

**Riverina Marriage Celebrants Association Inc.:**

**Minutes of the General Meeting held in Board Room RSL Club Wagga  
Wagga on Sunday 15th May 2016 at 1pm:**

**Present:** Beverley Shaw, Ros Addison, John Beattie, Tessa Bremner-Macdonald, Barry Blundell, Donna McPherson, Margaret Robinson, Len Masson, Bev Griffiths and Lorraine Hoffmann.

**Apologies:** were received from Marion Way, Scott Chambers, Claire McKinnon, Audrey Lean, Diane Whitton, Judy Van der Vegt and Diane Whitton, moved by Bev Shaw and seconded by Bev Griffiths.

**Minutes:** of the February meeting were accepted by John Beattie and seconded by Ros Addison.

**Business arising:**

1: RMCA web site. Barry gave a report on the options for altering the site to make it mobile friendly which resulted in much discussion. Some members stated that they had difficulty finding some things on the web site.

The web site is quite old and not too user friendly. Most people looking for our web site are younger and likely to be using an iphone or an ipad and our current site does not translate well for these devices. There were two options to consider:

A: the first would cost \$450 and make some alterations to make it easier to navigate for mobile devices, but will not greatly improve the site so is more a first step to take.

B: the second option would be a site redesign which would make the site more user friendly and an opportunity to add some other features and would cost around \$1250.

John moved and Len seconded that the second option (B) be the preferred option. The meeting was in agreement and motion carried to have the RMCA website upgraded.

Barry gave everyone a handout with instructions on how a couple could load a review of a celebrant onto our site.

2: A reminder for anyone without insurance that it is available through our association and through CoCA (Contact Marion before end of June if interested).

### **Correspondence:**

1: Email from erigistry support NSW Govt with updates including new prices being charged by BDM on 29<sup>th</sup> April but not everyone received it. (If you need a copy please contact Lorraine Hoffmann).

2: A survey through CoCA. **IT is important that all celebrants do this survey because the government will look at the results.**

### **Financial Report:**

As attached, moved by Ros Addison and seconded by Barry Blundell.

### **President's Report:**

As attached, moved by Lorraine Hoffmann, and seconded by Bev Shaw. Members are reminded to check the A.G. web site regularly, because it changes without notice.

### **General Business:**

**1:** Unfortunately the CoCA report has not arrived, but when it does Marion will send a copy around by email and it will also be loaded onto the web site.

**2:** A reminder to members about OPDs. ACT are running one in Wagga on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August which will include a presentation from BDM. Ros Addison will contact them to see if there is any chance for our association to meet with them before or after the OPD.

**3:** There was a request for a letter to be sent to training associations and ask for a discount for our members doing OPDs.

**4:** Tessa Bremner-Macdonald did a very entertaining session on reading poetry.

**5:** There was also a suggestion that members who are JPs attend the local branch meeting of Riverina JPs this Wednesday at RSL Club at 7pm where there will be some special guest trainers.

**6:** Dates for meetings in 2016:

**21<sup>st</sup> August: 20<sup>th</sup> November( Christmas meeting):**

**7:** Lorraine brought to the notice of the meeting a pamphlet from the AG's web site about Completing item 15 on NOIM with a question about which children to include and most members present were wrong, so please check the website because there are regular changes.

**11:** The meeting closed at 2.55pm.