

Title **BOS Australia AGM Date** Monday 28th October 2018

Time 6.00pm EST

Location The RAN Sailing Club - Sir David Martin Reserve/1C New Beach Rd - Darling Point NSW 2027

Tony Gilding Chair

Attendees Tony Gilding Louise Grossfeldt **Audrey Martin**

> Cathy Heawood Tom McCrie (via phone)

Kerin Welford (via phone) Jenny Harry

Sue Griffiths Jessie McGuire (via phone)

Proxies Tom Bertinshaw

Meeting was declared open at 6.00pm

Tony thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Confirmation of minutes from the 2018 Annual General Meeting 1

A copy of the 2018 minutes is available on the website.

2 Receive the 2018-19 BOS Australia financial report and a review of the year from the President

Financial Report

- Raised over \$250,000 for the financial year
- Approximately \$124,000 went to Indonesia for BOSF projects
- Over \$18,000 went to other Orangutan project costs
- Close to \$50,000 went to fundraising expenses
- Over \$26,000 was for marketing costs
- Over \$63,000 went to other expenses (i.e. postage, insurance, bank fees etc)
- Invested a lot of money in new database
- Donations were down last year because of a number of significant donations and bequests
- Engaged Jess Hollinshead to increase focus on major donors

Resolution proposed to accept the auditor's report and financials - passed without objection

President Review (also live broadcast on Facebook)

This year has focussed on more releases. 433 Orangutans have now been released since 2012 which makes it the biggest primate release program in history. In the next year it is hoped that releases will exceed those in rescue.

We still have over 446 Orangutans in care which includes 158 who have been designated as 'un-releasable' for various health reasons including the after affects of the fire which have led to a number of respiratory issues.

In addition to those released, 62 Orangutans have been moved from their enclosures to pre-release islands.

We have also sent Australian volunteers to help maintain facilities for these orangutans. That programme will be continued and expanded this year. Our volunteer tour to Borneo programme this year and will operate again in 2019-20. The programme allows our visitors to experience hands on the work being done to prepare Orangutans for release.

The pilot solar installation at the special care unit in Samboja Lestari has been a huge success. BOS Australia previously funded solar experts to undertake survey work for a potential solar installation for all accommodation and Orangutan care. This preparatory work has allowed the Swiss BOS team to raise funds of \$1million to start construction of further solar installations in April 2020. This has the potential to offset \$100,000 in diesel costs



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	alone as well as significantly increasing power reliability.
	We are pleased with our support for Borneo projects. The funding for the release program, the enrichment programme and other financial support sent to BOS Indonesia was raised through your donations, orangutan adoptions, merchandise sales and other fundraising events and efforts organised by volunteer groups and the committee. To our donors, volunteers and our committee we extend our sincere gratitude.
	The challenges of Orangutan conservation and habitat protection continue to be our major focus and whilst we have by no means solved this problem, we have made many positive moves which have enriched the lives of many Orangutans and offered them a safe place to live their natural lives.
3	Confirmation of the BOS Australia Committee
	The committee was elected as nominated without objection:
	 President: Tony Gilding Vice President: Open for nomination Treasurer: Susan Griffiths Secretary: Tom McCrie Ordinary committee member: Cathy Heawood Ordinary committee member: Kerin Welford Ordinary committee member: Louise Grossfeldt
4	Update to members on release and enrichment programme and maintenance programme from the Vice-President
	 Managing the 'un-releasable' orangutans (who can't be released for various health reasons) will continue to be a priority for BOSA. This means, continue to maintain and grow the enrichment items for the orangutans. Continue with the welfare assessments which offer a valuable independent review of Orangutans in care.
5	Business focus for next year
	 Manage Solar Project implementation in Samboja Increase major donor funding focus and develop closer relationship with major donors Engage more participants in our volunteer relationship program Talk with adopters and upgrade where possible Reduce number of Orangutans deemed 'un-releasable' including treatment for those suffering from respiratory issues arising from fires.
6	Thank you to our volunteers
	 Big thankyou for Tom Bertinshaw for all the work he has done in relation to a range of projects in Indonesia including 12 trips to Borneo. Another big thank you to Lou Grossfeldt for all her assistance as vice president and has now stepped down but will continue on as an ordinary committee member. Thank you to Susan Griffiths who will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of the year. In particular all the time she has allocated arranging a smooth transition and agreeing to carry on as Treasurer longer than she anticipated. Aileen, Christine and Ilona as editor of Forest Chatter Lauren Gontram as outgoing secretary Jessie McGuire and Audrey Martin for ongoing fundraising efforts All committee members
7	General business
9	Nomination of Public Fund Members
	Deferred to a future meeting with a view to increasing representation on the Fund.
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The meeting was declared closed at 6.50pm

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Signed: Name: Tony Gilding Dated: 30th October 2019