**THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MAGIC**

**Annual General Meeting – Tuesday November 10, 2020 – 7.39pm**

ACCEPTED *(\* = interstate or international member)*

* Josh Staley
* Davide Kaufmann
* Lachlan Wilde
* Nopera Whitley
* Tim Ellis
* Dan Bingham
* David Chandler
* Dom Chambers
* David Jones
* Joe Williams
* Wayan Vasilli
* Sebastian Rideaux
* Dane Certificate\*
* Lee Cohen
* Les Cohen
* Adam Mada \*
* Nick Kesidis
* Chi Han Yeo

DECLINED

* Cosentino
* Pierre Ulric
* Ben Sheldon
* Lawrence Leung
* Anthony DeMasi
* Nicola Gidley
* Mat Unwin
* Tony Finch \*

MAYBE

* Brendan Croft (unfinancial)

INVITED BUT NO RESPONSE

* Adrian Kebbe
* Bruce Brown (unfinancial)
* Simon Coronel\*
* Nathan Ernest
* Enzo Ficco
* Joel Howlett\*
* Nicholas J Johnson (unfinancial)
* Michael Sullivan
* Nigel Xu

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2019 AGM

* <https://australianinstituteofmagic.org/agm-minutes-2019/>

Proposed David Chandler

Seconded Dan Bingham

Accepted Yes

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

* **MAGICIANS AT WORK 2020:** No live events this year due to Covid19. Joshua Cowie at Arts Centre Melbourne was redeployed. We have been holding semi-regular AIM sessions via Zoom thanks to Anthony DeMasi’s ‘I So Miss You’ events. We hope to resume in person in February 2021 – discussions with ACM will resume soon.
* **LECTURES:** Last year we worked with The Magic School of Confidence to co-promote over a dozen lectures. This year TMSOC has continued to co-promote some Zoom Lectures with the Magic Circle and the ASM, but AIM has not produced any.
* **FISM:** Due to Covid19, FISM WCM 2021 in Canada has been postponed to 2022 and the lead up events (FISM Asia etc) have also been postponed by 12 months.Still no response to FISM’s attempt to delegitimise FISM Oceania. Domenico Dante simply doesn’t respond to emails. FISM did partner with Masters of Magic in the online fund raising event United Magicians for the World, but the FISM Executive Board were not consulted and still, to this day, have not been told who will be eligible for the funds raised or how they will be distributed.
* **AIM WEBSITE:** The site still continues to get a lot of hits and ranks well organically in Google. We would like to refresh all the AIM Members free listings <https://australianinstituteofmagic.org/aim-members/> Fill it out the form you received and send it back so we can update your listing and (hopefully) get some enquiries coming in to you. The Calendar has been deleted as there are no live events in Australia, but will gradually return so please send your events in. We have been adding online events to the MMF site. News items are still being added by Tim as they come to hand. No members have submitted any in the last 12 months.
* **NEWSLETTER:** On Nopera’s advice we switched from MailChimp to Mailer Lite to save some money each month. We send it out each month to over 8,000 clients and are happy to add your news – none sent in in the last 12 months.
* **MMF 2020:** Due to Covid19 we had to cancel our live event, but ran an Online Stage Gala (big thanks to all concerned) which raised $3000 to help offset our loss. We also ran the Australian Magic Championships on Facebook and Vincent Kuo was the winner, receiving $2000 he can put towards his visit to FISM 2022. Josh Staley also produced the AIM Juniors Showcase live on Zoom.
* **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
* AIM MEMBERS
* Currently there are 37 AIM Members – 3 are still unfinancial (same as last year, lost a few and gained a few)

**MEMBERS NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Pierre Ulric – P&T Fool Us
* Dom Chambers – James Galea’s Best Show Ever (2022) and ‘The Impossible Zoom Experiment’
* Josh Staley, Lawrence Leung, Tim Ellis, Anthony DeMasi, Mr Marmalade – Zoom Shows
* Nicholas J Johnson – Tricky Nick book launch.
* Adam Mada – Zoom Show at the Sydney Opera House
* Tim Ellis – IBM online lecture and upcoming online PCAM guest.
* Simon Coronel – Magic Jigsaw Company
* Lee Cohen & Nicholas J Johnson worked on the TV show Wentworth
* Lee Cohen created a Magic Workshop for the ACM ‘At Home’ program which was the most downloaded of all their workshops.
* Cosentino – Cosentino School of Magic
* Mr Marmalade won the Ballarat Beard and Moustache competition Grand Champion title.
* Dan Bingham produced a series of Zoom shows for Geelong including Football Magic and Magic from the Botanic Gardens.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENTS REPORT

* Proposed Nick Kay
* Seconded Sebastian Rideaux
* Accepted Yes

TREASURERS REPORT

AIM FINANCES

* INCOME TO DATE

MEMBERSHIP FEES– $70 x 29 = $2,030 ($210 more if they pay)

+ 3 lifetime, 2 mmf staff comps

* EXPENSES TO DATE
1. Mailer Lite– about $75 per month (as opposed to $120 with Mail Chimp) = $900
2. Book Keeper - $200
3. Public Officer Filing Fee - $59.20

RESULT– $870.80 profit for 2020 (balances our 2019 loss)

**FINANCIAL YEAR** – INCOME $2,080 (AIM MEMBERS) – EXPENSES $1,428.47 (MAIL CHIMP)

AIM JUNIORS – INCOME $240 (MEMBERSHIPS)

MMF – as the Gala Income was this financial year - $19,847.26 loss

(AIM Juniors & MMF are separate balances within the same account)

**AIM/MMF Account total on Nov 10, 2020: $86,213.16**

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURERS REPORT

* Proposed Sebastian Rideaux
* Seconded Dan Bingham
* Accepted Yes

AIM JUNIORS REPORT – Josh Staley

Due to Covid, this year all AIM Junior activities were moved to Zoom. This was challenging but resulted in many good sessions. They lost some juniors, but picked up quite a few interstate juniors who are keen to continue Zooming into sessions once they return in 2021. The Junior Showcase was a success, and actually made some money for the AIM Juniors which they plan to use to fund guest lecturers in the future.

In 2021 they hope to institute the plan created by Josh, Dan and Lee for 2020 and tap into the Magic Classes that already exist in Melbourne so that the Classes and Sessions can support each other in the development of the junior magicians.

They are aiming to relaunch live sessions in February 2021 and will go back to a semester fee instead of the per session fee they have been using this year.

Adam Mada asked if there were any plans to expand AIM juniors into Sydney, but Josh would prefer to get Melbourne functioning smoothly first.

PUBLIC OFFICERS REPORT – David Chandler

David Chandler has spent quite a lot of time finding out exactly what the Government requires of our Public Officer. This entailed writing and submitting a report and a fee, which he has done, and expanding his role to that of Secretary.

VOTING

**CURRENT COMMITTEE**

**President**– Tim Ellis

**Vice President**– Dan Bingham

**Secretary/Treasurer**– Nick Kay

**Public Officer**– David Chandler

**Committee**– David Chandler

**NEW COMMITTEE - Nominations**

**President**– Tim Ellis

* Proposed Dan Bingham
* Seconded Nick Kay
* Accepted Yes

**Vice President**– Dan Bingham

* Proposed Josh Staley
* Seconded Dane Certificate
* Accepted Yes

**Secretary/Public Officer**– David Chandler

* Proposed Tim Ellis
* Seconded Nick Kay
* Accepted Yes

**Treasurer**– Nick Kay

* Proposed Les Cohen
* Seconded David Chandler
* Accepted Yes

**Committee**– Sebastian Rideaux & Lachlan Wilde

OTHER BUSINESS

* Magic Donated to AIM – Lee Cohen has a lot of props stored. What should we do with them?

**Tim Ellis and Nick Kay will take the props to Sebastian Rideaux’s studio (and invite Nicholas J Johnson to join them) and log all the props and estimate prices. They will then be offered to AIM Members first (online) and the remaining items will potentially be auctioned or used by AIM Juniors.**

* Should AIM apply for Not for profit registration?
* The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely to further its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation
* In the event of the organisation being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members

<https://www.acnc.gov.au/>

- This means we can apply for advertising with Yarra Trams in 2020 for 2021

**Nick Kesidis looked into this and AIM did not qualify.**

* AIM EMAIL ADDRESSES: We will ask Nopera Whitley to look at our AIM email addresses – as they haven’t been working for a few years now.

Nopera is very happy to assist. He will contact Tim Ellis when he has free time and will sort this out.

Adam Mada suggested we do a Membership Drive to involve more professional magicians, such as those in CIGAM. Dan Bingham will draft a brief BENEFITS OF AIM document and we will create a Membership Application and begin promoting this in December.

COVID PANEL – David Chandler is happy to start drafting AIM’S Covid Policy for Magicians and Nick Kay, Adam Mada and Dan Bingham offered to assist. We hope to have this drafted and online soon. If any members have specific Covid questions related to the way they perform, please email them to David so they can be addressed in the document. Having AIM as a “peak industry body” representing it’s members will enable us to have some say in the Covid discussion.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.51pm