



Deaf Advocacy, Sports & Recreation ACT (DeafACT) Inc.

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 4th December 2022 – 11am

Black Mountain Peninsula – Garryowen Drive, Acton, ACT 2601

MINUTES

1. Open/Welcome address by President Jacob Clarke – Meeting Opened at 10:21am

The President welcomed all members to the 13th Annual General Meeting.

The President thanked everyone for their time to come to the meeting and reminded the audience if anyone wants to become DeafACT members and vote at this AGM, they need to fill the membership forms before we start. The membership fee is currently \$10.

Louise Irvine agreed to be the Minute Taker for this AGM.

2. Rollcall and check of the quorum

2.1 Attendance

The rollcall was performed, and the necessary quorum was ascertained.

14 Members/4 Observers presented. See below of their signatures.

DeafACT Board/Committee:

Jacob Clarke
Kathe O'Brien
Louise Irvine
Laisarn Leong
Lauren Reid
Vera Hall
Kellyanne Rosalion

Members:

Ivan Dolejší
Katie Wilmington
Christine Yerbury
Helen Trendos
Miles Kemp

Interpreters (members):

Amanda Dolejší
Sheree Murray

Observers:

Richard Rosalion
Lou Farrer
Simone Xirakis
Tina Taseska

Apologies:

Juliet Dowling
Lina Tan



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Time:

10:00am for 10:15am start

ATTENDING

Name	Signature	Name	Signatures
1. Jacob Clarke (President)		28.	
2. Kathe O'Brien (Vice President)		29.	
3. Louise Irvine (Secretary)		30.	
4. Juliet Dowling (Treasurer)		31.	apology
5. Laisarn Leong (Committee)		32.	
6. Lina Tan (Committee)		33.	apology
7. Lauren Reid (Committee)		34.	
8. Amanda Dolejsi (Sub-committee)		35.	
9. Vera Hall (Sub-committee)		36.	
10. Kellyanne Rosalion (Sub-committee)		37.	
11. Ivan Dolejsi		38.	
12. Kathe Wilmington		39.	
13. Chris King (RBury)		40.	
14. Sheree Murray		41.	
15. Vera Hall		42.	duplicate
16. Helen Trondos		43.	
17. Richard Rosalion		44.	
18. Miles Kemp		45.	
19. Lou Farrer		46.	
20. Simon Xidakis		47.	
21. Tina Teseshe		48.	
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Non-member

2.2 Proxies:

Laisarn Leong is a proxy for Lina Tan.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

3.1 Matters arising from the 12th AGM

There were no matters arising.

Motion: The Minutes of the 12th AGM, accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Jacob Clarke

Seconded: Kathe O'Brien

Motion carried.

4. Presentation of the 2021-2022 Annual Report

Late 2021 has continued to be a challenge for all of us. The pandemic, which has remained to test out doubts with the events with the community. The strength, courage, and shared confidence that we will get through this together. Our organisation has continued to make positive impact to the community and the interpreters.

In July 2021, we hosted our first Christmas in July event with delicious food, the event turns out to be a success with a huge number of attendees.

Unfortunately, the covid lockdown has returned, in August for 6 weeks which has left us no choice to put everything on hold until it was all safe to come out.

I just want to thank to Michael Hall, the CEO of Sprint Agency in Brisbane for setting up a team to work with us on building DeafACT a brand-new website, which is now live, where all the events and news are published. Events such as BBQ, AGM and movie events will be shown. If you are not a member of DeafACT, you can sign up online. The website is continuing to improve overtime so please be patient with us.

We also, were sad to see Brad Jones go, he has left the organisation and I thank him for his time and his hard-working effort with the deaf community and I wish him the best with his new job.

The following months, with Auslan Rights team, after so many meetings we submitted a petition to the ACT Legislative Assembly which got approved for Auslan Rights Petition. The petition has been spreading across the Deaf community and the public who supported Auslan. By 30 November, we achieved our minimum goal of 500, we got 536 signatures. I thank to everyone who signed the petition.

The petition is the reason we are working on today to have our rights to access Auslan across main pressure points for the community such as mental health, education, emergency services and hospital etc. This is important to advocate for all of us. This is ongoing project that I have been leading on for DeafACT and the ACT Government.

The petition was tabled to the ACT Legislative Assembly on February 8 and was referred to Education and inclusion team and was eventually approved for public inquiry, I thank all these people who provided their submission to them to assist with their inquiry. We will expect a report from them hopefully by the end of the year.

We also have formed a senior's group, under DeafACT with the leaders of Vera Hall and Mandy Dolejsi, the seniors meet up to discuss what they would love to do and propose to DeafACT, where we fund for their social events. The seniors have been enjoying it so far.

DeafACT has also done first aid course with St Johns Ambulance, so we are all certified, so you're all in safe hands!

In the past year, DeafACT has welcomed few members Kathe O'Brien who is the vice president for DeafACT and Kellyanne who joined us, where she represents for PODC (Parents of deaf children).

We also have been exposed in the media couple of times in regards of the petition which is brilliant.

As we wrap up for 2021/2022 financial year, we continued with more family BBQs which is a family favourite, please enjoy the food, and we have some exciting news – for these coffee lovers, we have coffee van coming at 11am, all kinds of coffee and tea, all free!

Motion: That the Annual Report present by the President be accepted.

Moved: Louise Irvine

Seconded: Kellyanne Rosalion

Motion carried.

5. Presentation of the 2021-22 Annual Financial Statement

The Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Statement to the meeting.

Motion: That the meeting receives and accept the financial statement as a true account for the 2021-22 financial year.

Moved: Lauren Reid

Seconded: Katie Wilmington

Motion carried.

6. Appointment of the Returning Officer and scrutineers

The President stood down from the Chair.

Amanda Dolejší was appointed Returning Officer by general agreement of the meeting.

7. Election and Induction of office bearers

7.1 Proxies reminder

Laisarn Leong is a proxy for Lina Tan.

7.2 President Two nominations – Jacob Clarke was nominated off nomination form. Lauren Reid was nominated off nomination form. Both accepted the nomination. Lauren was elected by a majority of votes.

7.3 Vice President: One nomination – Kellyanne Rosalion was nominated off nomination form. Kellyanne accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.4 Secretary: One nomination – Louise Irvine was nominated off nomination form. Louise accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.5 Treasurer: One nomination – Juliet Dowling was nominated off nomination form. Juliet accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.6 Public Officer: No nominations – Position remains vacant.

7.7 General Committee Members (up to 10 positions):

From the nomination form:

Laisarn Leong

Lina Tan

Kathe O'Brien

Laisarn, Lina, Kathe accepted and were elected unopposed.

Sub-committee members Amanda Dolejsi and Vera Hall accepted nomination and were elected unopposed.

Congratulations to the DeafACT Board of 2023:

President: Lauren Reid

Vice-President: Kellyanne Rosalion

Secretary: Louise Irvine

Treasurer: Juliet Dowling

Public Officer: to be appointed at a later date

General Committee: Laisarn Leong, Lina Tan & Kathe O'Brien

Sub-committee: Amanda Dolejsi & Vera Hall

The new President took the Chair.

8. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That the existing Accountant will continue next year.

Moved: Lauren Reid

Seconded: Louise Irvine

Motion carried.

9. Additional Business

DeafACT were presented with a framed photo of the Lawn Bowls team in their uniforms.

10. Announcement of date, place and time of the AGM

It was agreed that the new committee would discuss and set a date and time for the next AGM in November 2023.

Lauren thanked all present and the interpreters for their service on behalf of DeafACT and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The AGM meeting closed at 10:45am.