



DESERT SPORTS FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GILLEN CLUB ALICE SPRINGS

14 September 2025

Meeting Opened at 4.30 pm

Attendees:

Central Australian Rough Riders
Alice Springs Swimming Club
School of Sport Education NT
Arunga Park Speedway
Red Centre BMX
Studio B
Alice Springs Netball
Alice Springs Basketball Association
Alice Springs Kart Club
Sonya Haywood
Michele Thompson
Brooke Klarenbeek
Kylie Backhouse
Susan Heckenberg
Hannah Blair
Michelle Bell

Janine Konidaris
Karen Markham
Fiona Brown
Narrelle Lightfoot
Amity Douglas
Renee Brown
Brynessa Schild
Phillip Preece
Narrelle Lightfoot
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Guests:

Murray Stewart Heather Corbett

Apologies:

Alice Springs Cricket Association
Alice Springs Running & Walking Club

Alice Springs Motorcycle Club

Absent:

ASYCC Gymnastics
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Alice Springs Athletics
Alice Springs Baseball Assoc
Alice Springs Touch

Liv Antelli
Centre Manager
Jim Lloyd

Chairperson, Sonya Haywood, introduced herself, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes of AGM 28 July 2024

Tabled by Sonya Haywood.

Motion:

That the minutes of the AGM of Desert Sports Foundation Incorporated 28 July 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved – Michele Thompson, Seconded Phillip Preece, carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report for the year ended 30 April 2025 had been circulated to all member clubs, and copies were available for perusal prior to the meeting today.

Treasurer advised that we had passed our audit that had been done by an independent auditor. Income was \$83,321 and our Expenditure was \$85,209. We made a small loss of \$1,888, partly due to cost of our new website.

Motion:

That the financial report tabled is a true and accurate record of the financial activity of the Desert Sports Foundation in 2024-2025.

Moved Karen Markham, seconded – Phillip Preece, carried unanimously.

Chairperson Report

The Chair advised she is very proud to be part of the Foundation which has celebrated its 15th year and has given out over \$450,000 in grants to our very talented athletes in Alice Springs. Our contribution helps many families with the costs associated with sending their children away to compete in their chosen sport, both intra and interstate. Chair advised that she has had many parents speak with her and express thanks for the support from the foundation, particularly in this hard financial climate that we are currently in. This year we increased the grant amount to \$500. The Desert Sports Foundation website has been upgraded with a new look. Grant applications will only be available to be submitted when advertised so it is important that everybody follows our social media pages.

Desert Sports Foundation Bingo is our major fundraising revenue and has become a real institution in town, held here, almost every Sunday afternoon here at the Gillen Club. A big thank you to the Gillen Club for hosting us.

Our Annual Monster Xmas raffle which is held at the end of every year at the Gillen Club has become a popular event. There is a total of 50 prizes up for grabs so make sure you come along and support this event.

Chair advised that without the very small, but dedicated committee members the Desert Sports Foundation would not function and be possible. Chair thanked the volunteer committee members for their efforts this year.

Brooke Klarenbeek, Public Officer, Treasurer and Bingo team member. Susan Heckenberg, Deputy Chairperson, Administrator and Secretary. Michele Thompson.

Bingo Officer. Kylie Backhouse, Events Officer and Bingo team member. Hannah Blair and Michelle Bell, our general committee members who assist at bingo and where needed. Without these key ladies working tirelessly our committee would collapse.

Thank you to the outgoing committee for all your work over the past year.

Elections

The Chair declared all positions vacant and called on Returning Officer, Karen Markham, to take over as Chair of the meeting for the purpose of Elections.

Karen asked for nominations for the Chairperson position of the Desert Sports Foundation.

Susan Heckenberg nominated Brooke Klarenbeek, seconded by Michele Thompson, carried unanimously. There were no other nominations.

The following positions were filled as below:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	2nd	Vote
Deputy Chair	Susan Heckenberg	Sonya Haywood	Brooke Klarenbeek	Carried unanimously
Treasurer	Michelle Bell	Kylie Backhouse	Hannah Blair	Carried unanimously
Grants Officer	Sonya Haywood	Susan Heckenberg	Hannah Blair	Carried unanimously
Secretary	Susan Heckenberg	Brooke Klarenbeek	Kylie Backhouse	Carried unanimously
Bingo Officer	Michele Thompson	Sonya Haywood	Susan Heckenberg	Carried unanimously
Events Officer	Kylie Backhouse	Brooke Klarenbeek	Michelle Bell	Carried unanimously
Social Media Officer				
Public Officer	Brooke Klarenbeek	Susan Heckenberg	Sonya Haywood	Carried unanimously
Membership Liaison Officer				

General Committee Members

Janine Konidaris nominated herself for General Committee position, this was seconded by Susan Heckenberg, carried unanimously. There were no further nominations.

There were no nominations for Social Media and Membership Liaison Officer. It is hoped these positions will be filled at a later date. Secretary outlined to the meeting what was required in these roles, suggesting that if they know someone who might like to fill these roles to get them to contact us.

Returning Officer handed meeting over to the new chairperson to Finish the meeting.

General Business

Fiona Brown from School of Sport Education thanked the foundation for the support to the children of the town.

Founding Member, Murray Stewart, thanked Sonya and the committee for taking over the reigns of the committee after his illness required him to step down from the Committee.

Chairperson thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 4.52pm