



## Startup Tasmania

### Annual General Meeting 2021 Meeting Minutes

5.32pm – 6.03pm AEDT 30 November 2021

Online via Zoom

Present: Genevieve Cother (Chair), Yudhi Hartawan, Adam Gregory Goern, Linda Wells, Paul Cenoz, Mrudula Sant, Xindi Li, Glenda Hamilton, James Riggall, Christopher John de Bono, Kylie Leavitt, Paul Viney

Apologies: Ben Marquis

#### Meeting opened at 5.32pm

1. *Welcome and introductions*

- Genevieve Cother welcomed everyone in the meeting and held a round-table introduction for all participants
- Genevieve indicated that the meeting has a quorum.

2. *Apologies*

- Genevieve Cother indicated that Ben Marquis sent an apology. Apology is accepted.

3. *Review of business arising from previous minutes*

- Genevieve Cother indicated that there is no previous business arising matters from AGM minutes 2020.

4. *Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM (2020)*

- **Motion:** That the AGM minutes of 2020 is accepted, moved by Genevieve Cother and seconded by Linda Wells

5. *President's report*

- Genevieve Cother indicated the president stepped down in the middle of the period. Resulted in Genevieve Cother and Paul Cenoz elected as the co-presidents and accepted in the general board meeting on 15 November 2021
- Genevieve Cother indicated that Startup Tasmania is in the process for applying for the state's peak body grant as Startup Tasmania is the peak body for Start-ups in Tasmania. This includes the amount of \$15,000.00 which will be used to promote education and activities within the start-up ecosystem and seed the investment community.
- The establishment of the Burnie Innovation Hub which is driven by the support of Adam Gregory Goern, Fiona Turner and Paul Cenoz.

- Startup Tasmania board members talked to parliament members about the voices of the startup community in Tasmania, resulting in the proposal of investing into the startup community.
- The Christmas cocktail event which is due to be held in December 2021, has been postponed to February 2022 due to COVID-related issues.
- Startup Tasmania managed to hold a Startup storytelling event which attracted quite a number of submissions and was deemed to be a successful event.
- Startup Tasmania's presence in the Northwest has been established with the assistance of Paul Viney, Paul Viney acknowledged Startup Tasmania's effort to include the Northwest region into its ecosystem coverage.
- The vice-president of Startup Tasmania, Adam Gregory Goern added that there has been a lot of things to be sorted out in Startup Tasmania and indicated that there are a lot of fixes and foundations needed to be established.
- Genevieve Cother explained that Startup Tasmania was a service provider when it was born, however the existence of Enterprize has shaped Startup Tasmania's main function which is to manage the Tasmanian start-up ecosystem and thus becoming the peak body for start-ups in Tasmania.

#### 6. *Treasurer's report*

- The elected treasurer stepped down from the role and Linda Wells was accepted to be the treasurer until the AGM. This is accepted in the general board meeting held on 15 November 2021.
- Linda Wells is currently working with ANZ bank to get the bank access
- Linda Wells has access to Startup Tasmania's XERO account and the financial statements are generated from the XERO system.
- Startup Tasmania incurs expenses related to the services used such as XERO and website domains.
- Startup Tasmania has not been charging members any fees for the past two years as the form of supporting members financial capacity. This has been limiting Startup Tasmania's ability to run events.

#### 7. *Questions to committee*

- James Riggall suggested to discuss further about the various sponsors acquired and what have been spent on.
- Genevieve Cother indicated that Startup Tasmania has formed an agreement with ProjectLab for the sponsor of \$5,000.00/year over the course of 3 years while Startup Tasmania will be promoting ProjectLab's programs in its activities. The fund has been utilised to enable Startup Tasmania to hire a contractor to manage Startup Tasmania social media accounts and promotions
- Genevieve Cother indicated that the first payment of the peak body grant has been approved, however has not been reflected in the financial statements. This grant will be used to cover support for the start-ups ecosystem in Tasmania as outlined in the president's report.
- Genevieve Cother indicated that Startup Tasmania also has received a community grant from Bell Bay Aluminium (\$11,500.00 includes GST) which is used to cover expenses related to the story-telling event.

#### 8. *Acceptance of financial statements*

**Motion:** That the financial statements are accepted, moved by James Riggall and seconded by Adam Gregory Goerns.

9. *Acceptance of whole annual report*

- This includes proposed resolution to the Constitution of Startup Tasmania as follows:

"THAT the following amendments be made to the Constitution of Startup Tasmania inc. of 2016:

-----START OF AMENDMENTS-----

**Amendment 1**  
Rule 5 (3), which states:

*A nomination of a person for membership is to be -*  
*(a) nominated and seconded by 2 members of the Association; and*  
*(b) accompanied by the consent of the person nominated; and*  
*(c) lodged with the public officer of the Association.*

is amended to:

*A nomination of a person for membership is to be received via an online nomination form completed by the nominee.*

**Amendment 2**  
Rule 30 (1) which states:

*(1) The annual subscription payable by members of the Association is to be determined annually by the committee.*

is amended to:

*(1) The annual subscription payable by members of the Association is to be determined as needed by the committee.*

**Amendment 3**  
All gendered pronouns are changed to *they/them*."

-----END OF AMENDMENTS-----

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**Motion:** That the annual report including the amendments is accepted, moved by Genevieve Cother and seconded by Linda Wells

10. *Committee Election*

- Directed by Public Officer – Genevieve Cother

**Executive for 2021**

President : Genevieve Cother  
Vice-president : Adam Gregory Goern  
Secretary : Yudhi Hartawan  
Treasurer : Linda Wells  
Public officer : Genevieve Cother (continued)

**General committee members for 2021**

- Paul Viney
- Xindi Li
- Christopher John de Bono
- Mrudula Sant
- Glenda Hamilton
- Kylie Leavitt

*11. Other business*

- Acknowledgement to Paul Cenoz for his efforts to Startup Tasmania
- Genevieve Cother will be in touch with all members individually

**Genevieve Cother closed the meeting at 6.03pm AEDT**