



Title	BOS Australia AGM MINUTES
Date	Monday 23 October 2023
Time	7.00pm AEST
Location	Online via Zoom
Chair	Kerin Welford (President)
Attendees	<p>2023 Committee Corey Mrnjavac, Lou Grossfeldt, Kerin Welford, Judith Curran</p> <p>Other attendees John Clark, Carolyn Burns, Alia Viswalingam</p> <p>Apologies Michel Zwecker, Christine Glah, Tiko Chung, Tom McCrie</p>
Proxies	Nil
	<p>Meeting declared open at 7.02pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerin welcomed all attending and gave welcome to country. • Confirmed 4 members of the committee present constituting a quorum.
1	<p>Confirmation of minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the 2022 minutes was made available through an email sent today. • Lou Grossfeldt moved that the 2022 minutes are accepted. • Cory Mrnjavac seconded the motion. • 2022 minutes confirmed. No special general meetings held since the 2022 AGM.
2	<p>Receive the 2022-23 BOS Australia financial report and a review of the year from the President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the 2022-2023 financial report was made available through an email sent today. • Received the 2022-2023 BOS Australia audited financial report from Audit Logic. • Finished 2022-2023 with an increase in donations of \$59,037 from the previous financial year. • Expenses had increased by \$172,533 from the previous year. • Donations to BOSF reduced by \$11,248 but BOSA were able to contribute \$329,371 to BOSF and Other Orangutan Project costs and were holding a bank balance of \$636,474 as at the end of the 2023 financial year. • Thanked Corey Mrnjavac Treasurer and Mary Couch bookkeeper. • Thanked the fundraising and communications team Emma, Jessie, Christine, Michel, Audrey, Renee, Tiko, Annmaree, Rebecca and Alia for their efforts over the past year. • Last financial year focused on returning to normal after COVID-19 and the loss of President Tony Gilding in May 2022. • BOSA remained committed to saving orangutans from extinction and protecting their vanishing homes, with the unreleasable orangutans a primary focus last year. The end-of-the-financial-year appeal raised over \$140,000 for building new sanctuary enclosures and islands for long-time residents. • The deforestation project secured 60 hectares of crucial orangutan habitat in Mawas and carbon storage has made significant progress. BOSF in Indonesia have completed all seedling production activities in the village nursery, and local community groups are taking care of the seedlings. Reported that the upkeep is going well, and 73,340 seedlings from seven different species of orangutan food plants available for the project.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the BOS Foundation in rescuing 10 orangutans (4 direct rescues + 6 were handed over to us), rehabilitating and caring for close to 400 orangutans and 72 sun bears, releasing 11 orangutans to pre-release islands and 18 to the wild (including the 500th orangutan for a total of now 515 released orangutans since 2012). 34 wild-born babies have been recorded from released orangutans since 2012. Launched BOSNZ which became a registered charity on 13th June 2023. BOSNZ will be the seventh BOS partner under BOSA's auspices. Acknowledged the BOSF staff for their efforts in caring for orangutans, especially during this year's devastating fire season. Some of the other projects delivered at Samboja Lestari with BOSA support included; cable joining solar arrays, general maintenance and renovations of buildings, sun bear food store and refrigeration, repair of genset back-up generators, underground cabling from the food store to the sun bear area, clinic enlargement and rain water harvesting and septic systems installation, improvements to the special care unit, roading around the sun bear area, and water pipes, three water tanks and a bore installation in the sun bear area. <p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben Irvine from Audit Logic undertook a satisfactory audit of the BOS Australia financials. BOSA proposes to use Audit Logic as its audit partner for 2023-2024. Lou Grossfeldt moved that the financial report was accepted. Judith Curran seconded the motion.
3	<p>Confirmation of the BOS Australia Committee</p> <p>Only one nomination was received for committee positions and in accordance with the constitution, the committee is taken to be elected as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President: Kerin Welford Vice President: Louise Grossfeldt Treasurer: Corey Mrnjavac Secretary: Tom McCrie Ordinary committee member: Judith Curran Ordinary committee member: Vacant Ordinary committee member: vacant <p>No nominations received from the floor and two ordinary committee member positions remain vacant.</p> <p>Confirmation of Public Fund Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerin Welford 28/10/2022 (responsible person) Louise Grossfeldt (responsible person) Corey Mrnjavac (responsible person) Tom McCrie (responsible person)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update to members on release and enrichment programs Future orangutan release scheduled for late this year. Scaled orangutan volunteer enrichment tours last year with 32 volunteers attending a total of four tours. This year the season runs from October 2023-March 2024 and 52 registrants to date have signed up to attend one of the 11 tours.
5	<p>Business focus for next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus will be on growing fundraising so BOSA can grow revenues to support BOSF in the medium to long term. Infrastructure and projects will be overseen. Committed to taking a conservative approach in the year ahead for BOSA, whilst expanding fundraising activities to support sustainable growth.
6	<p>Thank you to our volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked Christine for her efforts producing Forest Chatter and Ilona volunteer designer.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked Alia for assisting organise three Eyes of the Orangutan film screenings and Rebecca for her Salesforce expertise.• Thanked the committee for their support.
7	General business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerin Welford confirmed that she is working on finalising the REO statistical return which will be submitted after the AGM, and noted future years' reporting will be submitted to the ATO from 1 January 2024.
	The meeting was declared closed at 7.20pm

K WELFORD

Signed:

Name: Kerin Welford

Dated: 9th August 2024