



Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc

MINUTES of Zoom Meeting of the Executive Committee which was held at 7.05 pm on Thursday 24th February 2022

1 PRESENT

Peggy Argent, Christine Baker, Michael Barton, Heather Ford (President), Keith Holland, Cindy Massey, Gaylene Morgan, Jane Polden, Jo Reardon, Kathy Rossini

In Attendance: Chris O'Brien, Kerryn Brand

2 APOLOGIES: Ann Retallick, Ann Ewer, Monique Reed

3 Committee Vacancies.

Since my email of 10 February Monique and Christine have indicated that they will not be continuing on the Executive, which means we need:

- Vice President - scholarships and grants, Finance committee and Royal Show sponsorship plus future President please
- Workshops
- Events
- Guest speaker at meetings
- Groups liaison
- Merchandise/raffles
- Frame hire
- Library assistant
- Assets

I have had a conversation with Mary Heard and she and Kay will be looking to retire later this year so Southern Comforters will need a team leader and helper.

Several of these positions could be filled by people not on Exec if we have those wishing to help but not be on Exec. An article will be in the March I-Patch outlining these vacancies, unless they can be filled in the meantime. If you have any suggestions please give me names so I can make contact.

Heather advised that Rosslyn Whyatt [?] is happy to join the Exec and take over the Workshop portfolio. Some other members have expressed interest in taking on a role, waiting on confirmation. This to be further discussed at the March meeting.

Keith suggested that the 5 year limit on the Executive Committee should be looked at and perhaps abolished. This has been added to the March Agenda for further discussion.

Cindy also suggested there is no need for a separate person to be Registrar. This role has now been set up and can be managed by the Secretary.

A few options were discussed regarding Southern Comforters, one being that it follow the set-up of Flinders Kids and Quilts of Love and/or combine Southern Comforters and Flinders Kids. It was put forward that this is a Group who like to attend as a social gathering and help in the process of finishing quilts, cutting and putting together etc. No decisions will be made without further discussion with Mary and the whole team.

4 Restarting Group Activities and Some Guild Activities Now?

Heather advised the Government seems to be winding back restrictions as the peak seems to have happened earlier than expected. I have had many calls from groups asking can they start back, so it is already happening. I don't believe we can have a Guild meeting in March as Burnside are not ready for us to come back but we could restart Sit and Sew and Modern and notify groups that they can start back if they wish. Following guidelines etc.

Heather advising Groups that if they are happy to restart and they meet the guidelines of the Government and Councils/building owners where they meet, the Guild is happy for them to restart.

It was decided that we would leave our original decision to not restart Guild organised activities until March in place.

5 Guild Position on Vaccine only Entry?

Some groups have made the decision to make it a criteria for entry as have the Embroiderer's Guild. When I asked the other day Burnside had not and the Church has not as at yesterday. Kerry is getting questions from interstate QE participants. How will we police it if we go down that path?

Research has been conducted on this topic and there is nothing on the Government website to say you need to be double vaccinated to attend public meetings.

Kerry advised The Grand do not have a mandated policy at this stage but has been advised this could change at any time and as the brochures for QE go to print at the beginning of April she would like a decision so she can advise further enquiries, mainly from interstate visitors and tutors, and can also be published in the brochure.

It was agreed that the term 'fully vaccinated' be used rather than double vaccinated in the event of more strains and further vaccinations in the future. The Guild feels we will need to accept any decision the Showgrounds and KJEX make regarding FoQ.

Heather put the motion that participants at all Guild organised activities be fully vaccinated – everyone was in favour.

6 Bernina Contract

All good [Report attached to Agenda]

7 Kym Jones Contract

All signed.

Keith expressed a concern regarding the charges. Heather advised they were the same but would increase from show to show and Ann was happy with this.

Kym Jones have offered FoQ space at the 2022 Home Show in June and the offer has been accepted. Ann has asked for volunteers to 'man' the stand

Heather – Saturday/Sunday
Peg – Friday morning
Kathy
Gaylene
Michael – Sunday

Members to check their diaries for availability and let Heather or Gaylene know. It has also been added to the March agenda to finalise.

8 Team Meeting

Meeting to be held on 10th March

Heather to enquire with Burnside later in March if the Community Centre will be available for the April meeting. **Heather**

9 Display at Burnside

The Guild was approached by Burnside to display quilts in the Art space of the Community Centre in June which runs for the month. As there is no security in this section no prize winning quilts will be hung. The quilts should be bright and appealing. There is room to hang approximately 9, some of which need to be narrow or table runners. Helpers are required for setting up. Further discussion and volunteers to help put on the March Agenda.

10 AMQF

To be held on 10 to 13 November 2022, Adelaide Convention Centre

11 Workshops

Monique has been re-booking our workshop dates with tutors and our venue and hope to have new dates for the communications team and to email to all participants by the end of the week. Rachelle's Blooming Delightful and Chris O'Brien's Machine quilting are fully booked but spaces are available in all other classes.

Monique to advise Kathy of the new dates

12 Modern Mix

The steering group has met and mapped out a calendar of activities for the remainder of the year. The group has been working on their group quilt blocks over the break. We have a new email/online challenge activity for March and April (no meeting due to Easter and Anzac). Gatherings will be starting back at the hall in May - calendar attached. We will increase our publicity outside of the Guild in an attempt to attract some further and younger members.

Cindy has been approached regarding magnets who thought they were no longer used and suggested stickers. There are a lot of magnets still yet to be used and they are very inexpensive. When it comes to replenish supplies look at a different design. Look into the idea of bumper stickers.

13 Trunk Show

Jen Kingwell has confirmed she will do the Trunk Show in September when she is here for QE. We are just locking in a venue and will have communication for this asap.

It was agreed the Trunk Show will be held at the end of QE. It is unable to be held on the Friday evening as QE have classes. Heather advised The Grand is happy to provide the venue on the Saturday evening after QE for the same rate as Friday.

People holding tickets will be advised they need to be fully vaccinated.

Kerryn advised that QE is not taking money for the Trunk show and Monique has this in hand.

14 Other Business

Kathy advised she has received a letter from the State Library enquiring as to why they have not been receiving copies of Patchers. Kathy has responded advising that it is now digital and is lodged with NED each month. This was an oversight not advising the Library when I-Patch replaced Patches.

Christine has looked into the pricing of equipment for filming demonstrations and advised there would be change out of \$600. Keith was happy with this figure but suggested can we get better by spending more. Christine to put together some more information for the March meeting.

Christine

Next Meeting: Thursday 31st March 2022 at the Robin Hood – 5.30 pm for Dinner – 6.30 pm for meeting

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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President

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Date