

# **THE 14<sup>th</sup> BRAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday November 4, 2016, 6.30pm**

VENUE: THE BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

## PRESENT

Maggie Hickey, Janita Byrne, Kylie Dominick, Sue Lyons, William Verdon, Pauline Webber, Chris Dimmer, Bente Jenson, Raymond Leggott, Julie Baker, Bill Waterhouse, Antony Davies, Natalie Densley, Gill Burke, Bruce Keeley, Gail Nichols, Judit Kovacs, Rob Woolley

APOLOGIES Anni Chilton; Brenda Croft; Cheryl Hannah

## MINUTES OF THE AGM 2015

Motion to accept by Maggie Hickey, seconded by Gill Burke. Motion carried unanimously.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

Bill reported that the youth concert band at Central School, which he talked about at last year's AGM, is now coming together and all the instruments obtained will be in use soon.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2016

Presented by Bill Waterhouse, copy attached. In addition, Bill noted that BRAG members were prominent in many of Braidwood's community events, such as the recent Arts Trail/Open Day, the Open Gardens Day and the upcoming Quilt Festival and that BRAG is increasingly becoming a vital force in the town's artistic and community life. He also thanked Kylie and the bar staff for their work, noting that BRAG-run bars at events outside the arts centre have generated funds and goodwill for the organization.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2016

Presented by Janita Byrne on behalf of Debra Herman, copy attached. She reported that BRAG has a healthy bank balance, particularly attributable to high sales at the very successful annual members show and Jack Featherstone's exhibition. Special thanks were made to Maggie, Janita, Bill and Judit for their work across the year.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE REPORTS

Kylie extended thanks to all those unnamed members who have given their help often and enthusiastically over the year. Gill Burke moved a motion of thanks and congratulations to the 2015 committee for its outstanding work, especially the efforts of the Treasurer in ensuring such an excellent state of finances. And to the executive committee for its "sterling work", which leaves

her “lost in wonder, love and praise”. Motion seconded by Maggie, carried unanimously. Maggie wished to formally thank Bill for his support, particularly when she and Janita were running the centre but were not committee members. She said Bill quickly showed he had complete faith in their abilities, which in turn gave them the confidence to experiment with new ideas.

### ELECTIONS

Returning Officer Antony Davies took the chair. All positions were declared vacant. Nominations:

President - Maggie Hickey  
Vice President – Sue Lyons  
Treasurer - Debra Herman  
Secretary – Anni Chilton  
Committee - Kylie Dominick; Christine Dimmer;  
Janita Byrne

There being seven nominations for seven positions, all nominees were declared elected to acclaim from the floor.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Bill opened the meeting to questions/comments from the floor. He began by saying he would like to see another wood/metal themed show at BRAG. Julie expressed her pleasure at the range and diversity of the exhibitions at BRAG, saying she found them exciting and interesting. Bill agreed, making mention particularly of the innovative Mask/unMask show, which drew many new people to BRAG, including a number of 13 to 20-year-olds. Pauline noted that the 2017 Braidwood Prize show will be specifically for young entrants. Maggie noted that BRAG was successful in its recent grant application for funds for capital works and that 2017 will see a number of structural alterations and repairs to the building. These include removal of tiles containing asbestos, a new ramp and access point at the rear of the building and new decking and other repairs at the front. BRAG will finance repainting and replacing the floor tiles in the back room. With the new rear door access, BRAG will then have two distinct spaces with separate entrances, enabling simultaneous usage. Maggie said the committee will timetable the work carefully to avoid too much disruption in the year ahead but that members interested in using the centre during the year should bear this in mind. Judit noted that Gill has undertaken to write a history of BRAG, which will be published on the website.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.20pm.