

Deaf Sports Australia



2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 3 December 2016
JML Centre, 3rd. Floor VicDeaf
340 Albert Street East Melbourne

MINUTES

1. Open / Welcome address by President Phil Harper - Meeting Opened at 10:10AM

The President welcomed everybody to the 34th. Annual General Meeting. The President outlined the paperwork that had been distributed for the meeting. The president introduced DSA Board Members, DSA Members, Life Members and staff

2. Apologies:

The following is a list of apologies:

Kevan Gosper - DSA Patron
Anne Bremner - Life Member
David Peters - Life Member
Jill Lovett
John Webb – Life Member
Deaf Society – Leonie Jackson
Julie Lyons – DSRQ
Katie Walker – Deaf 8 Ball Australia
Matt Warr – ASC
Michael Barca – Deaf Bowls Australia
John Lui – Deaf Tennis Australia
Briana Beath – Deaf Netball Australia
Darren Howell – DSA Board Member
Katie Kelly – DSA Board Member
Hannah Britton – DSA Board Member (attending 2017 Deaflympics training camp)
Therese Pierce – Deaf Golf Australia

3. Proxies

Nil Proxies received

4. Roll Call

DSA Board Members:
Phil Harper - President





Kathryn O' Brien
Rick Bryan
Alex Jones
Tracey Corbin – Matchett

State Deaf Sporting Organisations:

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

National Deaf Sporting Organisations:

Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia
Deaf Golf Australia
Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia
Deaf Touch Football Australia
Deaf Volleyball Australia
Deaf Futsal Australia
Deaf Basketball Australia
Deaf Aquatics Australia

Life Members:

Wendy Home
Tony Gorringer
Cindy – Lu Bailey
Annabel Bishop

Observer:

Graham Home

Staff:

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

Interpreters:

Glenda Judd and Paul Heuston.

5. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted after the following being noted.

MOVED: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia

SECONDED: DSRV
Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

7. President's Report

7.1 Phil Harper, DSA President, gave a brief overview of his President's Report as published in the 2015/16 DSA Annual Report which had been previously mailed out to Members. The PowerPoint presentation overview concentrated on governance processes, directors' portfolios, new membership structure, ASC requirements, strategic plans and pillars, risk management, succession planning, Active Deaf brands and funding

Motion: That the 2015/16 President's Report is accepted.

MOVED: President

SECONDED: Deaf Futsal Australia

Carried.

7.2 Garry West-Bail, General Manager DSA, provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined significant developments since July 2016. These included:

- New recurring funding from the NSW Government
- New Insurance policies and coverage
- New International Travel Risk Management Plan
- ASC Sporting Schools Program

8. Active Deaf Kids Report

Irena Farinacci provided a detailed summary of the program via a PowerPoint and video presentation

Both General Manager's and Active Deaf Kids reports were noted.

9. Finance Report

In the absence of Darren Howell Chair of the DSA Risk and Audit Committee, Garry West-Bail presented the 2015/16 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 profit of \$8701

Motion: That the 2015/16 Finance Report is accepted.

MOVED: Kathryn O'Brien

SECONDED: Deaf Bowls Australia

Carried

10. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That Saward Dawson is appointed the ADSF (DSA) Auditor for 2016/17.

MOVED: Kathryn O'Brien

SECONDED: Deaf Bowls Australia

Wendy Home commented that Saward Dawson have been DSA's auditor's for many years and have been very consistent with their audit work and supportive of DSA. She suggested DSA should consider acknowledging their support through a certificate of appreciation. This was agreed to and will be organised.

Carried.

11. Election of Directors

Kathryn O'Brien explained the processes, ASC governance principles and constitution rules that govern the election of directors. This year there have been two nominations for three vacancies therefore creating an election. The following are the nominees and the years that they have nominated:

Katie Kelly - three years

Michael Katzakis - three years

Tracey Corbin – Matchett – three years

The Members appointed two scrutineers – Garry West-Bail and Graeme Home.

Each nominee provided a short five-minute presentation after which voting papers were distributed. Kathryn briefly noted Katie Kelly's background in her absence. Votes were counted with the following outcome:

Motion: that the two nominees Katie Kelly and Tracey Corbin – Matchett were elected to the DSA Board of directors for the terms as shown.

MOVED: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

SECONDED: DeafACT

Carried.

Congratulations to the two Board members returning to the Board and thanks to Michael Katzakis for considering a position on the Board.

12. Constitution Changes

Kathryn O'Brien presented the proposed changes to the DSA Constitution that had been previously forwarded to all Members. The changes reflected the new Membership Structure where reference to National Deaf Sport



Organisations was deleted as they are now called National Deaf Sport Committee's.

Motion:

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

Moved: Kathryn O'Brien

Seconded: NSWDS

Carried.

13. Life Membership

No nomination received

14. General Business

No general business received

15. Acknowledgements & Thanks

As this Annual General Meeting is Phil Harper's last as President of DSA and his last on the DSA Board of Directors, Kathryn O'Brien, Vice President DSA provided extended thanks and congratulations to Phil Harper for his tireless work, passion and commitment over the last 10 years. A certificate of appreciation was then presented to Phil Harper.

Phil thanked Kathryn and the Board for the honour and shared his belief that DSA is in a strong position and continuing to grow and consolidate thanks to the efforts of the Board, staff and members. He thanked the Board and staff for their wonderful and dedicated support, members for their co-operation and endeavour and his family for allowing him to dedicate time to DSA over the years. He wished everyone all the best and will be around to offer support as needed.

16. Next AGM

19th or 20th January 2018 – location – at the 2018 Australian Deaf Games – Albury/ Wodonga

17. Close

Phil Harper closed the Annual General Meeting at 11:50am, with special thanks to the interpreters.

Phil Harper - President

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Date:

