



IBM Quarter Century Club
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Vice President: Jenny Anderson
Secretary: Judy Horman
Treasurer: Tom O'Dea

IBM QCC Victorian Chapter 2018 Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 22 July 2018

Venue: Old Banyule Shire Offices – 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg

Time: 14:00

Present: See attachment 1 which shows a quorum of 22 members plus 5 partners attended.

Apologies: See attachment 2.

1. **Welcome:** The President, Ed Greenaway opened the meeting at 14:20 after allowing for late comers who had difficulty finding the venue.
2. **Apologies:** Noted
3. **President's Report:** Ed explained this is the start of the separation from the IBM Company. This separation may not happen now, but all the indications are that it will happen in the foreseeable future. For instance, he noted that the IBM company no longer seems willing to fund an Annual IBM QCC dinner. As part of this change, the Club needs to consider Privacy issues such as the data held on members. So far this year the Committee has held two extraordinary meetings to discuss the issues.

Ed then recognised the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri people. He thanked the rest of the Committee for their wonderful work, especially this year. He then thanked those members who had responded to the survey.

Ed requested a minute's silence as a mark of respect for those members who have passed away.

He thanked Barrie Opperman and Graham Wade who have been acting as Welfare Officers, calling on members such as Graham Bell and Pat Weir, both of whom have had strokes.

He explained that the meeting would not be voting on Welfare Officers but will vote on a Vice President if the Committee's recommendation that the Club become an Incorporated Association was accepted.

Hence this AGM is very different from previous AGMs with the decisions that need to be made.

Ed thanked Tom O'Dea for his diligence and expertise and for setting up the IBM QCC Vic Website. The meeting applauded.

Ed thanked Judy and Jenny for all their (mainly) behind the scenes work.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom O'Dea reported that the Committee decided to change the Club's reporting period from April to March to July to June in line with most other organisations. Hence this Treasurer's report covers fifteen months. The Club ended the year with \$4,112.38 in Nett Assets, an increase of \$618.32 over the previous period. Costs incurred in establishing the Web site were Domain name registration \$14.90 for one year and



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\$304.20 for web hosting services for two years. The raffle at the dinner in 2017 resulted in a boost to the assets of \$1,765.90 against the cost of prizes of \$279.86.

Tom explained that the trigger for setting up the Website was that some members had expressed a concern about privacy, a need to be able to keep member's details up to date by providing a self-service function for them and to provide a blogging facility. Tom called for volunteers to conduct usability testing of the website and Tony Austin, Mike Ward, Justine Middleton and Peter Chomley volunteered.

The President moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Peter Chomley seconded and it was accepted unanimously.

5. **QCC Legal Structure:** Tom then led the discussion regarding options for the QCC Legal structure.

5.1. He explained that the survey had indicated overwhelming support to become an Incorporated Association. Of the 37 responses to the Survey, 34 responses (92%) were in favour; 2 responses were in favour of continuing as an Unincorporated Association; 1 response was in favour of becoming a Co-Operative; and no responses were in favour of becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee.

After discussion about whether the Club should consider a broader definition of who could be a member to allow for the anticipated steep decline in membership, the members decided to defer any decision on this.

Tom moved that the Club become an Incorporated Association, Ed Greenaway seconded and it was passed unanimously.

5.2. Tom then read out the proposed Statement of Purpose and after some discussion he moved the following amended Statement of Purpose be adopted: "The purposes of the association are—to foster communication, companionship, and friendship among the community of current and former employees of the IBM Corporation or its subsidiaries who have been employed by those entities for a total of 25 years or more as well as surviving partners."

Peter Chomley seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

5.3. Tom moved that the Club be called: IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Incorporated. Tony Austin seconded this motion. Some members instead wanted the Club's name to become: IBM QCC of Victoria Incorporated. Of the 22 members present the vote was 11 in favour of the longer name, 8 for the shorter version and 3 members abstained. Hence the Club will be called: IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Incorporated.

5.4. Tom then discussed the option of adopting Model Rules or Own Rules. He explained that if the Club adopted the Model Rules it could only specify:

1. The association's name.
2. Its purposes.
3. Its financial year.

The cost of registering Own rules is \$206.20 while for Model Rules it is \$35.60.



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He summarised, saying using the Model Rules will save us time and money. If we create our Own Rules and there is a conflict with the Model Rules, the Model Rules will apply anyway. He moved:

That the Model Rules published by Consumer Affairs Victoria be adopted for the Constitution with:

The name of the association as previously agreed.

The Statement of Purpose for the association as previously agreed.

The financial year for the association to be the year ending 30 June.

Seconded Noel Fidock and carried unanimously.

5.5. Finally, to comply with the Act, Tom moved that Judy Horman be authorised to lodge the application with Consumer Affairs Victoria for the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria to become an Incorporated Association.

Seconded Terry Disher and carried unanimously.

6. Election of office Bearers:

Tom O'Dea nominated Ed Greenaway for President, seconded Mike Ward, carried unanimously.

Celia Wilson nominated Jenny Anderson for Vice President, seconded Peter Chomley, carried unanimously.

Ruth O'Dea nominated Judy Horman for Secretary, seconded Peter Chomley, carried unanimously.

Tom O'Dea nominated himself for Treasurer, seconded Ed Greenaway, carried unanimously.

7. Other Business:

Terry Disher asked how did the Committee plan to finance the running of the Club. Tom explained that the fixed costs are about \$250.00 per annum.

Peter Chomley suggested using the Blog to discuss financing options.

Geoff Newnham expressed the wish that the Committee would be willing and able to fund people who would like to attend Club meetings but, because of their financial position, are not able to.

Peter Chomley suggested inviting donations, having a gold coin donation on attendance.

Jenny Anderson proposed that the Committee prepare a proposal and members provide feedback. Tony Austin suggested taking advantage of Skype to communicate.

Terry Disher expressed his thanks of the Committee. The meeting applauded.

The meeting closed at 15:50 and was followed by light refreshments.