

## MINUTES OF KESC AGM HELD 30/1/2023 at 19.00

### (VIA ZOOM)

**Present:** Larry Rosenfeld (presiding), Joy Kahan, Noreen Firestone, Gillian Cohn, Elisheva Yuval, Sylvia Walters, Pamela Sax, Jennifer Zitomer, Ron Sommer, Irving Luchans, Barbara Luchans, Lydia Pequignot, Pat Hanadari, Josh Turner, Harry Siegel, Debbie Rosenfeld, Mike Cronin, Natalie Wood, Marc Milzman, Carolyn Milzman, Albert Schapiro, Shirah Eliashiv, Rick Hanadari, Gilah Stein, Leone Koller, Marion Juster and Brian Fink.

- 1) Chairman's brief welcome:** Larry thanked all those who had taken the trouble to attend.

He said that three years ago he had been asked to become chairman but wondered whether he wanted the responsibility but was told "*we need you*". Now, he is pleased that he took on the position and said that he had worked with an incredible group of people during a difficult period and to whom he offered thanks. He also thanked those members of the Management and Control Committees who were retiring from those positions, Marion Juster, John Dunbar and Susan Zinkin. Larry intends to remain on the Management Committee for another year.

He was particularly proud that the club had responded quickly to the Ukrainian war relief appeal by making an immediate donation and then holding a fund-raising concert at Karmiel Conservatory for the arriving refugees in Karmiel.

He reported that two major fundraising events were planned for 2023, a Conservatory concert in February in aid of the Karmiel Distress Fund and a magic show in May at the Iriyah for the Conservatory, which had been so helpful to us.

The club had again received a Certificate of Good Management from the government for submitting timely reports. Larry stressed the need to keep recruiting new members.

- 2) **Apologies:** None had been received.
  
- 3) **Reading of minutes of 2022 AGM held on 30/1/2022:** These were read out by the secretary. However, for the sake of brevity, the reading of the report of the former chairman of the now defunct membership sub-committee was omitted.
  
- 4) **Matters arising from these minutes:** Sylvia asked about procedures for deceased members as this issue had recently arisen (i.e. wreathes and/or donations in the name of the deceased). She was informed that this topic was on the agenda for the initial meeting of the new management committee. She queried whether all members may vote on this matter or just the management committee. She was informed that this had not yet been decided.
  
- 5) **Reading of Chairman's annual report:** This was pre-sent to all members but read out by Larry in accordance with the agenda.
  
- 6) **Matters arising:** Pat declared that Larry had done an outstanding job as chairman, which sentiment was echoed by other attendees. He responded by saying that it had been a lot of fun.
  
- 7) **Reading of the Treasurer's annual report:** Again, this had been pre-sent but Albert elaborated and answered questions. He was pleased that our surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounted to NIS 5,392 and our bank balance at the year's end stood at NIS 17,258 with no outstanding debts other than regular expenses. In response to a query, Albert explained that expenses are only recorded after they have been actually paid.
  
- 8) **Matters arising from this report:** Albert was thanked for his efforts. The budget for 2023 was presented and discussed. However, it was pointed out that the cost of the newly-ordered Wi-Fi system had not been included.

Also Marc queried the apparent large rise in predicted electricity costs. In the light of these comments, this budget was withdrawn and a fresh one will be sent out taking into account these points.

Larry said that the club no longer needed to pay the nominal peppercorn rent of NIS 100 p.a. Gilah asked about the membership brochure costs. Albert responded by saying that this and the receipt books cost were itemised under 'marketing expenses' within the annual report.

- 9) **Reading of Membership Officer's report:** Brian read this out although it had been pre-sent to members.
- 10) **Matters arising from this report:** Brian informed members that the membership sub-committee had now disbanded and that in future he would follow up all leads on potential members in his capacity as secretary. (This position will now incorporate the role of membership officer). Sylvia mentioned that she had recently spoken to two people who are interested in membership and will forward their contact details to the secretary.
- 11) **Election of Management Committee members:** The following nominees were all elected unanimously; Larry Rosenfeld, Irving Luchans, Albert Schapiro, Gilah Stein, Elisheva Yuval, Joy Kahan, Gillian Cohn and Brian Fink.
- 12) **Election of Control Committee members:** The following nominees were all elected unanimously; Noreen Firestone, Joshua Silove and Ron Sommer.
- 13) **Any Other Pre-Notified Business:** Nothing had been received.

**The meeting ended at 20.03**

