



HSP Research Foundation

A better deal for HSPers, their children and their grandchildren



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Taking Steps Toward a Cure

Minutes of the 2022 HSPRF Annual General Meeting, 25 October 2022, 8-9PM AEDT

Meeting held online via Zoom. Opened 8 PM AEDT. Chair: Frank McKeown (President)

Attendance by registered members of the Foundation (26)

Ken Price	Philip Woolsey	Judith Harris
Phil Lowe	Steve Acton	Karen Johnson
Sharon Newport	David Delahunty	Anne Thompson
Colleen Hickey	Lori Renna	Chez Hey
Peter McInnes	Tim Xiros	Chris Faehse
Mathias Graepel	Anthony McInnes	Andrew Whitehead
Gulsen Harman	Andrew Hey	Greg Emery
Jill Barclay	H Graepel	Genevieve Cormick
John (by iPhone)	Karen	

Others in Attendance

Lisa Meng (Guest presenter from Advance Rehab Centre)

Agenda

1. Opening Welcome & Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes from last AGM
3. Annual Report for 2021/22
4. Election of Office Bearers & Committee Members
5. General Business
6. A Practical Guide to Home-Based & Seated Exercise' with Lisa Meng
7. Close and Meeting Evaluation

Apologies

Margaret Flood, Ted O'Hare, Peter Slobodnik, Christine McCorkell

Documentation

The following documents relating to the AGM were available to members in the 4 weeks prior to the meeting and advised in the initial notice of meeting:

- Annual Report 2021/22
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM.

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Confirmation of Minutes 2021 AGM

A resolution was put:

That the minutes of the 2021 AGM, certified by the President and a Committee member as a true and correct record of the meeting, and with a quorum in attendance, be accepted.

Proposed: Frank McKeown Seconded: Sharon Newport Carried unanimously

Annual Report including the Financial Report

The President highlighted the following:

Development of a suitable biomarker for SPG4 for clinical trials;
Ability to test and validate blood biomarker as a potential measure for HSP status;
Need for 2 advisory boards;
Plans for a clinical trial in SPG4 are on hold;
Community development initiatives including webinars and phone calling to members;
Cyber security focus and action;
Details of growth, donations, fundraising strategy being reviewed, capacity constraints.

A resolution was put:

That the 17th Annual Report and the Financial Report be received and accepted by the meeting as a fair and accurate picture of the Foundation's activities, achievements and challenges over the 2021/22 year.

Proposed: Frank McKeown Seconded: Steve Acton Carried unanimously

Election of Office Bearers & Committee Members

Current Office Bearers and Committee members nominated for election with a new nomination from Stuart Arms. All positions were declared open. As there were no other nominations, the nominated candidates were deemed elected as per the Constitution, with other positions declared vacant.

Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2022/23:

Greg Emery

Anthony McInnes

Margaret Flood

Christine McCorkell

Stuart Arms

Treasurer: Ken Price

Secretary: Ken Price

President: Frank McKeown

Vice President: Vacant

The Chairman took the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Committee members over the previous 12 months and acknowledged the support provided by the long term external volunteers, Isaac and Ryan. Unfortunately, Isaac, due to his other commitments is unable to continue in his role and we have engaged an external body to manage/monitor our website.

Frank highlighted that this will be his last year as President. Frank invited attendees to consider candidates for the role.

General Business

Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners & First Nations Peoples in the formal proceedings of the Foundation.

'In the spirit of reconciliation, the Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'

A Resolution was put:

That Traditional Owners & First Nations Peoples are acknowledged in the formal proceedings of the Foundation.

Proposed: Frank McKeown Seconded: Sharon Newport Carried unanimously

A Practical Guide to Home-Based & Seated Exercise

Lisa Meng from Advance Rehab Centre presented a range of exercises, demonstrating the exercise and encouraging attendees to undertake and highlighting the importance of maintaining a good exercise program. Presentation was interactive and the session was recorded and will be placed on the Foundation website.

Close and Meeting Evaluation

Meeting closed at 9.11PM AEDT after completion of an evaluation. Supporting documentation for the meeting held on file includes these minutes, a list of attendees, a summary of the messages posted during the meeting and a video of the meeting.

Declaration

We, the undersigned, certify the above to be a true and correct record of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the HSP Research Foundation Inc. and that the Annual General Meeting was held with a quorum in attendance and in accordance with the HSP Research Foundation Inc. Constitution.



Frank McKeown, President

Date: 27/10/2022



Ken Price, Secretary

Date: 27/10/2022