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Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Board 11.30 am (AEST) 06/11/2015 Location – Echuca via Skype

Minutes - MEETING No. 352

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr Greg Toll	National President, Chair- R2	Bendigo	Skype
Ms Emma Bradbury	Chief Executive Officer	Echuca	Skype
Cr David Thurley	R1	Albury	Skype
Cr Oscar Aertssen	R3	Kerang	Skype
Cr Glenn Milne	R4	Mildura	Skype
Cr Barry Featherston	R6	Goolwa	Skype
Cr Peter Jamieson	R7	Adelaide	Skype
Mr Rodney Button	R8	Port Vincent	Skype
Cr Paul Maytom	R9	Leeton	Skype
Mr Murray Wood	R10	Dubbo	Skype

** Call commenced at approx. 11.30am. With all 10 connections, the call quality was poor and communication difficult.

1.2 Apologies

Nil

1.3 Declaration of Interests and Conflicts

None declared

The Meeting was declared open and Greg welcomed all board members and thanked them for their attendance. Greg noted that he was disappointed that the meeting had been called at such short notice, and that he was uncertain as to what the problems before the meeting were.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting 351 held on Thursday 29/10/2015 be accepted.

Maytom/Thurley

Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no reports of business arising, the meeting moved directly to the items of general business noted on the agenda. Greg again stated that he was unaware of what the item of the breach of the resolution of the board referred to, and requested that the board hold off on considering the risk to the financial viability of the MDA arising from the loss of existing memberships until after the Shire of Campaspe had resolved one way or the other whether or not to endorse him.

Murray noted that these were matters that the MDA could not afford to allow time to play out, but that the MDA needed to take action to ensure that we do not lose memberships, rather than wait to see if we do.

Murray then moved the following motion

“That the Board no longer has confidence in Councillor Greg Toll to undertake the role of President of the Murray Darling Association and declare this position vacant.”

This motion was seconded by Paul.

Some discussion then followed as to whether or not this motion was allowed to be put, as the item was not on the agenda. Greg noted that he had not had the opportunity to speak to the matters before the board.

Murray noted that the motion had been put and seconded, and that provided the opportunity for board members to speak to it.

Paul then noted that he had seconded the motion for the purpose of enabling the debate to proceed.

At this point, the connection was lost with several board members. Audio was working with some but not all board members. Several attempts were made to re-establish a connection, but these failed.

Shortly thereafter (Fri 6/11/2015 12:47 PM) Peter Jamieson sent the following email to all Board Members

I managed to connect to Emma only via Skype, whilst I was listening to a subset group of Board members making their general and final comments prior to them leaving Skpe.

I recommended to Emma that due to the Skype technical sound problem, and that the motion was about to be voted on just prior to the sound problem, that the motion should be circulated by email for a vote by all MDA board members.

The email should be treated with absolute confidentiality and any I respectively feel that any discussion about the motion is amongst MDA Board members only.

There followed a thread of circular emails and correspondence to all board members, which for compliance and record keeping purposes form part of the minutes of this meeting. Those emails are contained in an attached file labeled *Board Meeting 352 emails*.

At the conclusion of the meeting, being the time at which the final vote was received from Peter Jamieson the motion was declared not to have carried, with an even number of votes for and against – including the Chairman’s own vote.

On that basis, the status quo remains.

4. Meeting closed Monday 9/11/2015 11.36am