

Dystonia Network of Australia Inc. (DNA)

Minutes of Committee Meeting & Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date of Meetings: 10 December 2017

Location: Lachlans Restaurant, Old government House, Pitt Street, Parramatta NSW

Chairperson: Laraine as requested by Kerrie

Those present from the committee

Kerrie Jackson – President

Anne Cooper – Vice-President

Robyn McIlvar - Secretary

Sylvia May – Committee member

Cheryl King-Smith – Committee Member

Laraine McAnally – Public Officer/interim Secretary

Committee Meeting commenced at 13.19 Quorum Present: Yes

Laraine welcomed those present

Agenda

The Financial Statement, which had previously been circulated to the committee, was signed by Laraine & Kerrie, and witnessed by members of the committee as per requirement by auditor.

Committee meeting closed at 13.23

AGM commenced at 13.24

Those present:

Kerrie Jackson (President)

Sylvia May (Committee Member)

Anne Cooper Vice-President)

Robyn McIlvar (Treasurer)

Cheryl King-Smith (Committee Member)

Laraine McAnally (Public Officer/Interim Secretary)

Mark Smith

Fiona Given

Peter Fenton

Lynne Picard

Denise (visitor)

Les Mangan (visitor)

Apologies:

Liz Page

Lee Pagan

Stephen Sandstrom

Marie Drakakis

Juliette Walker

1. Previous minutes were accepted by Robyn and seconded by Kerrie

2. President's report read out and is attached
3. Treasurer's report – Robyn prepared the DNA finances for the Financial Statement of Dystonia Network of Australia Inc. and reported the results of the statement for year ended 30 June 2017 which is also attached. On 1 July 2017 we are solvent with a positive balance of \$7,986.06 with no outstanding debts.
The treasurer's report was accepted by Sylvia and seconded by Mark.
4. Members are encouraged to comment on the future direction of DNA. We are achieving our main aim of getting our information on dystonia out to neurologists, allied health, GPs and people with dystonia. However, we need to consider a more marketing approach and stronger alliances with other Dystonia Groups as well as organisations such as Parkinson's NSW, who we have already met with and other neurological groups such as the Brain Foundation. We would like members to consider where they would like to see DNA over the next few years. If members have special skills to assist us and have a little free time we urge them to get in touch. We are also encouraging fundraising ideas as it is expensive to keep a charity afloat.

There being no further business Laraine thanked those present and declared the meeting closed at 13.46.

The next DNA general meeting will be held at Laraine's home, 32 Moray Street, Winmalee NSW 2777. Tel: 0247 542920 or mobile 0414494485. It will be in February, but we do not have a date yet. This will be sent out ASAP. The GS&BM Support Group Meeting will follow this meeting.