



Special General Meeting (SGM) Minutes

Thursday 27 March 2025

Yukeembruk Village Hall, ANU Campus, ACTON, ACT

Attendance: See separate attendance register

Apologies: none received

The President, Ms. Williams, commenced the meeting at 6:33pm

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

Ms. Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting took place and paid respect to elder's past, present and emerging.

Noted

Item 2: 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Ms. Williams put forward a motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Warner asked how the 2024 Board nominations and elections were communicated to members. Ms. Williams explained the 2024 Board nominations and elections had been communicated through the means identified in the electoral regulations including direct email to members, notification on the ANU Sport website, social media and physical posters displayed in Building 19. Mr. Warner disputed this as he did not personally receive any such email. Ms. Williams confirmed Mr. Warner's personal concerns had already been addressed several times directly to him, and his question did not relate to the 2024 AGM meetings. Ms. Williams explained that this was not the platform to address this and again put forward a motion to approve the 2024 AGM minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Mover: Ms. Jacqueline Williams

Seconder: Mr Riley Hawke

Outcome: Approved

Item 3: Changes to the ANU Sport Constitution

Ms. Williams provided an overview of the process and rationale for making changes to the ANU Sport constitution. Ms. Williams noted in accordance with best practice, the ANU Sport Board and Management team, with legal advice, have reviewed the current constitution and found ANU Sport is currently in breach of legislation. Drafting was done using the model rules of the Associations Act and key examples from UniSport Australia, other Go8 Universities and other



sporting organisations. Ms. Williams provided an overview of the timeline of the project and community consultations. Ms. Williams explained ANU Sport offered a range of materials to explain the purpose and detail of the proposed changes.

Ms. Williams explained there needs to be a ¾ majority vote for the constitutional changes to pass. Ms. Williams acknowledged that if the vote does not pass there will be no changes to the constitution, ANU Sport will continue to be in breach of legislation and consultation with the community will continue.

Ms. Williams then put forward a motion on behalf of ANU Sport to accept the proposed constitutional changes.

Mr. Lachlan Bailey asked if a discussion would take place around the proposed changes and an opportunity for people to speak. Ms. Williams explained engagement had already taken place and tonight was a vote only. Mr. Bailey highlighted as per section 11 of the ANU Sport Constitution members were permitted to speak at a meeting of members.

One member requested that time limits be imposed on speakers which was agreed by Ms. Williams, providing Mr. Bailey 1 minute to speak. Mr Bailey ignored this directive and addressed the group for several minutes.

Mr. Bailey introduced himself as a member of the ANU Caving Club however explained his views were his own and not a reflection of the ANU Caving Club's official position. Mr. Bailey implored the group to vote 'no' to the constitutional changes primarily to protest about the manner in which ANU Sport was attempting to force the changes through.

Mr Bailey then requested the vote to take place as a secret ballot as per section 33 of the ANU Sport constitution. Ms. Williams advised this request needed four (4) or more people to support a secret ballot. The group was asked if anyone in addition to Mr. Bailey requested a secret ballot, several people raised their hands.

The motion on behalf of ANU Sport to accept the proposed constitutional changes was seconded by Mr David Cocking.

Voting by secret ballot began at 6.44pm

Ms. Williams informed members, despite reaching a majority, the resolution did not pass.

Motion to accept the proposed constitutional changes

Mover: Ms. Jacqueline Williams

Secunder: Mr. David Cocking

Outcome: did not pass

Item 4: Thank you and close

Ms. Williams thanked everyone for their attendance and officially closed the meeting at 6.54pm.