

Multiple Birth Association for WA



2021 AGM

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Minutes

1. Attendees

Tia, Michelle Phoenix, Alicia

Katrina Prodger, Kaye Ross, Scott, Natalie Tierney, Samantha, Laura Sarubin, Kelly Monro, Laura Richardson, Laura Storey, Jessica V

Apologies - Nichola

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM

Moved - Laura Storey

Second - Laura Richardson

3. Treasurers Report

Fundraising at events went well and contributed to good income

Unfortunately we had large ongoing costs that decreased our bank balance.

Moved - Kelly

Second - Katrina

4. Presidents address

Hello & welcome to the Multiple Birth Associations Annual General Meeting for 2020/21. For anyone who does not know me, my name is Laura. I'm a mum of 3, including a set of ID twin girls, stepmom of 2, wife, nurse & teacher. I have been on the committee since 2014 in various roles & have been the president of MBAWA for the past 3 years. Tonight will be my final hurrah in my tenure as I stand down from not only the Presidency but also, from the committee, so bare with me if I get a little teary.

Before we officially begin, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people, our offices and Agnes Walsh House for which has been our base and home for many years is located on their lands. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, as we meet together in friendship tonight.

This year our management committee has worked hard to ensure that we have continued to provide our valuable services to Western Australian multiple birth families. This year has once again been plagued with the big C word, COVID. It has taken its toll at times, but I'm so proud of how innovative, creative and resilient our club & committee has been. This has hampered our reach somewhat, but it's exciting to see what's to come with easing restrictions.

We have had some challenges with AWH being under renovations & issues with room capacity in other venues thanks to COVID. We want to thank KEMH for their ongoing support and for the use of our office space on Hensman Road. We have been lucky enough to utilise technology & hold many of our meetings via zoom when it hasn't been possible for our team to come together face to face. We have seen the introduction of tidy club meeting agendas, minutes & Action lists which have been a fabulous addition, helping to streamline our meetings and correspondence. Thank you Kelly for all your hard work as our Secretary.

As at 21st June 2021, we have 408 members including 24 country members, 3 associate members, 14 life members, 75 expectant members, 89 school aged multiples & 3 complementary. A huge thank you to Hadi for her continued hard work in the membership coordinator role.

Our wonderful treasurer Jess has been with us for just shy of a year now. Jess is responsible for the financials for the association, making payments, receipting funds and ensuring our expenses have been approved by committee. Jess has worked tirelessly this year consolidating accounts in our financial system to make things more concise. For the 2020/2021 financial year, we managed to fundraise over \$1,200 from the Member Photo days, \$800 from the Easter raffle and \$1,000 from our events including the raffles & lolly jars at each picnic and the Safe 4 Kids Protective Behaviours course. We are trialing our new photographers and are so grateful to have the support. The feedback so far is overwhelmingly positive. Thank you Nicole for making these days possible and for all your hard work in fundraising. We also generated nearly \$1,100 from equipment hire. Our membership income was \$7,272.00. We spent just under \$9000 on the Christmas picnic and \$3240 on the easter picnic. What an incredible day we had, facilitated by the expertise of our lovely Event Coordinator Charlotte. When taking our operating expenses into account (such as insurance and audit expenses), our net loss was \$10,062, leaving us with a closing bank balance of \$16962. Thank you so much Jess for all your hard work.

Despite being slowed down by Covid, we were able to hold three Expectant Parent Meetings for the 20/21 financial year. While number limits were still in place for meeting venues, we still managed to host a total of 17 families in preparation for their multiples arriving. With plans already in place for meetings in August and November this year, we hope to offer support and advice to many more expectant families in 2021. Thank you to our wonderful Expecting Parent Coordinator Katrina & Nichola for all your hard work.

We said goodbye to our wonderful New Parent Coordinator Jen this year. Thank you for all you did for our new mums and dads. We are looking forward to welcoming Nat Abi to committee in this role.

Our higher order multiples Coordinator Laura has supported four families who have welcomed their higher order multiples including quadruplets who were born at the end of July 2020. We hosted a HOM family picnic and continue to support our HOM families on the HOM Facebook page. Thanks for another great year, Laura.

The role of social media coordinator at MBAWA is responsible for managing online engagement with the general public & our members via our social media channels. Currently Facebook has been the main form of online communication with the public via the Multiple Birth Association for WA public page and two private closed groups for paid members of the Association which include a trading page and a communications page. The public Facebook page is currently sitting at 2694 Likes and has 2803 Followers. Semi-regular posts about the Association's events, activities and fundraising initiatives generate the most engagement.

There are currently 394 members in the private closed communications group and 344 members in the private closed trading group for paid members. Each week, there are posts in the private closed communications group for members providing information on membership benefits, opportunities for members to engage via a weekly q&a post and ad-hoc questions by members requesting support in the journey as a parent of multiples. Almost daily there are trading posts made by members providing opportunities for other multiple parents to purchase/receive goods and services from other members as a parent of multiples. Thank you Samantha for improving our online presence and increasing engagement across our social media channels.

In February 2021, Michelle took over from Bel Briggs in the position of Editor. Over this time Michelle has compiled and published 5 newsletter editions covering topics such as twins starting Kindy; multiple birth awareness week: identical or fraternal - the importance of zygosity testing; paying it forward; and MBAWA's 47th anniversary. One of the key themes Michelle has focused on in each edition is the importance of volunteering - including a fantastic article on this in the April newsletter. We are all blown away by the wonderful creativity you bring to the role and how far our newsletters have come. We are so grateful to have you back on board. Thanks Michelle

Tia has worked really hard securing us some wonderful new discount agreements with several businesses & renewing some existing discounts. Tia has updated our discount sheet, removing those discounts no longer offered and added the new ones. We have welcomed the addition of a monthly post in members group about the discount provider 'of the month' as per the newsletter. Tia is currently working behind the scenes to draft a simplified discount packages was approved by committee but I'm still in the process of creating the new form.

Our hire services are still a hugely popular part of our associations member benefits. We have 16 pumps that are regularly hired out but so far it has been sufficient. 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.

We have 3 Plane Pals but because of the Covid pandemic haven't been hired this year. We have 4 BB pods. We have 10 Breast Feeding Pillows, 6 being Brestfriends. We are looking into purchasing a Twinzillow pillow as they can be used for breastfeeding or bottle-feeding. We have 9 bottle feeding pillows which are very popular and hired often. The virus has put a dampener on our services but hires have started picking up.

The new office in Hensman Road has been set up well and is functioning well.

After getting new pamphlets printed with our change of name, these were delivered to obstetricians, hospitals, KEMH library, social services, Breastfeeding Clinic and Parent Education Dept. We donated our unused library trolley to the Library at KEMH, which was much appreciated by the staff. Thank you Kaye for being such a vital part of our club in both your role as hire and rooms coordinator.

Our new IT wonderperson, Scott has done an amazing job so far and has fixed all our website requests quickly & with ease. Thank you Scott.

In 2020 we celebrated World Prematurity Day on 17 November, without the usual Tiny Sparks weekend event another casualty of COVID-19. We have made contact with families who advised they were going through a NICU journey. Thank you for supporting our preterm families Alicia.

Our Association continues to be blessed with some truly exceptional individuals who are willing to share their time and skills with us. These amazing volunteers are ordinary mums and dads just like any other member of our Association. They juggle family commitments, study, paid work, social and sporting activities and still they find the time and energy to provide support to multiple birth families in need. We have had a few big committee positions become vacant this year & our team have gone above and beyond to fill the gaps, with the resources we have. Thank you for being a truly amazing team. I need to specifically thank my incredible executive committee. Thank you, Kelly. I said goodbye to you in my presidents address in 2020, but you stuck around & helped us fill the gap of Secretary. I hope you know how much I appreciate your commitment. Natalie & Jess, it's been a pleasure to have you on board. Thank you, ladies, for your unwavering support, late nights chats & brainstorming. A very extra special mention to Laura Storey. I've said it once, I'll say it again... Laura you are superwoman. You are such an asset to our club and as I speak for the last time as president of this wonderful association, I couldn't be leaving our members in better hands. And while that's a wrap for me, I can't wait to see what's in store this year!

5. Election Of Committee

President - Laura Storey - Moved Laura Storey - Second Laura Richardson

Vice President - Hadife Birch Moved Kelly Monro Secon Natalie Tierney

Treasurer - Jessica V - Moved Natalie Tierney Second Kelly Monro

Secretary - Kelly Monro - Moved Laura Storey Second Richardson

HR - Natalie Tierney - Move Kaye Ross, second - Kelly Monro

HOM Contact - Laura Saurbin Moved Kelly Monro Second Laura R

Social Media - Samantha Parke - Moved Kelly Monro Second Katrina

Events - Charlotte - Moved Kelly, Second Laura S

IT Coordinator - Scott Briggs - moved Kelly Monro , second Laura R

Librarian - No Longer required

Hire, Rooms and Hospital Contact - Moved Nat, Second Kelly

Expectant Parent - Katrina Prodger - Moved kelly Second Jess

Advertising & Discount - Tia J moved Kelly, Second Laura

Editor - Michelle Phoenix - Moved Kelly Monro, Second Jess V

Prem Contact - Alicia - Moved Laura R, Second Jess V

Sole Parent - Nichola Goode - Moved Kelly Monro - Second Laura R

Bereavement Coordinator - Kelly Monro

Country Contact - Jennifer Moore

Special Project - Laura Richardson - Quiz Night - Moved Kelly Monro Second Laura S

New parent - Nat Abbey - Moved LAura R, Second Jess V

Expectant Parent - Alicia Edwards - Moved Kelly Monro, Second Nat

Require - Co-editor, Events Coordinator, Coffee Group Co-ordinator, Membership Co-ordinator, Special Needs Coordinator, Grants Coordinator, Dads contact, Same Sex Contact, Multiples in school, New parent

6. General Business

Retiring the Librarian Position - Motion carried unanimously

7. Shining Stars

Member of The Year Sophie Watton

Committee member of the year - Katrina Prodger

8. Meeting Closed 8:40pm

Farewell to current president Laura Richardson.

End of minutes.