

MINUTES
Australian BPD Foundation AGM 2021/22

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Online via Zoom

Chair: Rita Brown

Minutes: Angela Lyras

Attendees: Vikki Ryall, Natasha Swingler, Estelle Malseed, Hannah Tucker, Lynne Doherty, Samantha Scott, Milo Goldacre (joined at 4.00pm), Rita Brown, A/Prof Sathya Rao, Felicity Farmer, Karen Bailey, Keith Warren, Michael Hazelton, Judy Burke, Lyndon Medina, Marie Watson, Briar Thompson, Alex Prentice,

Ordinary Business:

1. Welcome
 - Acknowledgement of Country and Lived Experience
 - Introduction of Board Members
2. Apologies:
 - Robyn Pettigrew, Alison Asche, Rosemary Douglas, Sam Scott, Josephine Beatson, Sri Vadasseri, Liz Hodgman
 - Proxies received from: Josephine Beatson, Sri Vadasseri, Sam Scott, Alison Asche
3. Declaration of Quorum:
Quorum met
4. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM 17/11/2021
Moved by Rita Brown to confirm previous minutes, seconded by Estelle Malseed and Sathya Rao. Passed unanimously

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5. Chairperson's Report – highlights of 2021/22

- Will continue to fulfill our role in strongly advocating for BPD.
- The BPD Foundation was invited to be a member in the consortium being developed by Spectrum for its EOI to lead the Statewide Trauma Service – a recommendation of the Victorian Royal Commission into Mental Health. Unfortunately, Spectrum's submission was unsuccessful.
- The National Consensus Statement continues to be our advocacy platform, especially to Government.
- BPD Awareness week was a success – the theme was '*BPD: See the Person*' encouraging everyone to see a person in distress rather than the symptoms and behaviours we may observe. We often hear people say when they receive a diagnosis of BPD they feel invisible within the mental health system. During BPD Awareness Week there was a range of events, both face-to-face and virtually. The resources developed by LE advocate and graphic artist Mahlie Jewell were very popular.
- The BPD AW website is in the process of being updated and should be completed within the next couple of days.
- National BPD Training and Professional Development Strategy - We had over 20,000 participants on our webinar, over 300 participants trained in the Core Competency Framework, and 40 completed the Train-the-Trainer program and are now rolling out that training in their respective areas.
- The BPD eBulletin continues to be our primary way of communicating with members as well as our info line which has been managed by Estelle.
- The Foundation website will be upgraded in 2023.
Thank you to Eastern Health for their provision of office space, to all members, volunteers and Board members as well as Price Gibson for pro-bono auditing of our financial report.

No questions from attendees

Confirmation of chairperson's report – moved by Rita Brown, seconded by Natasha Swingler. Passed unanimously

6. Annual Financial Report – given by Keith Warren for the year ended 30 June 2022:

- It has been a great year. Financially we are in a strong position due to the funding received for our National Training Strategy and the considerable volunteer efforts keeping our costs down. As a result we have a gain of \$250,000 for the year.
- As a result of this surplus we can look at recruiting a qualified administrator.



- We are cash positive and can pay our debts as and when they fall due.

No questions from attendees

Keith Warren moved that the annual financial reports for the year to June 2022 be approved by the members. Rita Brown second. Passed unanimously.

Rita Brown acknowledged the Foundation's gratitude for the pro-bono contribution of Price Gibson Chartered Accountants on auditing the Annual Financial Reports

7. Re-appointment of the Auditor:

Rita Brown moved that we nominate Price Gibson Chartered Accountants as our auditor for the 2022-2023 financial year. Seconded Estelle Malseed – passed unanimously

8. Election of Directors:

Keith Warren, Estelle Malseed, Milo Goldacre and Michael Hazelton are available for re-election and nominations for their reelection were received.

Since we have 4 vacancies and 4 nominations Rita Brown declared Keith, Estelle, Milo and Mike to be duly elected and congratulated them on their election and she is looking forward to continuing to work together.

9. Discussion led by A/Prof Sathya Rao 'Current Controversies: *Should BPD be renamed to a Trauma Disorder?*' Available for viewing https://youtu.be/s8QvTftnA_g

10. Close of meeting:

Rita thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting close at 4.40pm