



CMT AUSTRALIA
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association Australia Inc.

**Minutes of the
30th Annual General Meeting**
ANZAC Research Institute, Concord Hospital, Concord NSW
1.00pm Saturday, October 19th, 2019
By attendance and teleconference

Apologies: Joy Gath, Kylie McIntyre and Sandra Stephens

Present: Tony Adams, Peter Critchley, Jillian Critchley and Anycie Berkmann

Present by teleconference: Gabrielle Evans, Lisa Moore, Robert Twin, Marilyn Kremmer and Chris Meaney.

Meeting opened: 1.18pm

The Meeting was chaired by: Peter Critchley, Public Officer of CMT Australia.

Peter welcomed all present and those participating by teleconference.

CONFIRMATION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

No matters arose from these Minutes and Marilyn moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that Meeting and Lisa seconded this.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS: These were distributed to all present and previously to all CMT Australia members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tony requested that all AGM Reports be made available on our website and went on to thank the Committee who all in their own way contributed to the work of the Association.

Along with many other matters, Tony pointed out the importance of the Aussie Kids Program run by Peter and Jillian, Lisa's work on the re-designing of our Website and her professional approach, Chris and Marilyn's contributions, the importance of the roles of treasurer and secretary, our fund raising for research, our successful Melbourne Seminar in October and the need to rectify the misinformation in some sections of social media eg. Facebook.

Tony advised that in his role as President, he would announce his intentions mid-year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Anycie advised that our office assistant, Mr. Chris Brown may be leaving the association the end of this year as he will be seeking full time employment after completing his university studies. A replacement will be needed.

She pointed out that the Coffee and Chat meetings have a mixed result with low numbers attending in some areas and would like to encourage members to take on the role of Contact Supports in their area.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Robert outlined the main points in his Report. The Association finished the year with an equity of \$39,010 and including the funds to grant for research, a nominal profit for the year of \$15,513, the best for many years.

Donations received in this financial year will be allocated to Professor Marina Kennerson’s research Project.

Regarding the Aussie Kids Fund, it was good that Jillian and Peter were able to raise their own funds and not put a financial burden on the Association. Through these funds, interstate children can be sponsored to attend the annual camp in NSW.

Robert mentioned that Lynda Soxsmith who assisted him in the conversion from desktop MYOB to the online version and resolving equipment depreciation schedule and financial report for 2019 waived her fee.

Robert moved that the Financial Report be accepted and Marilyn seconded this.

Peter Critchley, Chairperson and Public Officer declared all committee positions vacant. He congratulated the outgoing committee for keeping the Association growing and thanked them for supporting the Aussie Kids Program. Peter felt that the Association needs to remain relevant and challenge the misinformation and negativity on various social media platforms and working on how to address this.

Election of Executive Committee:

Nominations received:

- President: Tony Adams
- Vice President: Christopher Meaney
- Treasurer: Robert Twin
- Secretary: Anycie Berkmann

Committee positions:

Jillian Critchley, Marilyn Kremmer and Lisa Moore.
All accepted their nomination and were duly elected.

Peter congratulated all the incoming committee members and said he appreciated their efforts in helping the Association and the broader community.

Appointment of an Auditor: Robert proposed that our present Auditor, Mr. John Beard continue as our Auditor and Anycie seconded this. All present agreed to his continued appointment.

Peter declared the Meeting closed at 1.45pm.

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Signed as a True and Accurate Report.
Peter Critchley,
Chairperson and
Public Officer,
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Date