

**Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
**Australian Society of Herpetologists Incorporated**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at "Gumleaves", Tasmania on Sunday 11 February 2001. The meeting opened at 5.50pm with President Roy Swain in the chair.

**Members present:** Sharon Downes, Scott Keogh, Ricky Spencer, Jane Melville, Rick Shine, Marg Davies, Bruce Firth, Ingrid Belan, Greg Kerr, Glenn Shea, Arthur Georges, Gerry Marantelli, Lyn Nelson, Jenny Taylor, Frank Lemckert, Graeme Gillespie, David Chapple, Megan Head, Warwick Smith, Ian Scott, David Newell, Tony Tucker, Keith McDonald, Andrew Hamer, Mike Bull, Di Barton, Steve Williams, Tracy Langkide, Ross Alford, Will Osborne, Robert Davis, Joan Whittier, Dale Roberts, Murray Littlejohn, Kylie Leonard, Raelene Hobbs, Paul Horner, Erik Wapstra, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Paul Doughty.

**Apologies:** Peter Harlow, Mike Tyler.

**Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM held at Ross River, Northern Territory:**

Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM were circulated at the meeting. These were taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: R Swain

Seconded: S Downes

**Correspondence:**

None of the correspondence presented was considered in need of a reply.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The 98/99 financial statement of income and expenditure was tabled at this meeting.

Motion: that the auditor's report and balance sheet be adopted.

Moved: R Swain

Seconded: S Downes

The Treasurer reported that ASH needs to obtain an ABN number in order to waive the need to consider GST as a society.

Keogh proposed that a firm date be set for membership renewals and that a small proportion (~A\$500) of the budget be allocated to transforming the current members database to an electronic format.

Moved: Marg Davies

Seconded: Rick Shine

**President's Report:**

The Society's financial state is considered to be healthy but a need is seen to maintain a reasonable buffer so that financial assistance or research grants for students can be considered. It is in the hands of the incoming committee how this will function, and these people are responsible for liaison with the winner of this years postgraduate student prize (Kylie Leonard) to determine the precise mechanism by which funds will be awarded. This will happen before the end of April so that students have enough time to apply for funding, for example, to attend the World Congress of Herpetology in Sri Lanka in December 2001.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

As no further nominations were received, the members nominated at the AGM at Gumleaves on 11 February 2001 are hereby elected.

President:	S Downes
Vice President:	R Swain
Secretary/Treasurer:	S Keogh
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer:	I Scott
Editor:	M Hero
Public Officer:	R Longmore
Ordinary Members:	P Horner and G Gillespe

**Editors Report:**

The editor was unable to attend the meeting, but the Secretary/Treasurer spoke on his behalf. A call was put forward for information for the ASH webpage, including links to labs in Australia studying herpetology. The idea of putting a list and contact address for every ASH member on the website was also discussed, however the general consensus was that this practice was unnecessary.

Motion: that an additional \$500 be allocated to upgrading the website, which would be organised by the editor.

Moved: S Keogh

Seconded: S Downes

**Venue for next meeting:**

The meeting agreed to hold the next meeting in Canberra in the winter of 2002. The exact dates are still to be decided. Paul Horner raised the possibility of holding a meeting in Darwin in 2002 but since the practicality of this option was not certain, it was decided that this venue may be appropriate for the 2003 meeting.

**Other Business:**

*Archival material:* Concern was expressed over losing important historical documents concerning ASH and a decision was made to make sure that material that is now distributed electronically is also produced in hard copy format. It was suggested that a call be made to all members for archival material and that this material stay with the Secretary/Treasurer rather than the Public Officer.

*Ejection:* A motion was put forward to eject Murray Littlejohn from the meeting.

Moved: D Roberts

Seconded: R Shine

*National Database of Herpetofauna:* G Gillespe mentioned that a possible long term goal of the society may be to collate an electronic National Database of Herpetofauna. He proposed that members negotiate with key institutions and attempt to obtain Government funding for the project (e.g., NHT funding). He agreed to investigate the possibility further.

*Student prizes:* Murray Littlejohn agreed to having the Honours/Masters Award named in his honour. A new evaluation system was implemented this year to provide students with valuable feedback on their talks. Session chairs were asked to score certain aspects of a students' presentation. This information was also used as a guide to judging the talks. The following prize winners were announced by the incoming President:

Murry Littlejohn prize for Honours/Masters Research:

Winner (\$200)—Allie Mokany, "Interactions between tadpoles and mosquito larvae"

Honorable mention—Anja Klingenbock, "Family business? What drives habitat usage of the land mullet (*Egernia major*, Scincidae)?"

Peter Rawlinson prize for Postgraduate Research:

Winner (\$300)—Kylie Leonard, "The effects of light and temperature on *in vitro* melatonin rhythms of the sleepy lizard, *Tiliqua rugosa*"

Honorable mention—Ricky Spencer, "Predation risk and nesting: the role of the fox in modifying the behaviour of a freshwater turtle"

Honorable mention—Clare Morrison, "Altitudinal variation in tadpole growth and developmental rates"

Prize for best poster:

Winner (\$100) - Tracy Langkilde, "Tail waves in the rainbow skink, *Carlia jarnoldae*"

*New members:* Joanne Chambers, David Chapple, Naomi Doak, Michelle Drew, Joern Fischer, Alison Fitch, Jane Girling, Donna Hazell, Geoff Heard, Raelene Hobbs, Anke Maria Hoefer, Sacha Jellinek, Greg Kerr, Samantha Kneives, Tracy Langkilde, Bonnie Lauke, Kylie Leonard, Lorrae McArthur, Allie Mokany, Louise Osborne, Konrad Osterwalder, Richard Peters, Kylie Robert, Marko Sacchi, Dan Salkeld, Chloe Schauble, Ben Smith, Jessica Stapley, Adam Stow, Leonie Valentine, Bob Wong, Danny Wotherspoon.

*Ejection:* A motion was put forward to eject absent friends (i.e., Mike Tyler) from the meeting.

Moved: M Littlejohn

Seconded: M Davies

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

## **COUNCIL REPORT 2001**

Report of Council, February 2001

President - Roy Swain

Vice President - Mike Bull

Secretary/Treasurer - Scott Keogh

Public Officer - Richard Longmore

Assistant Sec/treasurer - Tom Burton

Scott Keogh put forward the suggestion that a firm date be set for membership renewals. It was agreed to have this discussed at the AGM. The financial status of the Society was discussed and is considered to be in good shape. The possibility of allocating some of the ASH funds to support student research was discussed and it was agreed to bring up this topic at the AGM.

Scott Keogh

Secretary/Treasurer

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
SOCIETY OF HERPETOLOGISTS INCORPORATED**

1. I have audited the attached accounts being the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2000 and the Balance Sheet at that date in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.
2. As an audit procedure it was not practicable to extend my examination of fund raising beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the Association.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, I report that in my opinion:
  - (a) The accounts are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1991 to be dealt with in the accounts.
  - (b) The accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the Act.
  - (c) The accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with proper accounting standards.
  - (d) I have obtained all the information and explanations required.
  - (e) Proper accounting records and other records have been kept by the association as required by the Act.



**J M NEILL**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

31 January 2001

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF  
HERPETOLOGISTS INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET  
AT 30 JUNE 2000

Last Year		\$	\$
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
14587	Opening Balance		15992
1405	Surplus (Loss) for the year		3468
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15992	Closing Balance		19460
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15992	TOTAL FUNDS		19460
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	REPRESENTED BY:		
	CURRENT ASSETS		
1392	Stock on Hand - at cost	1124	
0	Bank Cheque on hand	18372	
4	Cash on Hand	4	
9942	Cash at Bank	0	
4704	Bank Savings Account	0	
150	Subscriptions in arrears	0	
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16192			19500
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16192	TOTAL ASSETS		19500
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
200	Subscriptions in advance	40	
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200			40
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15992	NET ASSETS		19460
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THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF  
HERPETOLOGISTS INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

Last Year		\$	\$
	INCOME		
0	AGM Fees		2604
4558	Subscriptions		1340
0	Newsletter		220
0	Sale of T Shirts,etc - profit		118
5	Interest		6
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4563	TOTAL INCOME		4288
	LESS EXPENSES		
200	Audit Fee	240	
221	AGM Expenses	0	
8	Bank Fees	16	
0	Filing Fees	64	
2238	Newsletter	0	
0	Prizes	500	
491	Stationery & Postages	0	
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3158	TOTAL EXPENSES		820
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1405	SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		3468
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**THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF HERPETOLOGISTS INCORPORATED**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2000**

Last Year

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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The Society is not a reporting entity because in the directors' opinion there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs, and these accounts are therefore special purpose financial reports that have been prepared to meet the requirements of members and income tax law.

The entity has applied Accounting Standard AASB 1025 Application of the Reporting Entity Concept. No other Accounting Standards or Statements of Accounting Concepts have mandatory applicability.

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are:

- (a) Accrual accounting has been applied and the accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values nor, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

**2. BANK CHEQUE ON HAND**

Both bank accounts were closed on 13 June 2000 and new accounts were not opened until after 30 June 2000.