

Deaf Sports Australia



2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 28 November 2014
DCSSA House 23 - 25 Famechon Crescent, Modbury North,
Adelaide SA 5092

MINUTES

1. Open / Welcome address by President David Peters - Meeting Opened at 9:30AM

The President welcomed everybody to the 32nd Annual General Meeting. In particular the attendance of five Life Members was recognised.

The President introduced three Board Members who were elected / appointed last year but were not in attendance at the 2013 AGM - Marnie Kerridge, Rick Bryan and Darren Howell.

Before the meeting formally commenced a one minute silence was observed after the passing of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes.

2. Apologies:

The following DSA members were listed as Apologies:

Kevan Gosper - DSA Patron
Bryn Davies - Basketball
Fiona Lehmann - Eight Ball
Steve Cardamone - Rugby Sevens
Glen Flindell - Tennis
Wendy Home - Life Member

3. Proxies

Proxies were received from:
Tennis for David Brady

4. Roll Call

DSA Board Members:

David Peters
Phil Harper
Marnie Kerridge
Kathryn O' Brien
Rick Bryan
Darren Howell





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
NSW Deaf Sports Committee
Deaf Sports Northern Territory

National Deaf Sporting Organisations:

Australian Deaf Darts Association
Australian Deaf Squash Association
Deaf Aquatics Australia
Deaf Cricket Australia
Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia
Deaf Golf Australia
Deaf Netball Australia
Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia
Deaf Touch Football Australia

Life Members:

Bruce Muller AM
Cindy- Lu Fitzpatrick OAM
John Webb
Anne Bremner
Jill Lovett

2016 Games Organising Committee:

Kym Jacobs - Chairperson
Kylie Rickards
Maria Williams
Johanna Plante
Caroline Conlon - Events Manager

Staff:

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

Interpreters:

Heather Loades and Imran Webb.

5. Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted after the following being noted -

- Open / Welcome should note the President was David Peters;

MOVED: Deaf Golf Australia



SECONDED: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

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 2013/14 DSA Annual Report which had been handed out.

Motion: That the 2013/14 President's Report is accepted.

MOVED: David Peters

SECONDED: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

Carried.

8. Finance Report

Darren Howell Chair of the DSA Risk and Audit Committee, presented the 2013/14 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 \$5,184.00.

Motion: That the 2013/14 Finance Report is accepted.

MOVED: Darren Howell

SECONDED: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

Carried.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That Saward Dawson is appointed the ADSF (DSA) Auditor for 2014/15.

MOVED: Darren Howell

SECONDED: Deaf Golf Australia

Carried.

10. Election of Directors

David Peters, DSA President and Garry West-Bail, General Manager explained via a PowerPoint presentation the processes and constitution rules that govern the election of directors. This year there have been three nominations for three vacancies. The following are the nominees and the years that they have nominated:

Rick Bryan - three years
Alex Jones - one year
Dean Barton - Smith - three years

However it was pointed out that the nomination form for Dean Barton - Smith had been incorrectly signed. It was noted that only Full DSA Members or DSA Board Members could sign the document. This had not occurred therefore the form was deemed to be invalid and consequently rejected.

Therefore as there are only two nominees for the three Board vacancies there is no requirement to hold an election.

Motion: that the two nominees Alex Jones and Rick Bryan be elected to the DSA Board of directors for the terms as shown.

MOVED: Deaf Golf Australia **SECONDED:** DeafACT

Carried.

It was noted that there is now a casual vacancy on the Board that the DSA Board will discuss at its next meeting.

In addition it was noted that Darren Howell a Board appointment would continue his term that expires in 2016.

11. Constitution Changes

Garry West-Bail, General Manager presented via a PowerPoint the proposed changes to the DSA Constitution:

a) Deleting clause 10.3 which currently provides the President with a casting vote - the deletion of this clause will mean any decision that ends up in a voting tie must go back to the Board for further discussions.

b) Addition to clause 13.00 - Ensuring the CEO cannot be a Board Member of DSA for at least three years after competing his/her CEO role - PLEASE NOTE THIS ADJUSTMENT WAS APPROVED AT THE 2013 AGM BUT NOT INCLUDED IN THE SUBSEQUENT REVISED / UPDATED DOCUMENT - THIS IS THEREFORE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.



Motion:

That the recommended Constitution Change as presented be accepted in its entirety.

Moved: Kathryn O'Brien

Seconded: DeafACT

Carried.

12. Life Membership

The DSA Board of Directors have received and have subsequently approved for acceptance by the DSA Members one Life Membership nomination. The President outlined the services to sport that Tony Gorringe had provided in particular to Deaf Lawn Bowls in Australia.

Motion - that Tony Gorringe to be awarded Life Membership of Deaf Sports Australia.

Moved: David Peters

Seconded: Kathryn O'Brien

Carried.

The President awarded the Life Membership certificate. Tony Gorringe responded with thanks.

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 and that it would be included in subsequent Awards.

13.b) Deaf Golf Australia -

That DSA Board re - 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.





13.c) New DSA Members

Garry West-Bail, General Manager outlined the rationale and process for accepting new Full Members to Deaf Sports Australia. It was noted the Members had received applications for Membership from

- Deaf Athletics Australia
- Deaf Touch Football Australia
- Deaf Rugby Australia

Resolved - that the above three entities be accepted and approved as Full Members of Deaf Sports Australia.

Moved - Kathryn O' Brien

Seconded - DeafACT

Carried

It was noted that in response to a question from Deaf Golf Australia Deaf Sports Australia has a conflict of interest policy that needs to be abided by all DSA Directors.

14. Acknowledgements & Thanks

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

As this is David Peters last formal Deaf Sports Australia meeting Vice President Phil Harper congratulated David on his work, commitment and passion to DSA over the last 30 years. Anne Bremner Life Member also outlined her thanks on behalf of the Deaf sports community. In addition via a pre - arranged video presentation former President Brent Phillips outlined his thanks and appreciation.

Phil Harper then presented a number of gifts to David Peters and then led a congratulatory acclamation of thanks.

15. Next AGM

The date for the 2015 AGM will be confirmed but it will be held prior to the beginning of the 2016 Australian Deaf Games in Adelaide.

16. Close

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

David Peters - President

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Date: