

## 85TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Swan Districts Football Club

## **MINUTES**

	VENUE: Swan Districts Football Club CHAIR: Peter Hodyl MINUTES: Des Hardiman
ATTENDEES	Lucy Atkinson, Ken Ball, Stephen Banfield, Neville Bassett, Lance Bell, Gene Berry, Wayne Bettles, Terry Bonnett, Robert Campbell, David Cianciosi, John Cooper, Darryl Crotty, Sarah Curnow, Jim Dougan, Aarten Elles, Rod Greene, Matthew Gurner, Terry Hall, Des Hardiman, Matt Hewitson, Graeme Higgins, Peter Hodyl, Andrew Holmes, David Holmes, Judy Holmes, Trevor Hoy, Ron Hull, Neil Hunter, Vic Jeffery, Norm Kirkup, John Komorowski, Bruce Lauder, Barry Main, Ted Martin, Mike McLaughlin, Bob MCLeod, Ray McNair, Mark McNair, Frank Moretta, Tony Myles, John Nichols, Boris Oavilevic, Michael O'Rourke, Zino Paterniti, Joe Paterniti, Emilio Paterniti, Sam Paterniti, Phil Pitchers, Peter Reidy, Laurie Robinson, Paul Rosair, Kathy Rowe, John Rowe, Leona Snow, Peter Snow, Phil Spencer, George Stamenich, Ron Thompson, John Till, John Tullio, Fraser Ugle, Rob undecipherable, Keith Vandenbergh, George vander Meulen, Marcel Weggelaar. (total 65)
1. OPENING	The President Peter Hodyl declared the 85 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting open at 6:03pm and thanked all members for their attendance. The quorum of 40 members was met. Peter called for a minute's silence to remember past players and Life Members who had passed away during the past year including Dave Sidebottom, Dave Lovatt, Fred Castledine, Tony Sangalli,
2. APOLOGIES	Ian Bardwell, Jim Benson, Jim Craig, Maurice Embley, Fred Panton.
3. MINUTES	That the Minutes of the 84 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018) be accepted as a true and accurate record.  Moved: John Rowe, seconded Ray McNair. CARRIED
4. BOARD ELECTIONS	Returning Officer Graeme Higgins addressed the meeting.  Three nominations were received for three vacancies on the Board and in accordance with Constitutional requirements and dates and no election was necessary. Messer's James Benson, Des Hardiman and Matt Hewitson were duly elected to the Board for a two-year period commencing 1st November 2018. Retiring Director Peter Snow did not seek re-election and was thanked for his services on the Board for the past 6 years.  Report was accepted on motion of Mark McNair, seconded Kathy Rowe. CARRIED
5. PRESIDENTS REPORT	Peter Hodyl referred to his Presidents Report in the Annual Report and referred to a successful year financially; the changing WAFL landscape; our focus on community engagement and key values; the support of all members, sponsors, staff and coterie groups during season 2018.  The Report was accepted on motion of Peter Snow, seconded John Cooper. CARRIED
6. CEO REPORT	Jeff Dennis addressed the meeting and highlighted the new Strategic Plan and our Vision. The Club is committed to a transformation of its core business and to ensure a platform for sustainability into the future. The Values of the Club were outlined through a Power Point presentation and form an integral part of all programs at the Club.  The Report was accepted on motion from Leona Snow, seconded Kathy Rowe. CARRIED

7. STRATEGIC PROJECTS	Director Matt Hewitson addressed the meeting and acknowledged the work of Peter Snow, in leading the facility development and other projects for many years. The facility redevelopment is a complex project and still a priority for the Club. Continuing to look at options and meet with various stakeholders to provide a sustainable and workable solution. Continuing to source grant funds for projects around the Club including lighting, external PA system and changeroom facilities.
	Terry Hall asked that in relation to the improved lighting to the oval, any effect on the airport be considered, as had been an issue previously.
	The Report was accepted on motion from Peter Snow, seconded Ken Ball. CARRIED
8. SENIOR FOOTBALL	Director Andrew Holmes referred to the Football Directors Report in the Annual Report. Senior Women's and Men's coach will address the meeting at the end. Noted the narrow and unlucky loss of the Colts in the Grand Final. Board is happy with the direction and progress of the new coaching staff.
	The Report was accepted on motion from Ray McNair, seconded Steve Banfield. CARRIED.
9. WOMENS FOOTBALL	Director Sarah Curnow referred to the report in the Annual Report. All three women's team reaching the finals. Anticipation for the new WAFLW competition in 2019, with Swans one of five inaugural teams. Club will promote the games strongly.
	The Report was accepted on motion from John Cooper, seconded Phil Spencer. CARRIED.
10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS REPORT	Treasurer Des Hardiman presented a report with a PowerPoint presentation to outline the financial results for the year ended 31 October 2018. Points highlighted included: the alignment to the Strategic Plan and Business Sustainability; compliance and internal controls; Profit for the year of \$62,000, improved cash-flow and working capital. Strong focus on reducing the current debt in the next 12-18 months and improving the current ratio to 1:0. A summary of the key income and expenditure items by Division were listed. The total repayment of the SGC Taxation liability occurred in August. Still challenges ahead with such a low profit margin but appreciated the strong member support through fundraising in 2018. Positive outlook with a committed Board and staff. The Auditors Report was attached to the Financial Statements.
	The Report was accepted on motion from Peter Snow, seconded Graeme Higgins. CARRIED.
11. ELECTION OF AUDITORS	Following a tender and recommendation from the WAFC, all WAFL Clubs were expected to choose an auditor from two selected in order to provide stronger representation and consistency of financial statements. The Club interviewed the two companies concerned and make the following recommendation:
	That William Buck be appointed Club Auditor for the 2019 financial year.
	Moved John Cooper, seconded Neville Bassett. CARRIED.
12. NOMINAION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	Director Paul Rosair read out the nominations and record of the following members:  Lauren Osbourne Jodie Eaton Marcel Weggelaar Peter Snow
	John Cooper spoke on behalf of all nominations as being worthy recipients of Life Membership and congratulated the Board on the outstanding year. Moved John Rowe, seconded Ken Ball they be accepted in bloc. CARRIED. Noted with acclaim.

13. NOMINATION OF 10 YEAR CERTIFICATE	Director Paul Rosair read out the service record of Ian Bardwell:  That Ian Bardwell be granted a 10-year Certificate in recognition of services to the Club.  Moved Terry Hall, seconded John Rowe. CARRIED. Noted with acclaim.
14. ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION	Following the introduction of the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015 in Western Australia, all incorporated bodies need to update their constitution before 1 July 2019. Sarah Curnow gave a summary of the consultation and members information sessions held to understand the changes. The Draft Constitution had been available on the Club website. After the opportunity for questions the Special Resolution was put: That the updated Swan Districts Football Club Constitution dated As presented be endorsed.  Moved John Rowe, seconded Terry Hall. CARRIED.
15. GENERAL BUSINESS	Nil.
16. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE	<ol> <li>Terry Hall. Asked for new Director Matt Hewitson to introduce himself?         Matt advised: a life-long supported of Swans, played Colts football, joined the Strategic Projects committee three years ago. Father of two children. Swans are changing with the times and want to be part of it and grateful of the opportunity to contribute.</li> <li>Terry Hall. What club facilities are required to be upgraded?         Electrical upgrades happening now, with support from the Past Players &amp; Officials Assn. Changerooms need to be upgraded for women's football. Grant funding required and has been applied for. Club roof needing replacement into the future.</li> <li>Peter Snow was congratulated on receiving an Order of Australia Medal at the recent Australia Day Awards for his service to Jaycees and the Albany Community together with his service to the Swan Districts Football Club. Noted with acclaim.</li> </ol>
17. CLOSURE	With no further business, the President thanked all members for their attendance and support. Closed the meeting at 7:50pm
18. 2019 COACHES REPORT	Peter Hodyl invited reports from current coaches.  Adam Pickering highlighted the turnover of players offset by the recruitment of 9 new or returning players plus the influx of a strong colt's squad. Training has been good.  Kara Donnellan was introduced and spoke of the anticipated new WAFL women's competition in 2019. Strong support for the female program in the Club and thanks Board and members for their support.  Andrew Holmes read out a report from Greg Harding (Talent Manager) on Colts and Development Squad progress. 50% of 2018 colts squad eligible for 2019.