

**Responsibility for Ending Starvation Using Trintabbing and Support
(Australia) Incorporated (RESULTS)**

Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Held via teleconference at Group Venues

19th May 2010 8pm

.1. Welcome: Vice President Mark Rice opened the meeting at 8.05 pm, and welcomed all participants.

20 people representing 4 States around Australia were present: Diana Shanks, Maree Nutt, Lili Koch, Louise Lorimer, Ian Sansom, Ann Herbert, Sue Packham, Tanushree Dabral, Vy Elango, Jeremy Picone, Michael Picone, Sarah Brinkman, James Correy, Oliver Guidici, Madeline Prichard, Hazel Roper-Powell, Brentyn Parkin, Peter Graves and Nicole Gruel

Apologies: Aldo King, Melissa Usher, Tony Lamb, Janet Maddock, Emmanuelle Emile-Blake, Belinda Kendal

2. Minutes of RESULTS Australia's 2009 Annual General Meeting held on May 13 2009.

Sue Packham moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Maree Nutt. Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes- none

4. REPORTS

4.1 President and National Managers Report.

Maree spoke as National Manager and on behalf of President Aldo King. Aldo is unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments in PNG. However we look forward to hearing from him on his return as the work might.... Maree indicated that there were some outstanding achievements in 2009. Firstly we are thrilled that the Microcredit Summit Campaign reported that the number of poorest families accessing microcredit and other financial services had grown to 106.6 million in 2007. The achievements of RESULTS' partners around the world in advocating and persisting with this cause was acknowledged by Muhammed Yunus.

Secondly that in May 2009 the Federal Government committed to a Debt 2 health initiative with Indonesia through the Global Fund. For 2 years RESULTS has been advocating on the issue of TB and the Executive Director of The Global Fund Dr Kazatchkine thanked RESULTS for its support.

These advocacy achievements are only possible through the generosity, dedication and time of members and financial supporters and we would like to particularly thank long term supporters of RESULTS and the Group Leaders.

Particular thanks to Mark Rice who after many years of dedicated service will step down from the Committee after May.

Ian Sansom moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Peter Graves.

4.2 Treasurers Report

Brentyn Parkin presented his report indicating it is an opportunity to celebrate achievements in 2009. The aim in 2009 was to strengthen the long term viability of the organisation. Focus was on group development, growth and fundraising. At the end of 2009 retained earnings are \$33,664 which is an increase of 143% on last year. This represents support from our members, one off and regular donors, and corporate supporters. Successful Fundraising has been key also to this increase. Budget Plans for 2010 are ambitious. It is focused on providing the skills and resources required for the future sustainable growth.

All the financial details can be found on the website and/or Brentyn can be emailed.

Brentyn asked that his report be accepted. Seconded by Ian Sansom. Carried.

4.3 Research and Advocacy Co ordinator Report.

Mark presented his report. 2009 was a year of opportunities and partnerships in advocacy. There was progress on existing issues mentioned by Maree and also the completion of our report on Basic Education. Partnerships were with the Global Poverty Project and the ACTION project. These opportunities have energised our own volunteers and increased our reputation with members of Parliament and NGO's. (eg our involvement with GPP).

Thanks to the willingness of RESULTS volunteers to take action and also to Peter Gregory, Garth Luke and Shane Nichols for their participation in the R and A team

Ian Thanked Mark for a great report and for all that he has done for RESULTS- resounding agreement from the other callers!

Ian moved that the report be accepted. Maree seconded this. Carried.

4.4 Group Development Coordinator Report.

Jeremy Picone indicated that there were going to be changes to the Group Development role. Jeremy is looking to move into the outreach area and

Special thanks to Sue Packham whose commitment to group development has facilitated the achievements of 2009.

Our Groups outdid themselves in 2009 by holding 2 fantastic fundraising dinners, 2 GPP presentations and regular group meetings. Jeremy indicated he can't wait to see where we go in 2010!

Jeremy asked that his report be moved. Sue seconded this. Carried.

4.5 Fundraising Coordinators Report

Ian Sansom presented his report. Thanks to Ann Herbert, Maree Nutt and Brentyn Parkin for their work as part of the fundraising team. The rigorous budgeting process was very helpful in focusing on actual objectives! The one day workshops worked on building skill capacity of the volunteers, to form structure and deliver successful fundraising events. Special thanks to Mike Picone and Charlotte Newman for their leadership in organising the 2 fundraising nights. Additional thanks to Mike Picone for his work in securing the corporate financial support of VMAC. Particular acknowledgement and thanks to Peter Graves who donated 0.7% of the sale of his house (\$1544!). A generous and relevant gift!

Ian moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Peter Graves. Carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Change of Name: Name had never been registered. Now need to formalise this so as to distinguish ourselves from other organisations in Australia with Results in their name. Additionally the auditors indicated we must do this. Our full Name is registered with the NSW dept of Fair trading. The new International logo will be kept and out letterhead etc will now read RESULTS International (Australia).

Brentyn Parkin moved that the name change be accepted. Sarah Brinkman seconded. Carried.

5.2 Mark listed the 4 constitutional changes.

i) opt in not out of membership

ii) increase notice period for resignation from membership.

iii) simplify process of changing membership fees

iv) reflecting current practices and technology the nomination of a candidate for election as an officebearer or ordinary member of the committee shall require only one endorsement.

Sue Packham moved the motion that the changes to the constitution be accepted. Seconded by Diana Shanks carried.

5.3 Proposed 2011 Membership Fees.

Brentyn clarified that the fee increase was inline with increased membership benefits and additional resources- eg Resource folder for groups including tips such as advocacy tools.

Ian moved the motion that the changes to membership fees be adopted. Seconded by Diana. Carried.

6. Guest Speaker- Garth Luke

Summary of The Australian Overseas Aid Program 2010-11

Overview- The Australian aid program for 2010 provides a real increase of 9%. It is good to know the Government has done this in the present financial climate! The Government has restated its commitment to increasing aid to 0.5% of GNI by 2015/16 however it has changed its interim targets for progress towards the .5% target. The aid budget

statement highlights initiatives in education, health, rural development, equitable development and microfinance. Health, water and sanitation are not getting the resources they should. Education seems to have an emphasis on scholarships. Countries receiving the most focus are PNG, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Burma, Africa and Sri Lanka. There is a budget provision to increase departmental expenditure which is necessary to allow AusAid to maintain its much larger program. \$183million yet to be allocated. Regional breakdown

Q .Climate Change funding- Not taking from this years Aid programs

Q. \$183million- what process/timing of allocation? Country funding not
Mark Rice thanked Garth for his contribution tonight and his continuous input. Garth indicated that he can be called or emailed if anyone would like further information.

Additional input- Peter Graves provided his view on RESULTS Australia: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

7. Election of Executive Committee for 2010/11

Mark Rice conducted the elections. Diana Shanks listed the nominations for the various roles

President: Aldo King (Maree Nutt, Mark Rice) Declared

Vice President: Ian Sansom(Jeremy Picone, Michael Picone)Declared

Treasurer: Brentyn Parkin (Diana Shanks, Maree Nutt)Declared

Secretary: Diana Shanks (Maree Nutt, Louise Lorimer)Declared

Ordinary committee members: Sue Packham (Jeremy Picone, MareeNutt), Ann Herbert(Sue Packham, Em Emile- Blake), Janet Maddock (Louise Lorimer, Diana Shanks). All declared.

8. **Other Business-** none

9. **Close 9.30pm**

Next Wednesday 8.00pm National Call

Next executive call June 2nd .8.30pm