

# Minutes of the Spielwelt 2015 AGM

\*When: \*Tues 10 Feb 2015

\*Where: \*Turner Scout Hall

\*Time: \* 7.30pm

Chair: Lisa Stephan

Present: Lisa Stephan, Cristina R-F, Claudia H, Melanie W, Kerry M, Ben R, Jennifer H, Christine H, Joss (Jess B?), Heike H, Melanie K, Julia H, Scott H, Britta H, Emily P, Sybille O, Julia, Richard K.

*We had a quorum in attendance (a quorum is 7 members according to our constitution).*

## AGENDA

### 1. Introductions

Lisa welcomed everyone, and a quick round of introductions was held.

The president thanked the many parents who had made another great impression on the hall during the January working bees. Particular thanks went to Horst Punzmann who had put in many many hours on the window trim installation, which is making a big difference already to our indoor temperatures and noise levels.

There is still more work to be done during the year, as along with the windows, we are having major works done to the playground, as well as putting on a Karneval in March.

A list will be put up on the internet for families to volunteer for roles they would like to do, to help Spielwelt operate both on a day-to-day basis and to achieve its bigger aims this year. This may include jobs such as installing the playground equipment.

Lisa explained the Spielwelt organisation chart and how the groups are all interdependent, and how we are all working towards a common aim. There was a short overview given of volunteer roles needed to be filled to assist Spielwelt.

Lisa also thanked those who had volunteered last year in various capacities: notably, the committee of 2014, including outgoing committee member Kylie Gibson who had put in years of valuable service to Spielwelt; as well as Sabine Shanahan, Doro Scholl and Sarah Fell for running Spiel und Spass with the help of parents in that group; the Pfadfinder scout leaders; the Spielwelt fundraising and special events teams; and the GAP teachers who not only work for us but also volunteer many of their hours.

### 2. Adopt minutes of last AGM

The people at the meeting who were present at the 2014 AGM agreed to adopt the minutes of that AGM. Richard seconded the motion.

### 3. Committee reports

#### a) President's report

Spielwelt including Pfadfinder continues to grow and thrive at the Turner Scout Hall. More work has been done on the hall, and still more inventory gathered. 2015 will be our 7<sup>th</sup> year at the hall, and our 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

In 2013, new windows were purchased under an ACTEWAGL Green Grant, and after our initial supplier fell through, one of our families, the Kingslands, came to our rescue and helped get a deal for us with LAROS Technologies in Fyshwick. New triple glazing windows from Germany were purchased and imported for the price of locally sourced double glazed windows. A band of dedicated parents installed the windows, and at the January 2014 working bee, we (nearly) finished installing the trims and sills for them. (Thanks to Horst for guiding that arduous and worthwhile process.)

The GAP program has continued to move from strength to strength. The introduction of the Goethe Institute's Hans Hase program last year went well, and we will continue to refine that program in 2015. It is proving very worthwhile for the children and their programming.

The GAP teachers are Cristina, Julia, Friederike, Kerstin and Fiona (who started this year); with Stephanie as our relief teacher.

Early morning drop off option currently doesn't have sufficient enrolments to make it worthwhile, but we have started a waiting list and when it reaches the right number of children, the committee can look at offering that option again.

After school programs: Musik will continue on Tuesday afternoons, with Kerstin and Friederike; and Cristina will let us know when she's ready to return to delivering that program (after the birth of her baby late last year).

The German Language School is trialing a new venue within a short walk from the scout hall, which was better suited to their classroom teaching style (than our play-based teaching space at the hall). There was some discussion from Melanie regarding insurance for the children when they are being walked across from GAP to GLS. Some of the parents are driving their children and ensuring the children have a break and something to eat. There is a possibility that some of the younger children can stay at the hall. These issues will be referred to the German Language School and their parents to discuss.

Spiel und Spass will continue to meet on Wednesdays at the hall, and will be run this year by Dorothee S and Sarah F.

The Spielwelt Library is going well. Many more donations of new and pre-loved books have been received, the library has expanded into more space, and undergone a big "pruning session" with many books and games available for families to take home. The committee is planning to revise the way the library borrowing system works, and will issue the new borrowing rules on this shortly. The committee is meeting after this AGM to finalise decisions about the library and how it will continue. The doors have been taken off the library to make the books more accessible and the rules of borrowing will be less strict than before.

Pfadfinder continues to experience strong growth. Spurfinder (5yrs), Joeys (6-7yrs) and Cubs (8-10yrs) meet Tuesday nights; and Scouts (11-14yrs) on Monday nights.

In 2014, the families had an absolute ball, going on family camps; going on canoe camp; going flying in the Scouts Australia Cessna planes; and much more. Another great program is planned for this term with exciting activities, and personal development for the children. The meeting noted we have lots of great leaders at Pfadfinder – and more leaders are always welcome!

**Special Events –**

- 1) Karneval on Sat 14 March 2015; planning is well underway.
- 2) Lantern Walk on Sun 14 June.
- 3) Story Night on Tues 27 October.
- 4) Bus wash excursions for GAP and Spiel und Spass, in Term 1, with a bus wash breakfast
- 5) Nikolaus in December.

**b) Finance officer's report**

The audited Financial Statements were circulated at the meeting, and an overview of income and expenditure break-down was given.

The committee is putting money aside in case our floor is damaged by termites. We also have child-safe termite bait and traps outside the hall.

The committee will be spending approximately \$35,000 on the playground upgrade this year. We are planning to spend more at a later date on a sun shade for the playground.

**4) Election of committee members for 2015**

The incumbent committee members stood for re-election and were thanked, and re-elected, unanimously.

They are:  
President: Lisa Stephan  
Finance Officer: Claudia Haggarty  
Enrolment Secretary: Melanie Woerner  
Secretary: Emily Peelgrane  
Public Officer: Jens Stephan

**5) Receive and consider the statement of accounts and other reports**

The meeting considered and accepted the audited financial statements for this financial year. Questions received by the committee. Heike moved that the financial statements be accepted and Emily Peelgrane seconded the motion.

**6) Other business**

**a) Nominations/endorsement of non-committee roles** (as set out in organisational chart online.)

**7) New business**

a) Parent input and ideas: Spiel und Spass wanted to be able to discard some toys (in their storage tubs) they don't want, and were assured they are most welcome to do this, and replace toys from their own budget.

**8) Adjourn: 20:12h**