



Meeting Minutes

Title:	BOS Australia AGM		
Date:	11 December 2008		
Time:	7pm		
Location:	SoulBar, St Kilda Seabaths, Jacka Blvde, St Kilda, Melbourne		
Chairman	Sue Floyed		
Attendees:	Amanda McLellan	Anne Miehs	Louise Grossfeldt
	Jess McKelson	Ruth Comey	Emily Rumble
	Jan Hindmarsh	Cheryl Looker	Sue Floyed
	Rebecca King	Debbie Carruthers	Ken Murray
Apologies:	Fleur Butcher		
Minute taker	Rebecca King		

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	<p>The meeting was declared open at 7:25pm.</p> <p>Sue thanked the NSW members for coming down to Melbourne for the meeting.</p>
1.	<p>Confirmation of BOS Australia AGM 2007 minutes. A copy of the 2007 AGM minutes was made available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan Hindmarsh raised the point that the intention to move from members to supporters, which had been discussed in the President's report delivered last year, had not been implemented. It was noted that the reason for this was that to retain DGR status, BOS Australia must continue to have a base of at least 50 financial members. The Committee therefore elected to retain the current structure in a later meeting. BOS Australia will continue to try and attract monthly or regular supporters/donors through its marketing to ensure a steady and dependable income flow. This will be in addition to maintaining a membership base. A motion was put to approve the 2007 AGM minutes. Moved by Ruth Comey, seconded by Jan Hindmarsh
2.	<p>President's report Sue Floyed reported on highlights of the 2008 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She thanked the NSW members who had been instrumental in the 2007 fundraising efforts It was noted that BOS attended a number of awareness events during the year in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane. Impact was varied but creating awareness is seen as an important part of the BOS Australia mandate Orang-U-Friends suffered some disruption with the departure of both Belinda and Nidyha during the year. The program is still running and it is hoped that we will be able to roll it out in all states over time It is hoped that we will be able to start a Queensland branch in the coming year having made good contacts at Greenfest Work had gone on behind the scenes on palm oil lobbying with correspondence with both federal and various state governments as well as the foods standards authority. A list was available on the website of alternative products without palm oil which consumers can buy The new website was delivering a steady flow of traffic with visits having increased from about 1800 a week on average to over 2600 a week in the last couple of months. Cards for a cause have been launched and will be an ongoing product It was noted that Fleur Butcher resigned from the committee in March 2008; Belinda Morris in July 2008 and Andrea Jobson in October 2008.

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3.	<p>Treasurer's report Copies of the BOS Australia 2008 accounts were presented. Cheryl Looker noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOS Australia raised \$252,858 in 2008, an increase of \$86,139 on the previous year. This was derived from a number of sources including NSW fundraising efforts, awareness events and merchandise sales. • Expenses were higher reflecting the cost of brochures and flyer printing, website development and stock purchases • \$95,205 was sent to BOS Foundation to assist in various projects and in skills transfer programs • BOS Australia is GST registered as of 1 July 2008 • Website sales are building with over \$1000 recorded in one week recently <p>Jan Hindmarsh queried the dollars currently invested in stock. Cheryl indicated that as of 30 June 2008, inventory valuation was \$5099.</p> <p>A motion was put that the auditor's financial report be passed and that the auditor's fee be paid. Moved: Louise Grossfeldt. Seconded: Ruth Comey</p> <p>Jan Hindmarsh queried the cost of the website. Cheryl confirmed that the \$17,279 expenditure noted in the accounts was largely website costs. Sue Floyed reported that the money put aside in the previous year had been spent in developing the site but there were also ongoing development costs. It was expected that the ongoing costs would reduce in the current year.</p>
4.	<p>Election of the BOS Australia Committee It was noted that current office-bearers would retain their positions, no other nominations having been received. The office bearers for 2009 will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Floyed - President • Jan Hindmarsh - Vice President • Cheryl Looker - Treasurer • Rebecca King - Secretary <p>Ken Murray counted the votes received for nominees for the 2009 committee. The meeting was advised that the following people had been successful in being elected to the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Carruthers • Ruth Comey • Louise Grossfeldt • Amanda McLellan • Lynton Vonow <p>There being no general business, the meeting was declared closed at 7:55pm</p>