

Humanist Society (Singapore) Annual General Meeting 2014

Financial Report for 2013

The society's audited accounts for 2013 are as follows:

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Bank		4,169.91
Cash on Hand		138.40
Stocks (T-shirts)	[1]	243.00
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		-
Advance Membership Subscription		-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		4,551.31
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ACCUMULATED FUND		
Opening Balance at 1 Jan		4,404.66
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(401.36)</u>
		<u>4,003.30</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 01/01/13 TO 31/12/13

	Notes	2013
		\$
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	[2]	1,030.00
Members' Contributions		1,057.00
Merchandise Sales		398.00
Event Fees		2,513.00
		<u>4,998.00</u>
LESS: EXPENDITURE		
Bank Charges		360.00
Merchandise Costs		173.90
Event Costs	[3]	3,421.34
Website Domain Name		244.95
Social Media Costs	[4]	752.07
Other Misc. Costs		447.10
		<u>5,399.36</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(401.36)</u>

Notes:

- [1] HSS maintains an inventory of 27 T-shirts (valued at \$9 each)
- [2] The HSS has 122 paid members as at 31st Dec 2013
- [3] Comprising event-related costs such as venue booking, food and drinks, gift of appreciations etc.
- [4] Costs related to setting up of a new website (\$600.00), Flickr account (\$57.12) and Meetup.com (\$94.95)

Voting-Membership

There were 18 voting members who attended and 1 nomination to vote for the new committee by proxy. The voting membership for the year is 52, thus the quorum has been reached.

Amendments to Constitution

The following amendments to the society's constitution were passed by majority vote:

	Existing Clause/Section	Proposed changes	Vote Results
1	<u>OBJECTS</u> 3.1 Its objects are 3.2 In furtherance of the above objects ...	<u>OBJECTIVES</u> 3.1 The Society's objectives are 3.2 In furtherance of the above objectives...	18 for - passed
2	3.1.1 To encourage a rational approach to human problems, to promote the fullest possible use of science and the arts, for human welfare,	delete the comma between "the arts" and "for"	18 for - passed
3	3.1.4 To encourage respect for the universal human rights of men and women free from discrimination on the basis of race, class, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, or nationality.	to insert: "religious or spiritual beliefs or lack thereof"	18 for - passed
4	<u>Definition of Humanism</u>	re-label this as 3.3 i.e. <u>3.3 Definition of Humanism</u>	18 for - passed
5	<u>4.1</u> Membership is open to all who support the objectives of the society.	Membership is open to all who support <u>and agree with</u> the objectives of the society <u>as described in Clause 3 herein.</u>	17 for, 1 against - passed
6	4.1 ... A member is defined as a person who has made an application for membership of the Society and has been approved by the Committee.	to add "and who has no outstanding arrears owed to the Society whether for membership fees or other amounts."	18 for - passed
7	7.1 Membership is not transferable. A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason	change to: "Membership is not transferable. Unless stated otherwise in this Constitution, a right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason	18 for - passed
8	7.3 Resignation of membership is by way of written notice to the Secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of	Add at the end: "The required period of notice is two weeks. Membership fees already paid are not refundable upon resignation."	18 for - passed

	notice, the member ceases to be a member.		
9	7.6.1 “brings the Society...”	change to “brought the Society”	18 for - passed
10	7.6.2 Persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules	change to “Persistently refused or neglected to comply with the whole or any part of this Constitution”	18 for - passed
11	7.6.3 Through his or her actions, or comments, no longer shares the objectives of the society as defined section 3 of the constitution	change to “Through his or her words or conduct, demonstrated that he or she no longer shares the Objectives as stated in clause 3 hereto”	16 for, 2 against, - passed
12	New addition	To add “9.1.1 Members shall only be eligible to stand for election upon satisfying a minimum membership period prior to the date of the AGM. The requisite periods are: For the posts of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer: At least one year. For the posts of Assistant Secretary and Committee Members: At least six months.”	18 for - passed
13	Interchangeable use of “section” and “clause” in the existing constitution	All “Section(s)” in the constitution will be to changed and referred to as “Clause(s)” for consistency.	18 for - passed

Elections for 2014 committee

Mr Paul Tobin was elected to the post of society president, 19-for.

Mr Tan Tatt Si was elected to the post of society treasurer, 19-for.

Mr Dan Dan Thio was elected to the post of committee member, 19-for.

Appointment of Auditors for 2014

The auditors for 2014 are Mr Adrian Chia and Mr Adam Quek.

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Eric suggested a link to the society's constitution be provided in the membership forms.

Paul suggested for amendments to the constitution in future to allow for multiple year memberships.

Eric and Prima suggested email reminders to members for membership renewal (already done, to check mailing list).

Liyan asked if Paypal can be implemented if the barriers to retrieve funds can be overcome.

Shamima proposed that the new committee look into a fundraising pitch kit for donors and Eric added that fundraising efforts be tied to specific campaigns.

CONCLUSION AND LOOKING FORWARD

The main thrust of the society remains promoting Humanism and its goals. Darwin Day continues to be our major annual event, and we will continue to work with interested partners to source for venues, following the National Library Board (NLB) in 2013 and National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2014.

HSS worked with Lions Befrienders as part of its community service activities and will be looking at working with other organisations as well in the future. HSS will also respond to media when relevant pressing issues regarding Humanism arises.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2014 and hope to expand Humanism outreach through our events and across different media platforms.