



BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT (Inc)

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018
AT THE YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Introduction

1. The General Meeting was opened by the President at 1910.

Quorum

2. It was confirmed that 53 members eligible to vote were in attendance, therefore a quorum (25) existing in accordance with the Association Rules.

Proxies

3. Four proxy votes were received by the Secretary by the allocated time. The Secretary confirmed the proxies were current members and entitled to vote.

Outline of Resolution

4. The President outlined in general terms, the nature of the special resolution being put to the membership; to change the Association rules to the 'model rules' as promulgated in the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991 (ACT)*.

Resolution in Detail

5. The Secretary outlined in greater detail the nature of the special resolution. Assuming members had read the special resolution prior to the meeting, the Secretary described the nature of the proposed change and the benefits to the Association by enacting the change.
6. One member queried the proposal for the committee to appoint members to positions within the Association and that this process denied the membership in having a say in those appointments. The President and Vice-President advised that through a lack of nominations to the different positions on the Committee, the Committee was often required to appoint individual members to fill these positions; in effect, what was being proposed was not significantly different to the current arrangements but provided better outcomes for the Association.
7. The Secretary reaffirmed the benefit to the Association was that as these positions would not be a part of the Management Committee, they could be filled for greater than 12 months allowing for the incumbent/s to discharge their responsibilities more fully (to the benefit of the Association). The current Apiary, Training Manager and Assistant Apiary Manager spoke in response advising the proposed changes would assist them in carrying out their respective duties.
8. No other questions were raised in relation to the proposed special resolution.

Resolution

9. The Secretary read out the two proposed special resolutions:
 - 1) That the model rules as prescribed in the *Associations Incorporations Regulations 1991 (ACT)* be adopted; and
 - 2) That the financial year for the Beekeeping Association of the ACT operate from 1 January to 31 December each year.
10. All but two members voted in favour of Special Resolution 1 (47/2). The second Special Resolution was carried unanimously (53). There were no abstentions recorded. Dermot Asis Sha'Non and Frank Derwent were vote counters for both special resolutions.

Commencement

11. The Secretary advised that the new rules would become effective from 1 February 2018. This would allow the Management Committee sufficient time to prepare for the changes in the committee structure to be effective from the Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held in April 2018.
12. The Secretary also advised that as the Model Rules had been altered slightly in that the Association will not follow a traditional financial year (1 July to 30 June), a copy of the new Rules will be lodged with Access Canberra.



Cormac Farrell
President

18 January 2018



Phil Andrews, JP
Secretary

18 January 2018