

Multiple Birth Association for WA



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Please note:

As AWH is at KEMH, there are strict health requirements to enter the hospital.

All visitors are currently being screened for vaccination, RAT tested at the front entrance prior entry to hospital and associated buildings. Face masks are to be worn at all times within the hospital buildings. Further details are here - <https://www.kemh.health.wa.gov.au/Patients-and-Visitors/Visiting/Visiting-during-COVID-19>

Please note to gain access to the Lounge, your committee will need to go via the main entrance of the hospital, as there is no access through the main entrance of Agnes Walsh house. Entry to Agnes Walsh House is via A Block Lower Ground corridor.

When 27 Jun 2022 at 03:30

Location: Agnes Walsh Lounge, KEMH

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened

AGM Opened 7:50pm

Decision

2. Attendees

Jessica Vanspeybroeck, Leah Han, Katrina Prodger, Laura Sarubin, Kaye Ross, Tam Cochrane, Nicole Perera, Samantha Parke

Apologies

Laura Storey - proxy to Jess Vanspeybroeck

Natalie Tierney - proxy to Jess Vanspeybroeck

Anthony Harris- proxy to Jess Vanspeybroeck

Alicia Edwards - proxy to Jess Vanspeybroeck

Katrina Holley - proxy to Natalie Tierney

Sophie Watton - proxy to Katrina Prodger

Kelly Munro - proxy to Natalie Tierney

3. AGM Minutes 2021

Moved - Jess

Second - Katrina

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4. Treasurer's Report

For the 2021/2022 financial year, we managed to fundraise \$1,000 from the Member Photo days, \$3,320 from Thermomix raffle, \$1,920.80 from our events including the raffles & games at easter and Christmas picnic and \$184.93 from the Entertainment book and the other fundraisers. We also generated nearly \$1,810 from equipment hire. Our membership income was \$7,235.00.

We spent just under \$4,400 on the Christmas picnic and \$4,900 on the easter picnic. When taking our operating expenses into account (such as insurance and audit expenses), our net loss was around \$7000, leaving us with a closing bank balance of \$10,399.

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5. President's Address

Hello & welcome to the Multiple Birth Association of Western Australia's Annual General Meeting for 2021-2022. My name is Jess and I'm the acting President. I am a mum of 3 including twin girls, I have two cats and I also work full time. I have been on committee since July 2020.

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.

A big thank you to Laura Storey who has served many years on committee. Laura will now be stepping down in her role as President so she can focus on her family. Hopefully we'll see Laura again on committee or at one of our events in the future.

This year we have worked hard to ensure we have continued to provide services to Western Australian multiple birth families. We have once again been hampered by covid and the renovations at Agnes Walsh, however we have been fortunate enough to be able to hire Tom Dadour Community centre nearby. We want to thank King Edward Memorial Hospital for their ongoing support and for the use of our office space on Hensman Road. The association has once again utilised technology better by having meeting agendas in TidyClub, Zoom meetings and scheduling reminders for meetings, streamlining the Secretary role and making the association more flexible for the committee members. We have also seen less of a turnover in committee members this year which is amazing. Thank you to Natalie Tierney who has covered Secretary, HR co-ordinator and Same Sex Contact.

As at 27th June 2022, we have 403 members including 16 country members, 3 associate members, 14 life members, 44 expectant members and 86 school aged members. Thank you to Tracy Julian who has just stepped down from the membership role and Alicia Edwards for stepping up to take over the reigns.

Leah has been treasurer for just shy of a year. Leah is responsible for the financials of the association. As she mentioned in her report, most of our fundraising income was from the Thermomix Raffle. We also managed to raise 1,810.00 from hire & sales, up from last year. We spent \$9,200 on our Christmas and easter picnics. After taking our operating expenses into consideration, our net was a net loss of \$7,000 leaving a closing bank balance of \$10,399. Thank you Leah Han for your hard work this year.

Nicole Perera has done a great job with fundraising this year, with the highly popular thermomix raffle and the wise winery fundraiser. We also managed to have some fun activities at each of the picnics which were a hit. Thank you Nicole!

With the loss of Charlotte our Events Co-ordinator, the only events run for the year were the Christmas and Easter picnics. A big thank you to Laura Storey who pulled the Easter picnic together solo. We are looking forward to Christmas this year where we will be holding a Scitech evening for our multiple birth families.

Despite being slowed down by Covid, we were able to hold three Expectant Parent Meetings for the 21/22 financial year. We managed to host a total of 28 families in preparation for their multiples arriving. Katrina has also been in contact with the Australian breastfeeding association to develop a future partnership which is exciting. Thank you to Katrina Prodger & Alicia Edwards for being that point of contact for expectant parents.

Tamarin Davy has been our New Parent Co-ordinator for this year who has run a New parent Morning Tea in October where 8 families attended with their children. We are looking to the next new parent afternoon in July 2022. Thank you Tam!

Our higher order multiples Coordinator Laura Sarubin has supported four families who have welcomed their higher order multiples. Laura hosted a HOM family picnic in November and even though covid delayed an easter catch up, there is hopefully a mums dinner on the horizon. Thanks for another great year, Laura.

Samantha Parke is our social media coordinator and has done a wonderful job this year of trying to engage our members across our MBAWA public page and two private closed groups for paid members. The public facebook page has 2747 likes and 2882 followers (up from last year). Semi-regular posts about the Association's events, activities and fundraising initiatives generate the most engagement. Sam also engages our community through weekly Q&As and fun posts to give our multiple parents a laugh. Thank you Sam for all of your hard work.

In August 2021, Anthony Harris took on the editor role and has since published our e-news monthly. Anthony liaises with committee members and association members alike to produce an informative and relevant newsletter. Anthony is stepping down as editor this

year, so thank you for all the work you have done Anthony, and we are glad that you have decided to stay on board in another capacity.

Tia Johnson will also be stepping down from the Advertising & Discounts Coordinator role this year. Tia has worked hard to secure new agreements as well as keep current agreements in place. Tia also supports the association by running our photo days. Thank you Tia for everything you have done for the association.

Our hire services are still a hugely popular part of our associations member benefits. We have 18 pumps that are regularly hired and we continue to get our pumps tested for free from the wonderful Guy and Lisa at Tagsafe Electrical. The pumps get tested annually and we have managed to get 15 tested in the past year. Thank you so much Guy and Lisa for your ongoing support and commitment.

21/22 saw fewer pumps and pillows hired however we were fortunate enough to be donated a few extra pillows and a portable pump as well as bumbos. With the borders re-opened, we are now seeing requests for the plane pals. Kaye organised the purchase of a twinz pillow for hiring out. We received some donated prem clothes from the Social Work Department at KEMH as well as Touch Screen Video/Audio Baby Monitor, and Infant Breath Movement Monitor and a Baby Brezza from the Womens & Infants Research Foundation.

After getting a new batch of pamphlets printed, Kaye Ross organised the delivery of the pamphlets to Obstetricians and hospitals as well as child health centres. Covid has also hampered the ability to visit new mothers in hospital. Kaye arranged support for new mothers with twins where possible after being contacted by Hospital social workers & friends. Thank you Kaye, you are a vital part of our club and a face for people to meet with your role as Rooms & Hire Contact and Hospital Co-ordinator.

In 2021, The Tiny Sparks World Prematurity day was not held once again, however we are hopeful it will be held in 2022. Thank you Alicia for continuing to support parents expecting or having had premature multiples, answering their questions and connecting them to organisations with parents going through the NICU / SCN journey as well as spreading awareness of premature birth with multiples.

We've also had Sophie Watton on board in the Grants Coordinator role. Sophie organised the St John Ambulance Mental Health First Aid course for MBAWA committee members as the result of funding procured from a Connect Groups Pay It Forward grant. Thank you Sophie, I look forward to seeing what else we can do for our members and committee members in the coming year.

I would also like to extend my thanks to:

- Nichola Good for being the sole parent contact,
- Kelly Monro for being the bereavement contact
- Katrina Holley for being the Multiples in School contact
- Jennifer Moore for being the country contact
- Scott Briggs for being our IT coordinator
- Kate Soong for being our special needs coordinator

Our association is lucky to have so many volunteers willing to spend their precious spare time helping other multiple birth families. We have had few positions vacant this year but our committee members have gone above and beyond to support the multiple birth communities. I'm looking forward to the coming year and hopefully life will be back to normal (or as normal as it can be) so we can engage more with our members. So thank you to you, the committee. A special thanks to Nat & Leah, who without them, tonight wouldn't happen.

They have been the best support and I'm looking forward to working with them further as the year progresses.

Lastly thank you to our members. From attending events, to buying fundraising items every little thing that you do helps our Association to become what it is. You are what makes MBAWA.

6. Election of Committee

7. General Business

None

8. Shining Stars

Member of The Year - Anna Bella

Committee member of the year - Samantha Parke

9. Thermomix Raffle Draw

Diane Hann - Raffle ticket 00000107

10. Meeting Close

Meeting closed 8:35 pm

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting on 27 Jun 2022

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

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