

Australian Huntingtons Disease Association (Qld) Inc
 ABN 45 130 081 598

MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020

Thursday 26 November 2020

Registered office: Florence Dannell House, 385 Ipswich Road, Annerley 4300

Meeting held by video-conference due to COVID-19 restrictions

Life members present			
Cliff Farmer	Alan McKinless		
Members present			
Cate Barrett	Jason de Bakker	Shane Kelly	Susanna Mantovani
Della Nicholson	Shane Stoddart	Jan Szlapak	Jenny Farmer
Staff present			
Tressa Byrne	Cathy Holland	Jen Lysiuk	Jan Samuels
Caitlin Scarr	Jan Tipping	Lauren Ward	
Guests present			
Nil			
Apologies			
Donna Burns	Gerry Doyle	Mary Grant OAM	Adrian Rich

Welcome and apologies

The meeting opened at 6.14pm. Jason de Bakker, President and Chair, opened the meeting, welcoming those in attendance and noted the apologies as above.

Members also consented to having the meeting recorded.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2019, were tabled and adopted.

Moved: Jan Szlapak Seconded: Cate Barrett Carried

Board report and annual report

The Board report and annual report were presented by Jason de Bakker, noting that 2019-20 had been a very different and difficult year. He also noted the impact COVID-19 has had on many people in our HD community.

The president then discussed some of the challenges of the past year, noted milestones including:

- The sale of Florence Dannell House in February 2020, and the strategies being put in place to manage the revenue raised; and
- The development of more collaborative working relationships between the state HD associations.

He then thanked the team and directors for their service and made special mention of long-serving director Jan Szlapak, who is standing down from the board after 14 years.

The meeting also farewelled Susy Mantovani and Donna Burns, who have resigned from the board.

The president then referred attendees to the annual report (circulated by email link) for further information.

Management report

The Chief Executive Officer's report was presented by Jan Samuels and noted by members.

Audited report and financial statements

The Audit Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 were presented by Treasurer Della Nicholson.

The Treasurer noted the financial challenges that still face the Association in coming years and commented that management were doing a good job of keeping costs under control. The financial relief provided through government initiatives, such as the COVID JobKeeper subsidy, and reduced rent for organisations whose revenue has been impacted by COVID-19 were also acknowledged. The Treasurer then made special mention of Finance Officer Jen Lysiuk for her work on the JobKeeper initiative and the 2019-20 audit process.

The motion was put that the board and management reports, and the audited report and financial statements, be adopted.

Moved: Jan Szlapak Seconded: Shane Kelly Carried

Appointment of auditors

The motion was put to appoint Mr Paul Gallagher from BDO as the Association's auditors for the 2020-21 financial year. It was noted that Mr Gallagher is planning to retire in the 2020-21 financial year but BDO has undertaken to nominate a new auditor in his place in due course.

Moved: Shane Kelly Seconded: Shane Stoddart Carried

Appointment of honorary solicitor

The motion was put for Mr Adrian Rich from Minter Ellison to continue as honorary solicitor for the Association for the 2020-21 financial year.

Moved: Jan Szlapak Seconded: Cate Barrett Carried

