



Special General Meeting
1.15pm, Saturday 27 October 2018
Darebin Parklands, Alphington

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Jan Aitken, Ro Bailey, Hannah Bathen, Helen Bennett, Melissa Brickell, Carole Brown, John Burke, Deb Chapman, David Crawford, Julie Eagles, John Farlow, Keith Gove, Peter Harvey, Aaltje Harvey, Otis Heffernan-Wooden, Belinda Duarte, Michelle Isles, Ian James, Alistair King, Peter Lewis, Aislinn Martin, Erin McKinnon, Demian Natakhan, Damian O’Keefe, Jennifer Perlstein, Rosemary Rule, Kath Travis, Greg Thorpe, Abe Schwarz, Aileen Traynor, Win Van den Bossche, Jill Webb, Bob West, Kathryn Nauta and Vicki Clark.

Apologies who provided a proxy form:

Vicky Grosser, Jo Moore, Bob Heaton, Joyce Dodge, Anne Schmidt, Michelle Forbes, Jo Whitehead, Sasha Trikojus, Emily Chauvel Byrne, Nicole Findlay, Philippa Day, John Bonnice, Josephine Moore

Apologies:

Howard Tankey, Sue Jones, Narelle Smith-Haslett, Susanne Haring, John Murray, Dierdre Robertson, Terry Makin, Barbara Oehring, Vic Say, Juanita Pope, Genevieve Timmins, Fran Smullen, Steff Armstrong, John Perry OAM, Pam Tankey.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Present and Apologies

3. Consideration of a special resolution.

Keith Gove (Secretary) indicated that the SGM was called to consider a special resolution to change the Association Rules. He presented a summary of the proposed changes as per SGM invite, including the process and reasoning behind them.

Key points included moving to a skills-based board; creating a ‘knowledge council’ of Aboriginal members to advise the Board, to strengthen Aboriginal voice; modernising the rules to align with the current ‘simple rules’ model, noting that the Association Rules had changed little since incorporation in 2001; and an increase in the number required for a general meeting quorum.

Questions were then invited and members raised the following matters:

- clarification was sought on the rules around proxy votes, and whether a non-member can be appointed as a proxy at a meeting. Discussion amongst members resolved that no change was required to the proposed rules.
- the phrasing of “member’s rights and liabilities” was questioned. This was clarified as being consistent with the simple rules and no change was required to the proposed rules.
- a member observed that the Rules’ aspiration for a 50/50 Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal Board



might be incompatible with a nine-member Board. Keith Gove explained that it was an aspiration, not a requirement. No change was required to the proposed rules.

- In response to a question about whether there was a requirement for an overlap between the Board and the Knowledge Council, it was agreed that it was desirable and the new Board would work towards this outcome. However, no change was required to the proposed rules.
- In response to a request for clarification of the proposed purposes of Reconciliation Victoria as written in the rules, Keith Gove read them out.
- It was suggested that the final clause in the rules could be better expressed to remove ambiguity. It was agreed that the Rules would be revised to achieve this.
- It was also agreed to revise the Rules to fix a typographical error.

Keith Gove then moved that the Rules as previously distributed, with revisions as noted in the meeting, be approved by members.

Motion: That the revised Association Rules as previously distributed be approved.

Moved: Keith Gove

Seconded: Michelle Isles

Carried with a vote of 48 out of 48.

Meeting closed at 1.47pm.