

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 17 November 2018
3rd Floor Expression Australia Offices
340 Albert Street East Melbourne Vic. 3002**

MINUTES

1. Open / Welcome address by the President – Meeting Opened at 10:00AM

The President- Kathryn Armfield welcomed everybody to the 36th. 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 special guests and staff

2. Apologies:

The following is a list of apologies:

Kevan Gosper – DSA Patron
David Peters – Life Member
Jill Lovett
Katie Walker – Deaf 8 Ball Australia
David Larkin – NSW Deaf Sports
Debbie Larkin – NSW Deaf Sports
Nikolas Schlie – Deaf Futsal Australia
John Webb – Life Member
Julie Lyons – DSRQ
Matt Warr – ASC
John Lui – Deaf Tennis Australia
Katie Kelly – DSA Board Member
Alex Jones – DSA Board Member
Darren Howell – DSA Board Member
Sherrie Beaver – DSA staff member
Therese Pierce – Deaf Golf Australia
Chloe Nash - DeafAct
Cindy – Lu Bailey – Life Member

3. Proxies

Leonie Jackson is a proxy for NSW Deaf Sports
Neville Redmond is a proxy for Deaf 8 Ball Australia

4. Roll Call



DSA Board Members:

Kathryn O' Brien - Chairperson
Rick Bryan
Hannah Britton
Tracey Corbin – Matchett
Greg Troedson

State Deaf Sporting Organisations / Committees:

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 Committees:

Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia
Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia
Deaf Netball Australia
Deaf 8 Ball Australia
Deaf Basketball Australia
Deaf Tennis Australia

Life Members:

Tony Gorringe
Anne Bremner

Observer:

Melissa Anderson
Rebecca Adam – ICSD President

Staff:

General Manager – Garry West-Bail

Interpreters:

Paul Heuston

5. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted as a true and correct record

MOVED: Chairperson

SECONDED: WADRA
Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

7. President's Report

7.1 Kathryn Armfield, DSA Chairperson, gave a brief overview of her President's Report as published in the 2017/18 DSA Annual Report which had been previously emailed out to Members with hard copies made available at the commencement of the meeting. The presentation overview concentrated on governance processes, directors' portfolios, new membership structure, ASC requirements and ability to highly benchmarked under all criteria in the ASPR, ASC funding, ICSD developments including improved communications and a reform program, strategic plans and pillars, risk management, succession planning, Active Deaf programs, 2018 and 2022 Australian Deaf Games, 2017 Deaflympics and the need to create an effective High-Performance Program. In addition, the success of the new branch / committee structure in Victoria, NSW and Queensland was emphasized. Finally, the NDSC structure and the need to improve all forms of communication and relationship development was highlighted.

Motion: That the 2017/18 President's Report is accepted.

MOVED: Chairperson – Kate Armfield

SECONDED: Deaf Netball Australia

Carried.

7.2 Garry West-Bail, General Manager DSA, provided a presentation that outlined significant developments since July 2017. These included:

- New recurring funding from the NSW, Victorian and Queensland Governments
- Staffing in these three states
- The NDSC structure
- 2018 and 2022 ADGs
- 2017 Deaflympics
- ASC Sporting Schools Program
- Active Deaf Programs
- DSA Strategic Plan updates including Child Safe Sport Statement and the need to create applicable policies
- Uncertainty of ASC – Sport Australia funding
- AFL developments
- Classifications

The General Manager's report was noted.

8. Finance Report



Darren Howell Chair of the DSA Risk and Audit Committee was an apology so Garry West-Bail General Manager, presented the 2017/18 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 \$69,000:

- DSA Operations including a donation from the Alan Mann Estate and the 2017 Deaflympics
- State Branches
- Active Deaf - SSP pilot study
- 2018 ADG

Motion: That the 2017/18 Finance Report is accepted.

MOVED: Chairperson – Kate Armfield

SECONDED: Deaf Tennis Australia

Carried

9. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That Saward Dawson is appointed the ADSF (DSA) Auditor for 2017/18.

MOVED: Darren Howell

SECONDED: Deaf Tenpin Bowling Australia

Carried.

10. Election of Directors

The Chairperson explained the processes, ASC governance principles and constitution rules that govern the election of directors. This year there have been two nominations from current Board Members who are seeking re – election. As there were no other nominations they are re – elected unopposed. Therefore, the following have been reelected for three-year terms:

Kathryn Armfield – three years

Alex Jones – three years

Greg Troedson who was elected as a Board appointment earlier in the year was introduced to the Members. Greg provided a brief overview of his work experiences and what initiatives he is currently working on

11. Constitution Changes

Nil – proposed

12. Life Membership

No nomination received



13. General Business

13.1 – Child Safe Sport

The Chair provided an overview of the Sport Australia’s direction and the DSAs approved Child Safe Statement – a new policy and guidelines are currently being developed – the new Statement was handed out to the Members

13.2 – ICSD

The Chair provided a brief update of the changes at the ICSD as well as the reform agenda that has been developed

The Chair then introduced the Appointed President of the ICSD – Rebecca Adams. Rebecca outlined the following:

- The need to develop improved linkages and the want to foster relationships with all key stakeholders
- Improved discussions with the IOC
- To be improve communications and transparency with all stakeholders
- The new Reform agenda and timetable – includes a number of commissions – legal and athlete are priorities
- Current focus is on the athletes, engagement with members, International Sport Federations, IOC and International Deaf Regional Associations

14.Acknowledgements & Thanks

The Chairperson thanked the Board and staff for their wonderful and dedicated support, members for their co-operation and endeavor. She thanked Paul Heuston for his wonderful work and wished everyone all the best for the festive season and the New Year

16. Next AGM

November 2019 – location – TBC

17. Close

The Chairperson closed the Annual General Meeting at 11.05 AM.

Kathryn Armfield – Chairperson

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