



Title	BOS Australia AGM Minutes
Date	Monday 21 October 2024
Time	7.00pm AEST
Location	Online via Zoom
Chair	Kerin Welford
Attendees	<p>2024 Committee</p> <p>Tom McCrie, Corey Mrnjavac, Lou Grossfeldt, Kerin Welford, Rebecca Parsons</p> <p>Other attendees Nil</p> <p>Apologies Christine Glah, Carolyn Burns</p>
Proxies	Nil
	<p>Meeting declared open at 7.02pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerin Welford welcomed members and gave a welcome to country. • Confirmed five members of the committee present constituting a quorum.
Item 1	<p>Confirmation of minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the 2023 minutes was made available through an email sent today. • Corey Mrnjavac moved that the 2023 minutes be accepted. • Louise Grossfeldt seconded the motion. • 2023 minutes confirmed. • No special general meetings held since the 2023 AGM.
Item 2	<p>Receive the 2023-24 BOS Australia financial report and a review of the year from the President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the 2023-2024 financial report was made available through an email sent today. • The 2023-2024 BOS Australia audited financial report was received from Audit Logic. • The comprehensive income/(loss) of BOS Australia for the 2023-24 financial year amounted to a gross profit of \$280,458, compared to loss of \$17,993 for 2022-23. • A review of the operations of the Association during the financial year and results of those operations found the following:



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- **Total Revenue** increased by \$560,810 from \$623,352 (2022-23) to \$1,184,162 (2023-24).
- **Total Expenses** increased by \$255,298 from \$641,345 (2022-23) to \$903,704 (2023-24).
- **Total Support to BOSF and Other Orangutan Project Costs** increased by \$291,877 from \$329,371 (2022-23) to \$621,248 (2023-24).
- **Net Assets** increased by \$280,458 from \$662,080 (2022-23) to \$942,538 (2023-24).
- Thanked Corey Mrnjavac our Treasurer for his significant efforts in getting the accounts ready for audit and Mary Couch our bookkeeper.
- Thanked the BOS Australia Committee Corey Mrnjavac, Lou Grossfeldt, Tom McCrie, Judith Curran over the past year who have been instrumental in the smooth running of the organisation.
- Thanked the fundraising, communications and programs team Emma, Christine, Tiko, Rebecca, Andi, Caleb, Ilona, AnnMaree, Michel and Alia for their efforts over the past year.
- Last financial year was all about consolidation and building foundations for growth.
- Over the past year, BOS Australia demonstrated resilience when united in the fight against the extinction of Bornean orangutans and the depletion of their rainforest homes. The organisation achieved encouraging milestones thanks to its incredible individual donors, long-standing partnerships with corporate friends, and collaboration with the global BOS network.
- The main focus was to continue crucial orangutan conservation work. This involved rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing healthy individuals into the wild and providing care for unreleasable orangutans. Significant efforts were taken to protecting and restoring essential orangutan habitats.
- The priority in the past year was the urgently needed construction of a new Forest School for orphaned orangutans at BOS Foundation's Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre. The new school was necessary because the current centre is on government-owned land, which must be returned. To address this, the BOS Foundation purchased land that they will solely own. The new area, Nyaru Menteng 2, will secure the future of the unique Forest School program, which is crucial to our mission of rehabilitating the rescued orangutans in BOS Foundation centres. BOS Australia's end-of-financial-year appeal to raise the majority of the necessary funds, was one of the most successful appeals ever.
- BOS Australia supported the BOS Foundation in rehabilitating and caring for 355 orangutans and 74 sun bears and successfully releasing 20 orangutans to protected reintroduction sites and 24 individuals to pre-release islands.
- BOS Australia's reforestation project in Mawas, securing 60 hectares of crucial orangutan habitat and carbon storage, has made an enormous step forward. 53 members of six community groups from the village of Mantangai Hulu in Central Kalimantan have completed the land preparation and planted 66,660 seedlings from six different species of orangutan food plants. Over 80 per cent of the initially planted seedlings survived the first few months, and the local groups have already replaced the rest. The monitoring team spotted animal footprints in the replantation area, showing that the new forest is coming to life, growing into a vital habitat for orangutans and other species.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOS Australia made further progress in updating the infrastructure of BOS Foundation's facilities in Indonesia to minimise the environmental impact in our working areas by allocating funds to replace a central water pipe that was in desperate need of repair. • BOS Australia funded a habitat assessment project at Samboja Lestari and also a sun bear food truck. • BOS New Zealand auspiced under BOS Australia is a fully functioning charitable entity and has solid foundation on which to begin to grow. • Acknowledged the BOS Foundation for their tireless efforts in saving our orangutan relatives from extinction. Thanks to their hard work, future generations will be able to experience the presence of these incredible great apes and benefit from their contribution to a healthy environment for us all. <p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Irvine from Audit Logic undertook a satisfactory of the BOS Australia financials. • BOS Australia proposes to use Audit Logic as its audit partner for 2024-2025 • Tom McCrie moved that the financial report was accepted. • Louise Grossfeldt seconded the motion. • 2024 financial report confirmed.
Item 3	<p>Confirmation of the BOS Australia Committee</p> <p>Only one nomination was received for committee positions and in accordance with the constitution, the committee is taken to be elected as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Kerin Welford • Vice President: Louise Grossfeldt • Treasurer: Corey Mrnjavac • Secretary: Tom McCrie • Ordinary committee member: Rebecca Parsons • Ordinary committee member: Vacant • Ordinary committee member: vacant <p>Confirmation of Public Fund Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerin Welford (responsible person) 28/10/2022 • Louise Grossfeldt (responsible person) • Corey Mrnjavac (responsible person) • Tom McCrie (responsible person)
Item 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide update to members on release and enrichment programs • Future release scheduled for late this year of 8 orangutans. • Scaled orangutan enrichment volunteer tours last year with 53 volunteers attending. This year the season runs from October 2024-March 2025 with 11 tours.
Item 5	Business focus for next year



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The focus will be on growing fundraising so BOS Australia can grow revenues to support BOS Foundation in the medium to long term.• Infrastructure and projects will be overseen.• Committed to taking a conservative approach in the year ahead for BOS Australia, whilst expanding our fundraising activities to support sustainable growth.
Item 6	Thank you to our volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked Christine for her efforts producing Forest Chatter and Ilona our volunteer designer.• Thanked Rebecca for her Salesforce expertise and Andi for her setting up and maintenance of the BOS New Zealand website.• Thanked the committee who have been part of the BOS Australia growth journey.• Thanked the fundraising and marketing team.
Item 7	General business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerin Welford confirmed that she is working on finalising the REO statistical return which will be submitted after the AGM, and reporting will be submitted to the ATO before 1 January 2025. Confirmation of auditor for 2024-2025; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corey Mrnjavac moved that Audit Logic will conduct next year's audit.• Tom McCrie seconded the motion.• Motion carried.
	The meeting was declared closed at 7.21pm

Signe *K WELFORD*

Name: Kerin Welford

Dated: 22 October 2024