

COM.IT.ES MEETING MINUTES

Monday 16 November 2015

6:20pm at Italian Centre, 262 Carrington St Adelaide

Present: Mark Quaglia (Chair), Christian Verdicchio (Secretary), Gianna Vorrasi, Angela Scarino, Marinella Marmo, Antonio Dottore, Mario Romaldi, Angelo Fantasia, Alessandro Vecchiarelli and Roberto Affortunato (Consulate representative)

1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies received: Tony Piccolo, Martina Matta, Andrea Ramon, Antonio Rosato, Alessandro Ragazzo, Michael Donato

2. Conflict of interest

Christian Verdicchio – Board Director South Australian Italian Association
Mario Romaldi – Romaldi Constructions

3. New Items for the Agenda

- Gianna Vorrasi meeting with Silvana Venosi to discuss ideas for the website

4. Confirmation of September minutes (7 September 2015)

The following changes were indicated:

- Signature replacement – removal of Verdicchio and replace with Vecchiarelli
- Pt.3 Marinella Marmo indicated that the meaning of the minutes was unclear and suggested more detailed minutes were needed.
 - o Angela Scarino explained that a decision would need to be made about the style of minute taking; these could include a full, detailed account of the discussion or a summary of decisions and actions only.
- It was agreed that future minutes would summarise discussion, but minute in detail decisions of the committee.
- ACTION: Mark Quaglia to circulate revised minutes for acceptance at next meeting December 7th.

Moved: Marinella Marmo, Seconded: Christian Verdicchio, accepted

5. Confirmation of October minutes (12 October 2015)

- Marinella Marmo proposed that minutes should be in Italian before acceptance and sign off.
- ACTION: Minutes are to be written and posted both in Italian and English.
- Vecchiarelli raised concerns about Pt.11 regarding the lease agreement with the Italian Centre and whether or not a formal vote had been taken.
 - o Mark Quaglia and Angela Scarino indicated that the lease proposal had been tabled at the last meeting and had been received with enthusiasm.
- ACTION: Pt.11 Mark Quaglia to circulate revised minutes for acceptance at next meeting December 7th. With tabling of proposed lease agreement to SAIA, on behalf of Com.it.es, Dante and Co.As.It.

Moved Angela Scarino, Seconded Gianna Vorrasi, accepted

6. Acceptance of Resignation of Secretary, Treasurer and Member of Executive Positions

- Two emails of resignation submitted and tabled
- Alessandro Vecchiarelli thanked members and indicated that he had been honoured to have been voted secretary however due to changes in personal circumstances he was unable to continue in the role.
 - o Mark Quaglia moved a motion of thanks for his services, seconded by Angela Scarino, accepted.
- Antonio Dottore outlined his reasons for having to resign from the treasurer and member of executive position.
 - o Mark Quaglia moved a motion of thanks for his services, seconded Angelo Fantasia, accepted.

7. Appointment to positions

- There was a call for nomination for the position of Secretary;
 - o Mark Quaglia nominates Gianna Vorrasi and declines the nomination.
 - o There is no other nominations put forward and discussion occurs about possible people to take on role, with still no nominations.
 - o Christian Verdicchio then nominates; seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

- Christian Verdicchio is Vice-President and Secretary of Com.It.Es
- There was a call for nomination for the position of Executive Member; Martina Matta's nomination was tabled by Christian Verdicchio. Mario Romaldi raised concern that the person nominated as member of executive should also hold a position of either treasurer or secretary.
 - It was agreed to continue the discussion on this matter at the next meeting.
- There was a call for nomination for the position of Treasurer;
 - No nominations received
 - It was agreed to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

8. President's Report

The President gave a verbal report highlighting the following:

- Inter Com.It.Es
 - The President summarised the proceedings of the meeting held in Canberra on the 14th of November 2015. The Ambassador praised the vision and plans of Com. It. Es. Adelaide. The agenda is attached, with the minutes to be made available if they are sent from the embassy.
- Mark Quaglia thanked Marinella Marmo for her assistance in making her house available to the Salafia family for their stay in Adelaide. They have now returned to Italy.

9. Secretary's Report

None

10. Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and tabled
 - Mark Quaglia noted that the Campania club has sent a letter to Com.It.Es seeking \$7,000 for previous rent. This is contrary to previous discussions and arrangements.
 - Mark Quaglia raised point of why treasurer report has \$5,000 donation to Campania club for rent. Antonio Dottore responds by saying that he felt that given the bank account needs to be zero at the end of the year, that if it weren't spent then the \$5,000 should be donated to Campania Club.

- Committee discussion occurs raising that no money will be donated for rent as it was not apart of the verbal agreement, and instead the funds will be spent on various projects before the end of the year.
- Action: Mark Quaglia is to follow up with Luisa Greco, president of Campania Club and will report back next meeting.
- Action: Antonio Dottore to amend report and remove initial allocation of \$5,000 to Campania club for rent and send via-email for acceptance prior to next meeting.

Proposed Mario Romaldi; Seconded Gianna Vorrasi; carried.

11. Consular report

No report was given

12. Sub-committee proposal

The proposal to establish sub-committees was tabled (as attached)

- After discussion the proposal was accepted with the following two amendments;
 - o that sub-committees will appoint their own chair at the first meeting, with the current, proposed chair to be the convenor for the first meeting, and
 - o the urgent decisions by sub-committees that are to be approved by the Executive Committee in between meetings in the rare occasion of this occurrence must be accompanied with justification of urgency.

Moved Mario Romaldi; seconded Angela Scarino and carried

13. Website update

- Christian Verdicchio gave a verbal report indicating that further options are being investigated and that a quote and more information will be presented at the next meeting by Martina Matta.
- Mario Romaldi raised that payment should be paid at the completion of the works.

14. Com.It.Es Christmas dinner and farewell to acting consul

- Christian Verdicchio to organise Xmas dinner with the date and location to be notified to the committee.
- Gianna Vorrasi to organise a gift for Orietta Borgia.

15. General Business

Gianna Vorrasi provided a brief report on her meeting with Silvana Venosi regarding an idea for the Com.It.Es website.

16. Meeting Close 9pm.

Next Meeting Monday, 7 December 2015 @ Italian Centre 6pm.

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Mark Quaglia – President

_____ Date ___/___/___

Christian Verdicchio – Vice President & Secretary