



Gthilbert & Sullivan
Society of Tasmania (Inc.)



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025, AT THE HOME OF MICHAEL TOPFER, 4 ESSEX ST. ROSE BAY.

Meeting commenced: 5.39pm

Present:

Tony Johnston, Eraine Johnston, Cathie Kidd, Nigel Kidd, Christine Bailey, Michael Calvert, Trish Robinson, Chris Beadle, Jill Holloway, Trena Squires, Margaret Gibbs, Peter Middleton, Liz Eden, Ben Armitage, Carol Bowers, Mike Hawkins, Betty Davidson, Judi Forsyth, Pip Tyrrell, Michael Topfer

Apologies:

Karen Fahey, Margaret Wilde, Bruce Cornelius, Mike Casey, Grace Burdick, John Xintavelonis

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Moved Tony Johnston and **seconded** Margaret Gibbs, that the minutes of the last AGM held Wednesday 28th February 2024, be accepted as true and correct. **Carried.**

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented by Michael Topfer. The balance as at 31st December 2024 was \$27,704.13 a decrease of about \$2000 from the previous year, however Michael stated that the Society was still in a very healthy financial position. Our largest expense was insurance with new supplier "Duck for Cover" \$941.00. We also purchased a Square terminal device to receive payments and sponsored the Hobart Eisteddfod. The auditor Richard James has audited the financial report – refer Appendix 1. Moved Michael Topfer and seconded Nigel Kidd that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Carried.

President's Report: Michael Topfer presented the President's Report. Attached at Appendix 1.

Christine Bailey moved a vote of thanks for the efforts of Michael Topfer as President and Treasurer during recent years to keep the Society going. Seconded Carol Bowers. There was a warm round of applause for Michael.

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Election of Office Bearers for 2025: Michael Topfer declared all Committee positions vacant.

There were no nominations for any of the committee positions.

General Business:

1. Winding up of the Society

There being no nominations for any committee positions, Michael Topfer outlined the difficulties recently encountered with finding sufficient ensemble members for Trial by Jury 2025 and keeping the society going over the last few years. Unfortunately, the younger people are not coming through to help carry the load. The consensus of the meeting was that the time has come for the Society to be wound up.

As a result: Michael Topfer **moved**, That the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Tasmania Inc be wound up due to insufficient interest and participation to sustain it's ongoing activities, and that the necessary steps be taken to formally dissolve the Society in accordance with it's constitution and relevant legal requirements. **Seconded** Carol Bowers. **Carried unanimously.**

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Trenna Squires then moved a vote of thanks for all the wonderful people involved in the G & S Society over the years.

It was determined that specific criteria would need to be established for the disbursement of funds and assets of the Society.

Suggestions included Hobart Repertory & Hobart Eisteddfod.

A wind-up committee was formed as follows:

Michael Topfer
Pip Tyrell
Ben Armitage
Tony Johnston
Eraine Johnston
Nigel Kidd
Chris Beadle

It was agreed that members of the Society would be informed of progress of the wind-up committee.

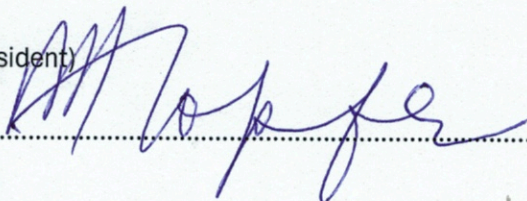
2. Auditor's Appointment

Moved Michael Topfer and seconded Nigel Kidd that the current auditor, Richard James, be retained as the auditor for the next financial year. **Carried.**

There being no further business the AGM meeting closed at 6.30pm.

I confirm that these minutes are a true and correct record.

Michael Topfer (President)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Topfer', written over a dotted line.

Date: 19/12/2025