

**ABTS Inc AGM**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
Tompkins on Swan  
Perth  
**4.45pm\***

**Attendees:**

Members

Tress Walmsley, Georgia Trainor, Ashleigh Brooks, Jeff Stewart, Paul Rigoni, Phillip Jobling, Mary Raynes, Mark Tucek, David Leah, Jon Luff, Paul Telfer, Jeremy Curry, Mathias Wiegmann, Hannah Robinson, Amanda Box, Marie Appelbee, Blakely Paynter, David Moody, Ralph Nischwitz, Megan Sheehy, Evan Evans, Rob Loughman

Also in Attendance

Greg Curnow, Gary Walter, Colin Smith

Apologies

**Agenda items**

1. Welcome (DM)
  
2. Apologies
  
3. Presidents report (DM)
  
4. Treasurers report (RN)
  - A term deposit was set up on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for \$50,000 at 2.35 % interest. We are aiming to add another \$25,000 term deposit pending members approval.
  - David has been set up as a third bank account administrator.
  - 2017 conference made a profit of \$56,315
  - Statement of finances for F17/18
    - Receipts for F17/18 \$75,948 (includes return from 2017 conference of \$50,565 and return of startup funds of \$18,700)
    - Expenses for F17/18 \$855 (\$500 for poster award and the balance being mainly financial audit costs)
    - EOFY Balance \$153,248
    - Current balance \$ 132,025 (\$20,835 recently paid to conference committee)

Motion: Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved: Tress Walmsley

Seconded: Megan Sheehy

Carried.

5. Secretary's report (GF)

1. Address details for the ABTS Inc Bank Account details have been amended, viz:

From:

Hermitage Research Station  
MS 507  
Via Warwick Qld 4370  
And  
Barrett Burston  
15 Gough St  
Richmond Vic 3121

To:

Mr Ralph Nischwitz  
44 Stott St  
Northcote Vic 3070

2. Paul Johnston Memorial Trust

An update by the Trust was provided by Kim McIntrye to Glen Fox on 18 June. The RPJ Trust has met and have put forward three names to be put onto the Board. RPJ Trust is meeting in November to formalise these arrangements.

3. The Steering Committee of the ABTS Inc received a request from the Organising Committee of the 2019 ABTS to consider the merits of forgoing the ABTS Young Science Incentive Award in lieu of subsidised registrations for students. The Committee was of the view that this would represent a diluting of the value of the award but resolved to put the request to the Members at the next AGM of the Association

The 3<sup>rd</sup> item of this report was considered at Agenda Item 8.

6. Elections for office bearers

Motion: That the organising committee of the 2019 ABTS be the following:

Blakely Paynter (Chairman)  
Mary Raynes (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Georgia Trainor  
Amanda Box  
Drew Robertson  
Glen Fox  
David Moody with Tress Walmsley as a proxy  
Hannah Robinson  
James Allen  
Megan Sheehy  
Chengdao Li

Moved: Rob Loughman

Seconded: Mark Tucek

Carried.

7. Update on 2019 ABTS (Blakely Paynter)

- MeetingMasters selected as the Conference Organiser
- Westin selected as the venue
- Dates: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Welcome on evening of Mon 9<sup>th</sup>.

- GIWA field tour potentially on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September

## 8. Future of the Barley Research Incentive Award (DM)

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### Discussion

- Substitution of the Young Science Incentive Award for subsidized student attendance diminishes the value of the Award.
- Constitutional requirement for this Award to be provided
- Attendance of students should be encouraged
- Financial position of ABTS Inc to be considered in any subsidized student attendance
  - Members considered that the financial position of ABTS Inc allowed an allocation of funds towards the subsidization of student attendance for the 2019 ABTS. Subsidization of future ABTS to be subject to future discussions.

Motion: ABTS Inc will provide funding support for postgraduate students to attend the 2019 ABTS, whilst maintaining the ABTS Young Scientist Incentive Award.

Moved: Tress Walmsley

Seconded: Phil Jobling

Carried.

Motion: The funding subsidy of 50% registration cost will be for postgraduate students studying in Australia.

Moved: Tress Walmsley

Seconded: Megan Sheehy

Carried.

## 9. Paul Johnston Trust update (DM)

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## 10. Website (DM)

- Website remains to be updated
- In-kind commitments difficult
- Need for permanent website as an archive of previous Symposia papers, presentations
- Financial position of ABTS Inc allows for financial contribution to redevelop website

### Motion:

Up to \$5,000 to be committed by ABTS Inc towards development of website if required

Moved: Blakely Paynter

Seconded: Mary Raynes

Carried.

11. Other business items

None

Meeting closed at 5.10pm

## **ABTS Treasurers Report 2017/2018**

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