

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 23 November 2013  
Sports House Building 6A Ken Brown Room  
6 Figtree Drive Sydney Olympic Park Drive Homebush Sydney

MINUTES

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1. **Open / Welcome address by President - Meeting Opened at 9:30AM**  
The President welcomed everybody to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting. It was noted that because of the inclement weather representatives of Deaf Cricket Australia (Becky Mundy) and Australian Deaf Tenpin Bowling Association (Jina Chapman and Sylvia Gusts) were apologies - accommodation and flights had been organized but have been cancelled.

2. **Apologies:**

The following DSA members were listed as Apologies:

Kevan Gosper - DSA Patron  
Anne Bremner- Life Member  
John Webb - Life Member  
Jill Lovett - Representing John Lovett (deceased)  
Brent Phillips - DSA Board Member  
Kathryn O'Brien - DSA Board Member  
Lauren Johns - DSA Life Member  
Fiona Lehmann - Eight Ball  
Simon Mahoney - Rugby Sevens  
Glen Flindell - Tennis  
Chris Storer - Squash  
Matthew Dunstan - Basketball

3. **Proxies**

Proxies were received from:  
Lawn Bowls for Tony Gorringer  
Netball for Marnie Kerridge

4. **Roll Call**

**DSA Board Members:**

David Peters  
Phil Harper



**State Deaf Sporting Organisations:**

Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland  
Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria  
West Australian Deaf Recreation Association  
Deaf Advocacy, Sports and Recreation ACT (DeafACT)  
Deaf Community and Sport SA

**National Deaf Sporting Organisations:**

Deaf Aquatics Australia  
Deaf Lawn Bowls  
Deaf Tennis Australia  
Deaf Golf Australia  
Deaf Volleyball Australia  
Deaf Netball Australia

**Life Members:**

Wendy Home  
Cindy- Lu Bailey

**Staff:**

General Manager - Garry West-Bail  
Sports Development Officer - Irena Farinacci

**Interpreters:**

Jasmine Rozca and Kellie Willenberg

**5. Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting**

**Motion:** That the 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted after the following being noted -

- Second paragraph point 1 should read Phil and not David;
- Marnie Kerridge was the proxy for DeafACT not Wendy Home;
- Australian Deaf Golf Association should read Deaf Golf Australia.

**MOVED:** Deaf Golf Australia

**SECONDED:** Deaf Sports and Recreation Victoria

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

There was no business arising

## 7. President's Report

David Peters, DSA President, gave a brief overview of his President's Report as published in the 2012/13 DSA Annual Report which had been handed out

**Motion:** That the 2012/13 President's Report is accepted

**MOVED:** David Peters

**SECONDED:** Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland

Carried

## 8. Finance Report

Garry West-Bail General Manager, presented the 2012/13 Finance report as distributed in the Annual Report and highlighted and explained a number of points and highlights that were part of the accounts which made up the loss of \$24290.00

**Motion:** That the 2012/13 Finance Report is accepted

**MOVED:** Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

**SECONDED:** DeafACT

Carried

## 9. Appointment of Auditors

**Motion:** That Saward Dawson is appointed the ADSF (DSA) Auditor for 2013/14.

**MOVED:** Deaf Golf Australia

**SECONDED:** Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

Carried

## 10. Election of Directors

David Peters, DSA President explained via a PowerPoint presentation the

processes and constitution rules that govern the election of directors. This year there have been four nominations for four vacancies. The following are the nominees and the years that they have nominated:

Rick Bryan - one year  
Phil Harper - three years  
Marnie Kerridge - three years  
Brent Phillips - two years

Therefore as there is an equal number of nominees with Board vacancies there is no requirement to hold an election.

Motion: that the four nominees as listed above be elected to the DSA Board of directors for the terms as shown.

MOVED: Deaf Golf Australia      SECONDED: DeafACT

**Carried**

## 11. Constitution Changes

Garry West-Bail, General Manager presented via a PowerPoint the proposed alterations, deletions and additions to the DSA Constitution. Most changes were cosmetic but the main changes concentrated on:

- a) Deleting reference to by-laws and replacing with policies
- b) Ensuring the CEO cannot be a Board Member of DSA for at least three years after competing his/her CEO role
- c) The ability to use various telecommunication mediums to host meeting of the Board and Members
- d) Additional powers that allowed for DSA to claim tax deductibility status from the Australian Taxation Office
- e) Clarifying and creating consistency in the timing and calling of Member meetings
- f) Confirming Board of Directors either voted or appointed can only serve on the Board for three terms over a period of 15 years

Motion:

That the recommended Constitution Changes as presented be accepted in their entirety.

Moved: Deaf Netball Australia  
Seconded: DeafACT

Garry West-Bail thanked the Australian Sports Commission for their recommendations and DSA Board Member Kathryn O'Brien for her advice and direction in completing this process.



## 12. Life Membership

There are no nominations.

## 13. General Business

### 13a) PROPOSAL: Deaf Golf Australia

That for future DSA Awards a “Team” category to be included.

David Peters confirmed the Boards agreement with this proposal

### 13.b) Deaf Golf Australia -

That DSA Board commits to supporting equally Deaflympic and Non-Deaflympic Sports especially in searching and procuring funds to assist travel expenses to attend Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships

David Peters confirmed that the Board would seek advice from State Governments, identified National Sporting Organisations and other parties regarding the status of funding for these events

## 14. Acknowledgements & Thanks

David Peters extended thanks to key Deaf Sports Australia supporters the Australian Sports Commission and Vicdeaf and to all sponsors and partners. David Peters thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

## 15. Next AGM

David Peters advised the date for the 2013 AGM would be on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Adelaide.

## 16. Close

David Peters closed the Annual General Meeting at 11:30am, with special thanks to interpreters.

**David Peters - President**

..... Date