strangways as the rep and Angela Strangways
Thomas family – Judith Welgreven as the rep and Dianne Welgreven
Turner family – Mary Turner and Valerie Gibson with ? as the rep
Wingfield family – Glen Wingfield and Janice Wingfield as the rep

This concluded the General Meeting but to clarify the process of having two representatives. The members who were nominated as the family rep will be the Culture and Heritage Committee reps until the AGM is held in November 2021 to amend the Rule Book after which the other reps can come onto the Culture and Heritage Committee.

The Board will be in touch with the Culture and Heritage Committee to arrange a joint meeting to discuss how to move forward.

9 Other Business

The members noted that community consultations are coming up in the next 3 months with the Board and staff coming out to community to discuss Kokatha business and to listen to community and hear what our Elders and youth have to say and to provide everyone with the opportunity to speak and be heard.

A community matters has been included as a standing agenda item for the KAC Board meetings which allows for anyone who has anything which they want raised with the Board to contact the office or the Chair. Assistance can be provided to prepare a Board paper to have concerns raised at a Board level.

The Chair informed members that the cards which have been handed out prior to the meeting can be used to purchase fuel at Woolworths petrol stations or food at Woolworths supermarkets. It was acknowledged that this is not ideal but this has been done as we don't have mining companies presenting and mining companies usually pay the costs.

The Chair confirmed how the second rep for the Culture and Heritage Committee was identified. The Chair spoke to the families to confirm the first family rep and asked then who the second person would be if that family wanted a second person noting that there are a number of people who have not chosen the second person. It was acknowledged that it is important for families to consider having a gender balance.

Members were encouraged to let the Board know of any community matters, which they feel aren't working well, so that things can be addressed.

A member commented that the representatives often don't go back to their family to discuss what has been discussed at the Culture and Heritage Committee meetings. This is the responsibility of the rep which you take on when you sign up for the Culture and Heritage Committee.

The Chair emphasized that the Board are here for the community and that everyone is prioritized and that everyone is informed and consulted with in making decisions.

The Chair asked for the Phatt and Starkey family to let her know who their representatives are if they are here at the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.08pm.