

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY VICTORIA Inc

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held via zoom and in person on
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

OPENING & WELCOME

SIV Independent Chair, Roland Roccioletti officially declared the meeting open at 10:30am. The Chair welcomed all those in attendance to the 2024 AGM of Seafood Industry Victoria.

PRESENT & APOLOGIES

The following SIV Directors were in attendance (in addition to the Chair):

- Barbara Konstas
- Tim Rudge
- Wayne Dredge
- Travis Baulch
- Sam Allan
- Graeme Longmuir
- Anthony Mutton

The following SIV Directors were an apology:

- Michael Hobson
- Maria Manias
- Luke Anedda

The following SIV staff were in attendance:

- Matthew Wassnig - CEO
- Joanne Tripylas - Administration Officer
- Samantha Perion - Communications and Promotions Co-Ordinator Officer
- Julie Pike (Blue Cat Solutions) - Bookkeeper.

The following voting members were in attendance:

- Melbourne Seafood Centre
- Yumbah Aquaculture
- Abalone Council Victoria
- San Remo Fishermen's Co-op
- Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co-op
- Victoria Seafood Pty Ltd

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair confirmed that all those in attendance had received the minutes of the 2023 AGM and moved to take the minutes as confirmed unless anyone wished to make comment.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 8th February 2024 be accepted as a correct record.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair confirmed that all those in attendance had received the 2023/2024 Annual Report and invited comments.

No comments received from the floor.

3. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Chair confirmed that all those in attendance had received the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2024 within the 2023/2024 Annual Report and invited comments.

No comments received from the floor.

4. TO ELECT AN AUDITOR FOR THE 2024-2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

SIV has used the same auditing company for several years. The Chair proposed that the auditor for the period ended 30 June 2024 be engaged for the period ending 30 June 2025, but that the Board and SIV members consider electing a new auditor at the next AGM.

No concerns were raised from the floor.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

That the auditor for the period ended 30 June 2024 be engaged for the period ending 30 June 2025.

5. TO SET ANY ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE 2024-2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

Following discussion, the SIV Board recommended that the annual SIV membership fees remain the same.

- Full SIV membership fee \$1,500.00
- Associate membership fee \$300.00

Agreement from the floor that the focus should be broadening the membership base to strengthen industry advocacy and resources for SIV.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

That annual SIV membership fees remain the same as the previous financial year.

6. ANNOUNCE BOARD RE-ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

The SIV Board is comprised of up to 7 industry elected directors and up to 4 board elected independent directors.

Three industry elected directors were due to finish their first term at the 2024 AGM. Nominations for industry elected Directors were conducted in advance of the AGM.

Both Maria Manias and Barbara Konstas expressed interest in a second term on the SIV Board. No objection received from the floor. **Carried.**

One new nomination was received for Wolfgang Platzer from member organisation, San Remo Fishermen's Co-Op. No objection to the nomination. **Carried**

The Chair welcomed the returning and incoming Board Directors.

7. ADDRESS ANY ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES REGARDING ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

No eligibility issues were raised.

8. TO DEAL WITH ANY OTHER MATTER RAISED AT THE AGM

No matters were raised with SIV in advance of the AGM however the SIV Chair invited any final comments from attendees. No matters were raised.

8. CEO UPDATE

The SIV CEO provided a verbal report to attendees at the AGM, expanding on the following topics:

- Member engagement
- Responding to VFA on fisheries management issues
- Leadership in contributing to fisheries policy
- Submissions to the Federal and State Government
- Representation on formal committees
- Assisting with fishery Codes of Practice
- Promoting recognition of the seafood industry through social media
- Victorian Parliamentary Seafood Event
- Feedback on the 2024 Victorian Seafood Industry Awards
- Planning for the 2025 Trans-Tasman Rock Lobster Conference
- SIV's new Strategic Plan
- Staff upskilling and training
- SIV capacity and resources

The Chair thanked all those present for their attendance. Meeting closed at 11:10am.