

6th Annual General Meeting

14th November 2018, 6.00pm

held at Eastern Health State Wide Services, 110 Church St, Richmond 3121

MINUTES

Minutes taken by Justine Grimmer

1. Present

Rita BROWN, Jo VELTKAMP, A/Prof Jo BEATSON, Jennie JONES, Sherilene CARR, Karen BAILEY & Geri TAYLOR (on phone), Estelle MALSEED, Leanne CALLEJA, Justine GRIMMER. Proxies received on behalf of Eleanor Brysha, Zoe ALDRIDGE, Judy BURKE, Liz HODGMAN, Helen MOLONEY, Sathya RAO.

2. Apologies

Peter MCKENZIE, Gabrielle WANG, A/Prof Sathya RAO, Keith WARREN, Esther CHIN, Kate LEE, Eleanor BRYSHA, Liz HODGMAN, Larry BILLINGTON, Sri VADASSERI, Zoe ALDRIDGE, Judy BURKE, Helen MOLONEY

3. Introduction, Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country.

Provided by Rita Brown (President).

4. Declaration of Quorum

Quorum declared by Rita Brown.

5. Minutes of last AGM

Motion to accept the minutes of the AGM held on 27 November 2017 by Rita Brown. Seconded by Justine Grimmer and passed unanimously.

6. Chairperson' Report

Presented by Rita Brown.

Rita thanked both Julien McDonald and Janne McMahon who both retired during the year and acknowledged their enormous contribution to the formation of the Foundation and their leadership over many years.

Also acknowledged Tandem Vic. for providing office space for us for over 6 years and to Statewide Services offering us a new 'home' and use of office space.

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A 'thank you' to Dr Peggy Brown AO who has agreed to be a patron of Australian BPD Foundation. We look forward to her guidance.

BPD Awareness Week was successful - thanks to Mahlie Jewell who designed the campaign and to Karen Bailey who co-ordinated it. Discussion held as to whether to align our BPD Awareness to the US and UK dates in future (May), to capitalise on social media presence, and acknowledging that October is a busy time

Update from Sherilene Carr re: petition for increasing visits under Medicare Benefits Scheme. Petition was commenced during our annual Conference in September and now has 4000 signatures, aiming for 200 000. Evidence for need to increase visits from 10 per year to 40 is strong. SC unsure of progress of the Medicare Benefits Review committee that is reviewing this.

Congratulation to the SA branch who have been active advocates for a SA BPD Centre. Funding has now been allocated for a Centre of Excellence. Forums have been held discussing potential models of care and partnerships are being explored.

Motion to accept the Annual Chairperson's Report made by Estelle Malseed and seconded by Karen Bailey and passed unanimously.

7. Annual Financial Report

Presentation of Annual Financial Report and Auditors Report.

Keith Warren (treasurer) unable to attend tonight. Based on our current financial position he does not anticipate any financial difficulties within the next several months.

Rita Brown moved to accept our Annual Financial Report, Estelle Malseed seconded, Annual Financial Report passed unanimously.

Rita acknowledged the pro bono support of Price Gibson Chartered Accountants in auditing our Financial report. Estelle moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Price Gibson. Seconded by Rita Brown. Passed unanimously.

Rita moved a motion to confirm the re-appointment of Price Gibson Chartered Accountants as the external auditor of the Australian BPD Foundation Ltd. Seconded by Sherliene Carr Passed unanimously.

8. Re-appointment of the Auditor

Motion: To confirm the re-appointment of Price Gibson Chartered Accountants as the external auditor of the Australian BPD Foundation Ltd for the 2019-20 financial year. Moved: Rita Brown. Second: Sherilene Carr. Passed.

9. Board of Management Elections Retiring Board members

Retiring Board Members:

Keith Warren (Retiring Director) Estelle Malseed (Retiring Director) Sathya Rao (Retiring co-opted Director) Sherilene Carr (Retiring co-opted Director) Geraldine Taylor (Retiring co-opted Director)

The above positions were declared vacant. A total of 5 nominations received for Keith, Estelle, Sathya, Sherilene and Geraldine and Rita congratulated them on their reappointment.

9. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 6.30pm and was followed by an informative presentation by our guest speaker by A/Prof Jo Beatson on *"Working with families and carers of people with BPD: What the research shows"*.

Light refreshments followed.

