



#LoveOzYA Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 26th, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the #LoveOzYA Committee was called to order at 8:00pm AEST on March 26th, 2018 via Skype by Michael Earp (Chair).

Present

Michael Earp, (VIC), Kevin Lee (VIC), Stacey Malacari (WA), Rhianna Patrick (QLD), and Joe Visser (NSW)

Apologies: Tori D'Cruz (SA) due to dental emergency

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting had been approved via email and posted online.

Issues Discussed:

Welcome:

Sign Up Giveaway:

Seems to be going well. 61 new newsletter subscribers so far. Most of that has come from the giveaway. Giveaway finishes at the end of April, 2018.

Survey:

All the cleaning up of the data is done and Michael has been busy putting together all the pie charts so results can be released soon.

Action: Michael to continue compiling information for public release.

Website

Still need to raise money for the website hosting costs which are due in 12months time. Special thanks to a donor who wished to remain anonymous who paid for 2018/2019. Website hosting will again be due in March 2019.

Committee agrees that the website needs a re-design and a quote has been requested from the original web designer.

This update might be 12months away though due to no funds.

To upgrade the website, committee will need to raise funds either by crowdfunding, sponsorship or a grant.

Action: Stacey will follow website re-design quote as the incoming Chair of the Committee and will find out who currently hosts the LoveOzYA website.

Crowdfunding/ Patreon account/ Grant funding

Committee discussed best option for raising funds for the website.

Committee talked about sponsorship possibilities, patreon, grant writing and short-term crowdfunding possibilities.

Committee also recognised that if we move to either of these models, the organisation will have to look at applying for an ABN and finding a new committee member with financial expertise.

Committee agreed that the organisation will need to think about what getting an ABN means and governance needs around this. Acknowledgement that sponsorship guidelines/ad space guidelines may need to be written as well if Committee chooses to head in this direction.

Action: Stacey to follow up on sponsorship options and report back to the Committee.

#LoveOzYABloggers meme. – Twitter Chat take over - Blogs

Guest curation of LoveOzYABloggers meme and twitter chats.

Joe doing a great job of the Q&As on the website.

Kevin to take over posting other articles on the blog.

Action: Blogger meme and twitter chat takeovers still to be discussed further (as well as attaching a committee member to this role. Kevin to take over the other blog posts on the website.

Sydney Writers Festival

Committee considering whether a LoveOzYA Youth Ambassador who attend the YA Festival to tweet, Instagram, video and write on behalf of us. Could possibly take over the LoveOzYA socials or write articles depending on what they have expertise in doing. Would be great to get some videos of the day as well and to pair them with a former LoveOzYA committee member who may also be attending.

Action: Stacey to approach SWF about seeing if a LoveOzYA youth ambassador can attend on behalf of the committee.

Brisbane Writers Festival – LoveYA YA Day on May 12th, 2018

Tickets are on sale end of March and authors will be announced then as well. There are four on the bill, two from QLD and two from Australia wide. LoveYA advisory group doing venue visit on Tuesday 27th March. Event being held at Flowstate at South Bank in Brisbane.

Tickets: Full \$15, Concession \$10, Day Pass (4 sessions) \$35. Lots of activities being planned for between events so should be a great day.

LoveYA Youth Ambassador has been shortlisted and a decision to be made soon. Jeann Wong from Happy Indulgence Books is the YA Ambassador and will work with the youth ambassador around content for BWF socials and website.

Action: Rhianna to keep the committee updated on event planning as the LoveOzYA committee member on the LoveYA advisory group.

New members:

An open call will be put out to find new members for the Committee.

Action: Michael to compose call out.

OzQueerYA tumblr -

Michael has been approached by an academic to turn his tumblr into a resource which lists all Australian Queer YA.

3-4 year project but Committee agrees that Michael will be the point on the project and as a past representative of the LoveOzYA committee.

The resource will be linked to the LoveOzYA resources page on the website once completed. Committee agrees it might also inspire similar projects and LoveOzYA could be the umbrella site to bringing these resources together in one place.

Radio

OzYAY! monthly news chats to be taken over by incoming Chair Stacey. Thanks for Michael for flying the LoveOzYA flag on ABC Radio every month.

Action: Rhianna to liaise with Stacey about the monthly OzYAY news chat.

New business

ALIA schools committee coming up in May. Michael will be co-presenting with Adele Walsh and will talk about all things LoveOzYA.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by Michael Earp (Chair). The next general meeting will be in roughly a month's time on a date to be confirmed by consensus.

Minutes submitted by: Rhianna Patrick

Approved by: Michael Earp, Kevin Lee, Stacey Malacari, Rhianna Patrick, and Joe Visser