



Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Draft

held at Rydges Norwest Baulkham Hills

On Saturday, 3 May, 2024

Commencing at 5.30pm

Present:

Mark Paterson (MP)	Independent Chair for the meeting
Tracy Lucas (TL)	Chair Person /Grants
Olwen Smith (OS)	Director/ MPIO/Communications
Jan Pike (JP)	Director/ /Company Secretary /Rider Rep. Assistant
Joe Orland (JO)	Director/EO/Finance Officer
Allan Burton (AB)	Director/ Rider Rep.
Lucy Pentony (LP)	Office Co-ordinator (OC) RDA (NSW) – Minute Taker
Life Members, Regional Representatives and others as per attendance list.	

Voting Centre & LM

5 – Blue Mountains
6 – Box Hill TT
7 – Central Coast
8 – Coffs Harbour
9 – Coonabarabran
10 – Cootamundra
11 – Cowra
12 – Goulburn
13 – Griffith-Leeton
14 – Gunnedah
15 – Illawarra
16 – Kempsey/Macleay
17 – Kendall
18 – MGL
19 – Moss Vale
20 – Mudgee
22 – Orange
23 – RT & LH
24 – Richmond
25 – Ryde
26 – Tamworth & District
27 – Tumut
30 – Wagga
31 – Wauchope/Port Macquarie
32 – Wollondilly
33 – Young
34 – Jan Pike
35 – Margaret Norman
36 – Eileen Davis
37 – Maureen Turner
38 – Kerry Johnson

Delegate

Barry Davis
Greg Urand
Ann Lawson
Clarry Quirk
Jenny Whiteford (Proxy)
Olwen Smith
Jenny Wright
Jo Grove
Julie Groat
Jenny Wilkinson
Denise Tozer
Marie Purkis
Judith Rattur
Margaret Blain
Ann Garard
Diane Burnicle
Allan Everett
Anne Armitage
Wendy Snider
Ron Marton
Sue Wilson
Margot Bulger
Michelle Eastwood
Jan Pike (Proxy)
James Van-Lane
Helen Strasser (Proxy)
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1. Welcome and official opening

- 1.1. Chair (MP) independent chair declared the meeting opened at 5.40pm and on behalf of the board welcomed everyone in attendance to the 2024 RDA (NSW) AGM – noted that the attendees have been recorded on a list before entering the AGM for an accurate record of those in attendance

2. Apologies, Proxies

- 2.1. The following apologies were noted:
Margaret Beazley The Governor of NSW and Mr Dennis Wilson
Peter Carn
Kerry Johnson
Margurite Francis
Maureen Turner
Joan Edwards
- 2.2. Proxies received:
Young, Coonabarabran, Wauchope/Port Macquarie Centres, Life Members Maureen Turner, Kerry Johnson

3. Minutes

- 3.1. Acceptance of Minutes from the May 2023 Annual General Meeting
The Chair advised that the minutes of the May 2023 AGM have been circulated and called for a proposer and seconder to accept the minutes

32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 35 (Margaret Norman) Seconded “that the minutes of the May 23 meeting be accepted”

For the motion 24

25 (Ryde) and 33 (Young) abstained according to the belief that these meetings have been improperly convened

Against the motion - Nil

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the May 2023 Annual General Meeting- None

5. Reports

5.1. Chairperson’s Report (see Annual Report)

The Chair noted that the Chairperson’s report was circulated by email via the Annual Report

27 (Tumut) Moved and 32 (Wollondilly) Seconded “that the Chairpersons report be accepted”

For the Motion 23

Against the motion - Nil

25 (Ryde Centre) and 33 (Young) abstained according to the belief that these meetings have been improperly convened

Motion Carried

5.2. Finance Officer’s Report

Finance Officer’s Report

Chair advised that the finance report was circulated by email to all Centres



32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 10 (Cootamundra) seconded “that the Finance Officer’s Report be accepted”

For the Motion 10

Against the Motion 11

Motion Failed

6. Acceptance of the Financial Report including the Auditors Report

32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 10 (Cootamundra) Seconded “that the financial report including the Auditors Report for 2023 be adopted.

For the motion 4

Against 21

Abstained 2 – 7 (Central Coast) and 27 (Tumut) did not have the opportunity to consider the accounts

Motion Failed

7. Centre Affiliation fees for 2024

Fees proposed by recommendation of the Board to be \$110 for the year

32 (Wollondilly) Moved 23 (Raymond Terrace) Seconded “that the Centre Affiliation Fees for 2024 be \$110 as recommended by the Board of Directors

For the Motion 26

Against 1

Abstained Nil

Motion Carried

8. Elections

8.1. **Announcement of Regional Reps.** – on the agenda in error

8.2. **Announcement of Board Directors** – TL announced that CQ is standing down as Director and welcomed the new board members Greg Urand and Linda Bower. To remain on the Board TL, JO, AB, OS and JP will end her term as Appointed Director in November 2024 then will go back to being a Board Consultant

Chair congratulated the directors and welcomed the new Directors and noted that the new directors and directors to remain on the board was carried by the members with acclamation

9. Motions- none received. Motion foreshadowed see item10.3 below

10. Other Business

10.1. Appointment of Auditor

Moved 32 (Wollondilly) Seconded 19 (Moss Vale) “that the current auditor Richard Rogers to be retained for the upcoming year”

For the Motion 14

Against the Motion 12

Motion Carried



- 10.2. Invitation for hosting of 2025 Annual General Meeting Venue – on the agenda in error RDA (NSW) to host the 2025 AGM and Administration Workshop
- 10.3. **23 (Raymond Terrace) Moved** a Motion “that JO step down as director of RDA (NSW)”
Chair could not accept this motion at an AGM - Motion to be foreshadowed and put in writing by Centres and a call for a Special General Meeting to move a special resolution and also to accept the financial Report for 2023

Ron Marton on behalf of Ryde Centre addressed the meeting noting that although we need to have 45 days as per the constitution to call a Special General Meeting to move the motion, there is discontentment in the room with the operations of the person operating as FO and that has had other positions on the Board. Requested that the members go away from this meeting on how we want RDA to go ahead. Need new blood, RDA (NSW) is all about improving the lives of people with a disability.

Margot Bulger on behalf of Tumut Centre addressed the meeting and spoke in favour of having a Special General Meeting. Chair confirmed he cannot accept the call for the Special General meeting and reiterated that this will have to be in writing from the Centres.

Chair thanked all for their participation at the AGM and wished everyone well for all their endeavours for the year ahead

Ron Marton thanked the chair for chairing the AGM and operating under difficult circumstances.

11. Meeting Closed at 5.55pm

Signed.Date.....

Chairperson