

**Tasmanian Renewable Energy Alliance Inc.**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**1 December 2020**

held at 221 Main Rd Derwent Park

Meeting commenced at 5:10pm.

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 13 November 2019**

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13 November 2019 as tabled be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved Anthony Holbrook, seconded Tony Polowy, passed.

**Financial Report for the year to 30 June 2020**

Motion: that the tabled financial report for the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Alliance Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2020 be accepted.

Moved Anthony Holbrook, seconded Tony Polowy, passed.

**Appoint auditor and determine remuneration**

Because TREA's annual revenue is less than \$250,000 we are not required to have our financial statements prepared by an accountant and audited, provided the financial report is accepted by the AGM.

However our Rules still require us to appoint an auditor, although their services will not be required for the financial year just ended.

Motions:

That David Palmer of BDO Audit (Tas) be re-appointed as auditor of the Association.

That the auditor's remuneration not exceed \$400 pa.

Moved Rick Gittus, seconded Moreeta Pennicott. Passed.

**Motion for a change to the Rules of the Association**

Motion: That Rule 13 of the Association which currently states:

**13. Notices of general meetings**

At least 14 days before the day on which a general meeting of the Association is to be held, the public officer of the Association is to publish in at least one newspaper circulating in Tasmania an advertisement specifying –

- (a) the place, day and time at which the meeting is to be held; and
- (b) the nature of the business that is to be transacted at the meeting.

be replaced with

## **13. Notices of general meetings**

At least 14 days before the day on which a general meeting of the Association is to be held, the public officer of the Association is to circulate to all members of the Association by electronic mail a notice specifying –

- (a) the place, day and time at which the meeting is to be held; and
- (b) the nature of the business that is to be transacted at the meeting.

In addition the public officer is to place a notice of the meeting on the Association's website and in any social media site maintained by the Association.

Moved Rick Gittus, seconded Moreeta Pennicott. Passed.

### **Election of Committee**

The committee consists of up to nine members, the five office holders and four ordinary members.

No nominations were received prior to the meeting.

The following were nominated at the meeting:

- Rick Gittus, Affordable Solar Tasmania
- Anthony Holbrook, Rexel Electrical Supplies
- Tony Polowy, Polcom
- Tye Clarke, Harvest Energy
- Moreeta Pennicott, Tasmanian Energy Company

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions on the committee, no ballot was held and the above members were declared elected to the committee.

### **Election of officers**

The officers of the Association were elected as follows:

- President: Anthony Holbrook. Nominated Rick, seconded Tony
- Treasurer: Rick Gittus. Nominated Anthony, seconded Tony
- Secretary: Tony Polowy. Nominated Anthony, seconded Rick
- Senior Vice President: vacant
- Junior Vice President: vacant

Moreeta Pennicott and Tye Clarke will be ordinary committee members

Under rule 23(1) the committee consists of the five Officers and four ordinary committee members. This leaves four vacancies on the committee. Under rule 23(3) the committee may fill casual vacancies by appointing a member of the Association to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

### **Executive Officer's report**

Jack Gilding gave a verbal report on activities for the last financial year.

No training events were held during the year. This was a result of Covid-19 travel restrictions making it difficult for mainland presenters to visit Tasmania. Also Jack normally attends the All Energy conference in Melbourne which is an opportunity to make contact with organisation promoting new products. A face-to-face All Energy Conference was not held this year.

A significant amount of time has been spent attending TasNetworks meetings and responding to TasNetworks projects including Marinus and the redevelopment of the connections portal. This is in recognition of the TasNetworks sponsorship that TREA receives.

Time was spent collecting information on people wishing to do the formal training required for CEC endorsements for Grid Connect PV Design and Install as well as Grid Connect Battery Design and Install. Results of arrangements with a private training provider to deliver have not been very successful.

### **General business**

Jack mentioned the possibility of applying for a grant from the Energising Tasmania fund to construct a mobile training facility that could be moved around the state and used for both grid connect PV and battery training by any provider. Agreed that there was a problem that the technology would date rapidly and the training facility might not be used much. Jack to investigate the alternative idea of applying for grant to put battery and PV on a community facility that could be used for training and would benefit the facility at other times.

General discussion on developing a code of conduct and using it to promote TREA members to the public. Jack outlined the current state of play with the ACCC's New Energy Tech Consumer Code (NETCC). After some revisions covering offers of finance for solar installations, the Code has been approved. However it will not commence operation until an Administrator of the Code has been appointed. This is expected to happen around April or May 2021. It is expected that the NETCC will then replace the Clean Energy Council's Approved Solar Retailer scheme. Jack to continue investigating.

### **Close**

The Meeting closed at 5:50pm.