

Multiple Birth Association for WA



2023 Annual General Meeting

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When 19 Jun 2023 at 19:30

Location: Agnes Walsh House, Agnes Walsh House, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bagot Rd, Subiaco

Chairperson Jessica Vanspeybroeck

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened

AGM Opened 7:40pm

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2. Attendees

Attendees

Kaye Ross, Bec Peereboom, Samantha Parke, Natalie Tierney, Katrina Prodger, Ed Heydon, Alicia Edwards, Tamarin Davy, Laura Sarubin, Jess Vanspeybroeck, Trish Lasauce

Member - Deborah Howe

Apologies

Hadife Birch proxy to Sam Parke

Katrina Holley proxy to Nat Tierney

Stacey Sudiarta proxy to Tam Davy

Jennifer Moore proxy to Sam Parke

Michelle Phoenix proxy to Natalie Tierney

3. Treasurer's Report

For the 2022/2023 financial year, we managed to fundraise \$700 from the Member Photo days, \$1,500 from Wise Winery and \$530 from the zoom kites fundraiser. For our thermomix raffle, christmas raffle and mothers day raffle we profited over \$2000. This takes into account the thermomix that was paid in the last financial year. We also generated nearly \$1,600 from equipment hire and sales.

Our membership income was around \$5000. We spent just under \$4,400 on Christmas at Scitech and \$3000 on the Easter picnic. As we charged a ticket price for Scitech, we managed to reduce the overall cost to \$2,600. I should note that the ticket price was not added to make money off members but as an incentive to attend the event.

We also had larger operating expenses as we needed to pay for external facilities while KEMH was unavailable to us. When taking our operating expenses into account (such as insurance and audit expenses), our net loss was around \$1300, leaving us with a closing bank balance of 10,774. While still in deficit, we have managed to improve our income and reduce our expenses in comparison to the closing balance from the last two years.

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4. President's Address

Hello & welcome to the Multiple Birth Association of Western Australia's Annual General Meeting for 2022-2023. I begin tonight's meeting by acknowledging the Whadjuk Noongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

This year we have worked hard to ensure we have continued to provide services to Western Australian multiple birth families. As a change from the last few years, we are no longer hampered by COVID but instead by rising inflation and a cost of living crisis. We were lucky enough to have access once again to Agnes Walsh house, even if we aren't here tonight. I want to thank King Edward Memorial Hospital for their ongoing support and for the use of our office space on Hensman Road and the storage space at O Block.

Before I commence the summary of our last 12 months, I want to sincerely thank the committee. So many of our committee cover multiple positions so the association is able to provide some support for the soon to be, new and experienced multiple families. Everyone helps as much as they can with meetings, events and without the dedication of the current committee, the association may not have made it through another year.

The Association was fortunate enough to return to Agnes Walsh House for our meetings and events from February 2023. Facilitated by Hadi in the secretary role, this has reduced the out of pocket expenses that came with the hire of external facilities. Hadi has also made improvements to the submission of reports and we look forward to trying a new online meeting option to reduce our overhead expenses.

Hadi was also in the fundraising role for the last year. Hadi facilitated the photo days with Tia Johnson through her business, Moments by Tia. Unfortunately we didn't have much luck with rain, but we managed to still have 2 successful days. Hadi organised a successful fundraiser through Zoom Kites just in time for Christmas. This past year also saw a Thermomix Raffle, Christmas Raffle and Mothers Day Raffle as well as fundraising activities at our Easter Picnic. Thank you for stepping into Fundraising this year Hadi. You have created some great

relationships with local businesses that hopefully we can build on in the years to come.

As at 18th June 2023, we have 256 members including 5 country members, 3 associate members, 14 life members, 9 expectant members and 84 school aged members. Alicia stepped into the membership role this year (also as the prem coordinator and expectant co-coordinator). Memberships is an integral role, managing our email database, facebook memberships, co-ordinating shoprite and advertising renewals. Thank you Alicia.

For the last financial year we attempted to create some awesome events for our members with minimal cost to the association. Unfortunately with our smaller membership base, lower committee numbers and increasing costs, doing the same large scale, high cost events is not sustainable. Alicia pushed for our members and we ran a successful scitech night. Scitech was largely a successful night aimed at those families a little older (who could stay out a bit later). Thanks Alicia for getting Scitech off the ground. For those members that did attend, it was a much enjoyed night. In April, we ran a successful easter picnic with easter eggs, hot cross buns and face painting. With no events co-ordinator, Natalie organised this morning tea event for our members. Natalie has been vice president, editor, events co-ordinator, hr coordinator and all round support for the association and myself. Thank you Natalie, we couldn't do this without you.

The association was able to host 4 expectant parent meetings over the last 12 months hosting 20-30 families in preparation for their multiples arriving. Katrina has also worked with the Australian breastfeeding association to develop a partnership which is exciting for the association and also for our members. This partnership came to fruition in the most recent expectant parent meeting and I look forward to hearing the feedback from our members. Katrina will be stepping down this year and I want to thank Katrina for her support to the committee, our expectant parents and even support to myself. It will be sad to see you go Katrina. Thank you to Katrina & Alicia for being that point of contact for expectant parents.

Tamarin has been our New Parent Co-ordinator for this year, which also saw the addition of Stacey to the New Parent team. We had a mix of events held over Tom Dadour and Agnes Walsh House, and most recently moved to having expectant and new parent events on the same day. Hopefully expecting parents can take some hope from seeing the new parents attend meetings with their little babies. Thank you Tam and Stacey for making this happen.

Our higher order multiples Coordinator Laura Sarubin has supported several families who have welcomed their higher order multiples. Laura has hosted family picnics and mums dinners to better support these families. There has been an expression of interest in the dads arena, so watch this space. Thank you Laura for supporting our higher order multiple families.

Nicole started the year as social media coordinator and had to step down suddenly. We thank Nicole for all of her efforts whilst on committee and even now, with the donations, support and engagement with the committee. I wish Nicole all the best with her recovery. With no social media co-ordinator, Sam and Hadi have kept our members engaged on our public page and members only page. A special thank you to Jen in the Country contact role who has been engaging with our country facebook page.

Sam has also seen the reignition of the coffee groups, a highly sought out service of the MBAWA. Coffee groups aim to set up and build connections for families with multiples in local areas. Upon consultation with members, Sam coordinated 5 coffee groups located within bordering local government areas. Unfortunately, due to no fault of Sam's, only 2 of 5 groups have taken off. At the end of the day, we can only provide the opportunity for our members. Thank you Sam, I know a lot of work went into getting these groups up and running and I see the effort you put in to encourage engagement and meet ups.

Kaye has once again supported the association in both the rooms & hire role and the hospital coordinator role. Kaye would most likely be the face of the association and the person that meets the majority of our new members. For this year Kaye organised testing of 7 pumps by Tagsafe Electrical. Thank you Tagsafe for your ongoing support to the association and safe travels to Guy and Leesa on their epic Australian holiday. Kaye has managed the donations of balms / nappies / wipes given to expectant parents, new parents and as donations. Kaye has also organised the donation of clothes from the clothing swap that didn't go ahead and also still sells multiples clothing to those parents coming in to organise their hire equipment.

In her role as Hospital Co-ordinator, Kaye reviewed our current pamphlet and organised the printing, collection and distribution of the new pamphlets. Kaye delivered pamphlets to Peel, Joondalup and Osborne Park, King Edward Memorial Hospital as well as numerous obstetricians and child health clinics. Kaye also responded to calls for help, dealing with both agencies and volunteers. With the re-opening of the KEMH Op Shop, Kaye saw the donation of the remaining clothes and Kaye also advertised our Entertainment book in which we received payments over the year.

In what was a fun year of storage locations, the storeroom for the Association was moved from Agnes Walsh House to O Block to the demountable and back to O Block. Kaye was integral for this move and could be seen dragging the trolley on numerous occasions from O Block to the demountable. Thank you also to those committee members who helped along the way. A big thank you also to Kaye for not only her committee roles but also her support of the easter picnic and the new parent meetings, including bringing a friend to help with baby holding.

I would also like to extend my thanks to:

Bec who has joined recently in the treasurer role

Michelle who has also joined in the editor role

Kat Holley for being the Special Needs Coordinator and the Multiples in School contact

Ed as the Dads contact

Kelly for being the bereavement contact

Jennifer for being the country contact

Lastly, I do want to make a special mention of Nat. We agreed to do this together and we have done it together. Nat is an amazing support and I couldn't do this role without you by my side.

Our association is only possible because of the mums and dads who volunteer their time to support the multiple families of Western Australia. This year has been difficult in getting engagement and members support and I am grateful for the committee that we have on board. Thank you to our members. Even if you only engaged with us for the christmas or easter events, your membership helps us support all of our members and your show of support at the events shows other multiple families that they are not alone. Thank you for attending events, sharing our fundraising and engaging. You are what we do this for, you make it the Multiple Birth Association of Western Australia.

**5. Election of Committee **

Jess Vanspeybroeck - President (Final year)

Natalie Tierney - Vice President (Final year)

Hadife Birch - Secretary

Bec Peereboom - Treasurer

Tamarin Davy - HR Coordinator

Alicia Edwards - Membership Coordinator

Michelle Phoenix - Editor

Laura Sarubin - HOM Coordinator

Katrina Holley - Special Needs Coordinator

Kaye Ross - Hospital Coordinator

Stacey Sudiarta - New Parent Coordinator

Samantha Parke - Social Event Coordinator

Ed Heydon - Dad's Contact

Katrina Holley - Multiples in School Contact

Kaye Ross - Rooms Coordinator

6. General Business

None

7. Shining Stars / Life Member

Tia Johnson (Member)

- For her efforts photographing our members' babies
- Tia has been a member, a committee member and now continues to support the MBAWA through offering discounted Fundraising Photo Day sessions to our members. Not only does this provide hassle free fundraising opportunities for the association, families can access a relaxed mini session at reduced rates.
- For giving her time and resources to photograph MBAWA families a a discount through her personal photography business

Danielle Freeth (Member)

- For always being available when needed, always attending events without hesitation

Deborah Howe (Member)

- For helping out at the Easter picnic during set up and pack up.

Samantha Parke (Committee)

- For her enthusiastic approach to everything she does and her willingness to take on other positions
- For always helping at events and her efforts getting the coffee groups going. She is always supportive and have positive contributions at meetings.

Alicia Edwards (Committee)

- Holding three roles for part of this year including membership co-ordinator which isn't a small role. Alicia is always thinking of how we can best benefit our members while also ensuring the association stays up and running

Katrina Holley (Committee)

- For always giving great advice on schooling

Kaye Ross (Committee)

- The Association would be lost without Kaye. From Room Hire Coordinator, Hospital contact and supporting the ongoing fundraising events. Kaye provides support on the ground at all events with set up and on the fundraising table; also assisting with delivering prizes and promoting the sales of the Entertainment Book. Thank you Kaye.

Jess Vanspeybroeck (Committee)

- President, Treasurer, Events and everything extraordinaire

EVERYONE (Committee)

- You have all been stars during such a tough year and thank you.

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Decision

Member of The Year - Tia Johnson

Committee member of the year - Alicia Edwards

8. Meeting Close

Meeting closed 8:10 pm

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting on 19 Jun 2023

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item	Decision
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| 7. | Member of The Year - Tia Johnson
Committee member of the year - Alicia Edwards |
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Summary of Attachments

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