



## Special General Meeting- Minutes

Saturday 4 February 2022

Via Zoom

At 2.00 PM (AEST)

### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Opening and Welcome

Debra Swann opened the AGM and acknowledged the country. We have two interpreters – Tanya Miller and Paul Heuston and captions by Bradley Reporting.

#### 2. Chat box will be monitored for questions and comments. We had received 36 Votes from members via Survey monkey,

#### 3. Roll Call:

- a. Individual Members
- b. Corporate Members
- c. State Organisations Delegate Members
- d. Proxy Votes x 1
- e. Observers and Associate Members

#### 4. Apologies

Kerry Priem and Robert Adam

#### 5. Update: As a result of the votes from 36 members via survey monkey voted on or before 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Deaf Australia will be postponing the vote for the Constitution and change of company until we have completed the community consultations. We will communicate these dates and times with you in the coming weeks.

#### 6. Adoption of 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Report

Debra Presented the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Report which was audited by Ryk Eksteen of Collins and Co. and based on feedback from the AGM the following was discussed:

1. **Auspices** – Our constitution does outline that we can provide auspice services to organisations (under Part1-Statement of Objectives 1.1.7: to provide advice, assistance and support either directly or indirectly to organisations of and for Deaf people upon their request and after consultations with the state association involved whenever appropriate). Currently we have the following:
  - a) Deaf Blind Victoria – Joined DA mid-2020
  - b) Deaf Hub Bendigo – Joined DA in February 2022
  - c) Deaf Mental Health Fund – Joined DA in late 2022
2. **Profit/Loss** for Deaf Australia for the year ended 30 June 2021 is at -\$8,196.
3. **Income Stream for 2021/22:**  
Deaf Australia
4. **Large 'Sundry' expense:** This was approved by the board due to contribution for ustome fees for products worth over \$1K to sell at Auslan Shop, Gift vouchers for Volunteers who had supported us, Project cost for both Deaf Hub Bendigo and Deaf Blind Victoria.
5. **Travel and accommodation:** In March 2022, DA host a Board and Staff retreat in Sydney. Staff also met with Deaf Community on various project to gather information and feedback such as Cairns for Deaf Census Project, Newcastle for Health meeting.

(Name ) moved that the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Report was adopted as true and accurate records.

(name as written on chat box) **Seconded.**

The Motion is **CARRIED.**

#### 7. Appointment of Directors

Currently on the board is Debra Swann and Brooke Pape. Lorraine Mully had stepped down. December 2020. We are able to vote to 4 new board members in which many pre voted before 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Voted Nominations:

1. Karthik Vijayanandam of Victoria
2. Susan Bates of Western Australia
3. Sherrie Beaver of Victoria
4. Julie Lloyds of Queensland
5. Brooke Pape of ACT – the board will discuss coopt at later date.

The Motion is **CARRIED.**

#### 8. Change of Deaf Australia to Company

Postpone until community consultations completed

#### 9. Adoption of the proposed constitution of Company

Postpone until community consultation completed

#### 10. Close of Meeting

Thank you to all staff involved today, Auslan Interpreters and to Bradley reporting. Thank you to all members, allies, partners and funders for their ongoing support in Deaf Australia.