

Deaf Sports Australia



2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 9 January 20,2016
Adelaide High School
Adelaide**

MINUTES

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

The President welcomed everybody to the 33rd Annual General Meeting that is being conducted just prior to the opening of the 2016 Australian Deaf Games. The President outlined the paperwork that had been distributed and captioning and screens have been made available for the meeting. The president introduced DSA Board Members and staff

2. Apologies:

The following is a list of apologies:

Kevan Gosper - DSA Patron
Tamare Hone - Basketball
Cheryl Rankine - Darts
Anne Bremner - Life Member
Wendy Home - Life Member
Jill Lovett

3. Proxies

Nil Proxies received

4. Roll Call

DSA Board Members:

Phil Harper
Marnie Kerridge
Kathryn O' Brien
Rick Bryan
Alex Jones
Darren Howell (not present due to Games Athletics competition)





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

National Deaf Sporting Organisations:

Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia
Deaf Golf Australia
Deaf Netball Australia
Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia
Deaf Touch Football Australia
Deaf 8 Ball Australia
Deaf Volleyball Australia
Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia
Deaf Rugby 7's Australia
Deaf Futsal Australia

Life Members:

David Peters
Tony Gorringe
John Webb

Staff:

General Manager - Garry West-Bail
Sports Development Officer - Irena Farinacci
Membership Support and Development Officer – Sam Cartledge

Interpreters:

Heather Loades and Paul Heuston.

5. Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the 2014 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted after the following being noted.

MOVED: Deaf Touch Football Australia

SECONDED: Kathryn O'Brien

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

7. President's Report

Phil Harper, DSA President, gave a brief overview of his President's Report as published in the 2014/15 DSA Annual Report which had been previously mailed out to Members. The 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 2014/15 President's Report is accepted.

MOVED: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia

SECONDED: Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland

Carried

Noted – that Deaf Touch Football Australia and Deaf Athletics Australia had been excluded from the Members list in the Annual Report. An apology was noted.

8. Active Deaf Kids Report

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

9. Finance Report

In the absence of Darren Howell Chair of the DSA Risk and Audit Committee, Garry West-Bail presented the 2014/15 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 \$15,697.00 – a brief Power point presentation was used to explain the break up of income and expenditure

Motion: That the 2014/15 Finance Report is accepted.

MOVED: Alex Jones

SECONDED: Deaf Touch Football Australia

Carried

10. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That Saward Dawson is appointed the ADSF (DSA) Auditor for 2015/16.

MOVED: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia



SECONDED: Deaf 8 Ball Australia

Carried.

11. Election of Directors

Garry West-Bail, General Manager explained the processes and constitution rules that govern the election of directors. This year there have been two nominations for two vacancies. The following are the nominees and the years that they have nominated:

Kathryn O'Brien - three years

Alex Jones - three years

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

Motion: that the two nominees Alex Jones and Kathryn O'Brien be elected to the DSA Board of directors for the terms as shown.

MOVED: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

SECONDED: DeafACT

Carried.

Phil Harper then noted that at last night's Board Meeting Marnie Kerridge has tendered her resignation. The Board will now endeavor to fill this casual vacancy for the period up to the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Marnie was thanked for her tireless work and invaluable contribution to DSA over the last two years on the Board and in particular her work in supporting the preparations for the 2015 Australian Deaf Games.

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 and minor governance changes as directed by the ASC

Motion:

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

Moved: Kathryn O'Brien

Seconded: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia

Carried.

13. Life Membership

The DSA Board of Directors has received and have subsequently approved for acceptance by the DSA Members one Life Membership nomination. The President outlined the services to sport that Annabel Bishop has provided in particular to Deaf Aquatics in Australia.

Motion - that Annabel Bishop to be awarded Life Membership of Deaf Sports Australia.

Moved: Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia

Seconded: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia

Carried.

Annabel Bishop was not able to attend the meeting. The certificate will be presented at an appropriate time in the future.

14. General Business

14 a) Life Membership Policy

Kathryn O'Brien explained the rationale and processes that are behind the review the policy. This explanation was provided so as there was a degree of transparency that enables the Members to understand the background to the changes

14.b) Deaf Sports App

Phil Harper explained the process and application that the new app will have. The development will occur during the ADG with the launch set down for later in 2016

15. Acknowledgements & Thanks

Phil Harper 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. In addition the following were thanked:

- Johanna Plante and the 2016 ADG Games Organising Committee
- Adelaide High School
- Ai- Media for the captioning services
- Interpreters
- John Hoopman and Deaf Church (A/V provision)



A brief overview of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the DSA Members Forum was then provided

16. Next AGM

The November date for the 2016 AGM will be confirmed at a later date

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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