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From: Darren Churchill [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 4:35 PM
To: FAD
Cc: Roger Howe
Subject: A1 Item 1
Attachments: Re [NE-Members] Tonight's Meeting - Apology.pdf; Draft NE_MINUTES_Aug_2012_including date of next meeting.docx.pdf

Subject: Re: [NE-Members] Tonight's Meeting - Apology
From: Roger Howe [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 4 Sep 2012 18:22:51 +1000
To: Darren Churchill [REDACTED]
CC: NatExec <ne-members@democrats.org.au>

Darren, I hope you get well soon !

Tonight's meeting of the National Executive will be rescheduled to Tuesday 18 September at 830pm AEST.

If a Federal Election is called we will convene on the first Tuesday after the announcement at 830pm AEST.

Regards,
Roger Howe
Acting National Secretary
Australian Democrats

On Tue, Sep 4, 2012 at 6:15 PM, Darren Churchill [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear NE Members,

I have been unwell since last night. After seeing my GP this afternoon, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting. As apologies from David and Roger indicate that we will not achieve quorum (and the National Secretary is unable to chair in my absence); also apologies from Bruce and Max indicate that we will have few officers present, I have asked the National Secretary to advise of a rescheduled date for the meeting.

Regards,
Darren

Darren Churchill
Senior Deputy National President, Australian Democrats
[REDACTED]

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**Australian Democrats National Executive
Teleconference Minutes**

Meeting Date: 7th August 2012 8.30pm AEST
(via Chorus Call)

**1.0 Meeting Opened by Chair Outgoing National President and incoming Senior Deputy
President Darren Churchill at 830pm**

2.0 Welcome / Roll Call / Apologies – Darren Churchill

Voting Members (P=present, Pa=Partial Ap=apology, ?=awoa{absent})

National President

Vacant

SDNP & Deputy National Presidents (5)

P Darren Churchill	SDNP (Chair)
P Jason Heeris	DNP
P Roger Howe	DNP
P David Collyer	DNP
P Hayden Ostrom Brown	DNP

Divisional Presidents/Proxies

Pa Tim Neal	WA Proxy
P Drew Simmons	NSW President
Pa Rick Westgarth	VIC Proxy
Pa Paulene Hutton	TAS Proxy
P Paul Stevenson	QLD President
P Sandra Kanck	SA President
P Darren Churchill	ACT President

YADs President

P Aaron Moss	YADS President
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Non-Voting Officers, Subcommittee Office Holders

P Drew Simmons	National Journal Editor
Ap Anthony David	IT Officer
Pa Bruce Carnwell	National Treasurer
Ap Max Baumann	National Policy Convenor
P Roger Howe	(Acting) National Secretary
Pa Tim Neal	National Fundraising Officer

Guests

P Michael Pilling	Observer
P Julia Melland	Observer
Pa Jim Page	Observer
P Stuart Horrex	Observer

Other Apologies

Ap Anthony David (ACT)

Recognised Proxies: Tas, WA, Vic

837 PM Quorum Confirmed

Chair outlines meeting rules

Rules – Note - Under National Standing Orders. Speaking limits apply.

Say name to be heard by Chair, Don't interrupt speaker(Chair is allowed to interrupt), no discussion after motion put to vote.

If you are named 3 times you will be required to leave

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes for the July 2012 NE meeting be accepted as amended

Moved: Drew Simmons

Seconded : Sandra Kanck

Amendments : second last page – comment Darren Churchill in bold , remove bold format
Correct Simmonds to Simmons

Jason – objections – following people participated Section 6.8A - terms of office expired 3 days before the meeting – will hold office until 30 June 2012

Bruce Carnwell – Precedence since 2004 in my memory – NE actually override the standing orders in some circumstances, NE continues down this path, past appeals have failed on this matter.

Aaron – cant depart from constitution, if all NE elected offices expire, then inquorate

Point of order R Howe – That the motion be put.

Motion put to vote:

Motion Fails (6,7)

Motion: That all executive meetings that have occurred post 30 June by previous executives be referred to disputes convenor.

Moved Rick Westgarth

Seconded Sandra Kanck

Motion Fails (5,6,2) (Yes, No, Abstain)

Jim Page leaves at 9:01pm

Motion: That the NE ratifies all decisions for NE meetings held in July for all years prior to 2012

Moved: Rick Westgarth

Seconded: Sandra Kanck

CARRIED (7, 4, 2 - Yes, No, Abstain)

Discussion around regular beeping on line :

Michael Pilling - Regular beep is identifying recording

Bruce Carnwell been on 20 chorus calls never had continuous beeping

Roger Howe chorus call provides a log.

Roger Howe calls for a quorum verification – all voting members present - Quorum verified.

The Chair moves the meeting into Committee

The Chair moves the meeting out of Committee

Chair Names: Hayden Ostrom Brown

That NE ratify the 1st motion passed at the July 3rd 2012 NE meeting and each subsequent motion individually

Moved: Bruce Carnwell

Seconded: Roger Howe

Abstain – Recorded Sandra Kanck , Aaron Moss , Hayden Ostrom Brown, Paulene Hutton, Tim Neal
CARRIED

Motion: That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion: That NE Accept June NE meeting's minutes as true and correct.

Moved: Rick Westgarth

Seconded: Roger Howe

Abstain – Hayden Ostrom Brown, Rick Westgarth

CARRIED

2.0 Accept Reports Motion:

Motion: That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion : That the Vic, SA, WA, ACT, NSW, National President Reports be noted

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: Rick Westgarth

Abstain Hayden Ostrom Brown,

CARRIED

4.0 Youth Poll Motion:

That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion: That Tim Neal is to provide to NE statistics, contact lists, and analysis, graphs including reports with suitable attribution to Tim Neal 's work.

Moved : Roger Howe

Seconded: Bruce Carnwell

CARRIED

Quorum check – Paulene absent – all other voting members present – Quorum Confirmed

5.0 Office Bearer and Officer Reports and Motions arising:

That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion: That the office bearer and officer reports be noted: Secretary, Campaign, communications, and treasurer.

Moved: Drew Simmonds

Seconded: Rick Westgarth

Carried

That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion: That the matter of the 10 member AEC submission be referred to a Disputes Resolution Convenor to assess any contravention of the constitution and recommendation for any subsequent action.

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: David Collyer

Motion Lost (5 For, 6 Against , 1 Abstains)

Bruce advises– any one member can request the dispute continues, and as I understand the constitution we cannot withdraw

6.0 Other/General business Motions

That NE ratify the July NE meetings motion: That NE formally extend a vote of thanks to those not continuing on NE

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: Drew Simmonds

CARRIED

That NE accepts the July 3rd NE meeting minutes apart from Motion: 5 not ratified above

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: David Collyer

Sandra Kanck - Point of Order – Item 20 of standing Orders cannot reconsider business.

Jason Heeris – not an urgent matter can be held over to next meeting.

Point of Order upheld

Jason Heeris – Point of order – we can move a recession Motion: with 2/3 majority

Paulene – foreshadows motion

That the 3rd July meeting be identified as unconstitutional

Rick Westgarth – leaves 10:05PM

Motion: That NE table the Returning Officer's report

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: David Collyer

CARRIED

National President – Brian Greig elected , subsequently – resignation of Brian Greig- refer correspondence

Jason Heeris – Point of Order – recent email ballots section 40.8,

Chairman – The email motions were invalid for eballot – listed as general business

Bruce Carnwell – why is this invalid ?

Roger Howe – Secretary advised that a properly formulated meeting will be held as scheduled, so motions allocated to that meeting.

Rick returns 10:17 PM

Moved Jason Heeris – Procedural Motion: That NE dissent from the chairs ruling that that the email ballots moved on the 1/8/12 and the 30/7/12 be not tabled as minutes of the previous meeting

Chair transferred to Roger Howe.

Jason Heeris :Motions were moved, adequate time for discussion, no one objected, the agenda was not distributed 7 days prior and should be made as valid minutes

Darren reply:

Proposed email ballots put Sunday 29/7, justified as urgent -because a meeting could not be practically arranged; Justification for ruling – the NE meeting was already planned and organised for 7/8.

Further – A motion needs a mover and a seconder, should be moved and second by separate emails.

Full text of all e-motions emails to all members of NE, was late to Tas proxy, John Davey WA proxy ineligible to hold a proxy as not 12 months membership. Amongst other reasons.

Motion: That the chairs ruling be upheld.

Ruling Upheld (less than 2/3rds against)

(5,7,1 For, Against, Abstain)

Bruce Carnwell leaves at 10:30PM

Rick Westgarth: Procedural Motion: That NE Extend meeting 15 mins

CARRIED

Tim Neal leaves at 10:31PM

Roger Howe relinquishes chair – Chair returns to Darren Churchill.

Sandra Kanck –Procedural Motion: That NE reorder business to deal with correspondence

Confirmed

Motion: That Agenda Item 4 Correspondence take precedence over Agenda Item 3

CARRIED

Correspondence - Brian Greig's resignation as National President, WA president and member of the party.

Motion: That subject to standing order part 5 clauses 9 and 10, that a call for new nominations for nominations for position of President be included in the next National Journal.

Moved: Sandra Kanck

Seconded: Jason Heeris

CARRIED

Action :

This is an NE priority with the vacant National president position requiring filling.

Drew unable to produce a National Journal in the next month due to other commitments eg campaigning

Jason Heeris could compile the document, Roger Howe could organise the printing and sending.

Sandra Kanck - Also draft policy for comment

Jason Heeris to do this and have a draft by Sunday.

Motion: That NE move all remaining business to the first item of next meeting

Moved: Sandra Kanck

Seconded: Jason Heeris

CARRIED

Next meeting date Tuesday 4/9/12 8:30 pm AEST

Chaired by SDNP Darren Churchill

Meeting closed 10:45pm

