



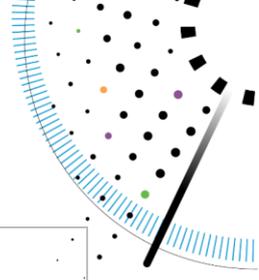
86TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20th February 2020

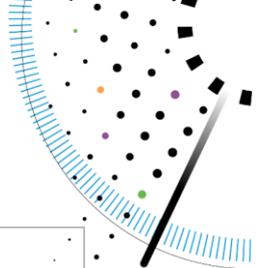
Swan Districts Football Club

MINUTES

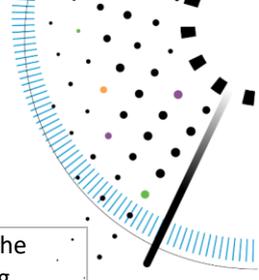
	<p>VENUE: Swan Districts Football Club CHAIR: Peter Hodyl MINUTES: Jim Benson</p>
<p>ATTENDEES</p>	<p>John Komorowski, Julie Harrison, Peter Hodyl, Jim Benson, Mark McNair, Ray McNair, Marcel Weggelaar, Kenneth Ball, John Furina, Darryl Crotty, Ted Martin, Bruce Lauder, Brian Haley, Phil Spencer, Barry Main, Robert Campbell (AOM), George Stamenich, Ron Thompson, Frank Moretta, Michael O'Rourke, Sarah Curnow, Peta Reidy, Leona Snow, Keith Van Den Bergh, Trevor Hoy, George Brock, Fred Pantin, John Cooper, Jim Dougan, Terry Hall, Stephen Banfield, George Van Der Meulen, Keith Michaelson, John Nichols, Terry Bonnett, Mathew Gurner, Neville Dempsey, Lucy Atkinson, Nicole Hyde, Jodie Bain, Bev Boyle, John Tullio, Ray Harp, David Holmes, Judy Holmes, John Rowe, Kathy Rowe, Lindsay Armstrong, Matt Hewitson, Robert F.(indecipherable), Bob Hutchinson, Neville Bassett, Brett Moore, Adrian Ellis, Wayne Bettles, Sue Howard, Des Hardiman, Rod Greene, Emilio Paterniti, Joe Paterniti, Bob McLeod, Ian McLeod, Sam Paterniti, Garry Wetton and Zino Paterniti, Roanna Edwardes, Jeff Dennis, Ross Leipold, Jenny McBride, Graeme Higgins, Adam Pickering, Phil Smart & Liam Gunton – (representing William Buck, Auditor). (Total 73).</p>
<p>1. OPENING</p>	<p>The President Peter Hodyl declared the 86th Annual General Meeting open at 6:33pm 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 Gary Sidebottom, Allan Rumjanstev, Shirley Digby, Edith Dawson and Ray Ferris. In addition to this we acknowledged the passing of Lifetime Member Bill Sidebottom.</p>
<p>2. APOLOGIES</p>	<p>Tony Myles, Boris Pavicevic, Peter Snow, Maurice Embley, Andrew Holmes, Jim Craig, Scott Hooson, Lee Komorowski, John Till, Neil Hunter and Ian Foss.</p>
<p>3. MINUTES</p>	<p>That the Minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting (7th February 2019) be accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved: John Rowe, seconded Kathy Rowe. CARRIED.</p> <p>Business arising – Nil.</p>
<p>4. BOARD ELECTIONS</p>	<p>Returning Officer Bob Hutchinson addressed the meeting. He advised that all aspects pertaining to Clause 27 of the new constitution were addressed. There were 3 valid nominations for one vacancy on the Board. Ballots were sent out on 3 October 2019 and the ballot acceptance closed on 31 October 2019. He thanked John Rowe and Norm Kirkup for their assistance supervising the count of ballots.</p> <p>35% of members voted. 408 valid votes were cast, and the results were as follows: Sarah Curnow – 117; Andrew Holmes – 247 and John Komorowski 43 votes.</p> <p>Accordingly, Andrew Holmes was elected to the Board for a term of three years from November 1, 2019.</p> <p>Motion to accept the R/O's report was moved by Leona Snow and seconded by Mark McNair and CARRIED unanimously.</p>



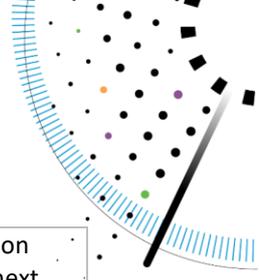
<p>5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>Peter Hodyl referred to his Presidents Report in the published Annual Report and referred to a successful decade of recovery financially; tough decisions had to be made and the Club was now debt free.</p> <p>Our focus is on our strategic plan and our relevance in the community in an ever-changing business environment.</p> <p>Our new football strategic plan will also bring us success.</p> <p>He congratulated Sarah Curnow for being seconded back onto the Board along with new Director Roanna Edwards. Sarah's effort with Womens' football and the great performance to make the initial WAFLW Grand Final were noted.</p> <p>He also congratulated Kara Antonio for her past efforts and wished her success moving forward.</p> <p>He also thanked outgoing Director Paul Rosair for his work on the Board over many years</p> <p>He thanked the support of all members, sponsors, staff and Coterie groups throughout season 2019.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion of John Cooper, seconded Rod Greene. CARRIED.</p>
<p>6. CEO REPORT</p>	<p>Jeff Dennis addressed the meeting and highlighted the Strategic Plan and our Vision, Mission and Values in a Power Point presentation which forms an integral part of all programs at the Club. The Club is committed to a transformation of its core business and to ensure a platform for sustainability into the future. Relations with the WAFC, our Community partners especially BHP and Chevron are giving us momentum and an increase in revenue which is the oil to improve other aspects of our Club.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion from Brian Haley, seconded by Ray McNair. CARRIED.</p>
<p>7. COMMUNITY REPORT</p>	<p>Director Matt Hewitson addressed the meeting. He gave a Power Point update on the Club's wide-ranging community focus in five regions across the State and noted that there was daylight between our Club and the rest of the WAFL in relation to community outreach and engagement.</p> <p>The Club now has 21 staff in the Community sector, and we are growing our community programmes again this year.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion from John Rowe, seconded by Ray McNair. CARRIED</p>
<p>8. FOOTBALL REPORT</p>	<p>Director Andrew Holmes was a late apology and the president gave an address on his behalf. Although our League side finished last there were many positives to come out of the year with 42 players getting their first taste of senior football.</p> <p>Although there had been some games we would rather forget, to the players credit they won two of their last four matches against both AFL teams, Peel Thunder and West Coast Eagles.</p> <p>The football department led by Phil Smart and Adam Pickering have left no stone unturned in our journey from here to deliver our football strategic plan 2020 – 2025 and they are very confident of an improvement in 2020 especially with some new recruits being signed.</p> <p>He complimented the womens football programme and thanked everyone for their support of all teams in 2019.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion from John cooper, seconded Jim Dougan. CARRIED.</p>



<p>9. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL REPORT</p>	<p>Director Sarah Curnow referred to her report in the Annual Report.</p> <p>She noted 2019 was a season full of highlights with 10 debutants 18yrs or under and the league team playing in the inaugural WAFLW Grand final.</p> <p>Ange Stannett was crowned the Mandy McSherry Medallist (League Best & Fairest) and Kara Antonio was awarded 2019 Emerging Leader by the AFL.</p> <p>Jo Taylor was awarded both our Club Person of 2019 at the Swan Medal, and the WAFLW Volunteer of the Year at the Inaugural WAFLW Awards.</p> <p>4 AFLW players were drafted; namely Mara Cameron, Mim Strom, Emma O'Driscoll & Bianca Webb.</p> <p>The new changerooms will be ready soon and our new chaplain Karen van Namen is on board.</p> <p>She thanked Kara Antonio for her efforts and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.</p> <p>Season 2020 is looking to be another successful year for womens' football.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion from John Rowe, seconded Ray McNair. CARRIED.</p>
<p>10. FACILITIES REPORT</p>	<p>Matt Hewitson addressed the meeting.</p> <p>He gave a Power Point update and noted the new womens' changerooms, audio improvements, new seating, kitchen upgrades and roof repairs which have been organised.</p> <p>He spoke briefly of the delays from Town of Bassendean with respect to their "Town Centre" development and activation.</p> <p>The Report was accepted on motion from Jim Dougan, seconded by Kathy Rowe. CARRIED.</p>
<p>11. TREASURER'S REPORT</p>	<p>Des Hardiman addressed the meeting and gave a Power Point update of the Club's finances.</p> <p>Points highlighted included:</p> <p>A very strong year overall with profit and Balance Sheet improving.</p> <p>Result - profit of \$202,791 (after depreciation of \$96,918).</p> <p>In addition, \$163,818 was recovered from previous years Phone Tower electricity charges, and the 2018 accounts were re-stated in the comparatives, to reflect this income.</p> <p>Increased Cash at Bank to \$814,839. (Last Year \$417,042).</p> <p>The elimination of the negative Working Capital ratio. Now 1.1.</p> <p>Increasing Community Programs and financial support.</p> <p>Reasonable home game & club activities, despite poor league side position.</p> <p>Full financial details are in the published report plus the Auditors Report was also attached to the Financial Statements.</p> <p>The reasons for the strong turnaround include;</p>



	<p>The Resolution of the Taxation Liability (2016) with a demand for \$556,904 from the ATO received in July 2016. Penalties were successfully appealed and the remaining \$240k was repaid over 2 years finishing in August 2018.</p> <p>Management Appointments (2017) - January 2017 appointment of Jeff Dennis as CEO. Gerard Roelofs appointed as Finance Manager (initially 2 days and now 4 days/week).</p> <p>Board Governance & Strategic Alignment and a Supportive alignment and Strategic Direction</p> <p>Financial Discipline and Re-structure.</p> <p>Staff support in Admin, Marketing, Football, V Swans – to see the bigger sustainability picture together with Member, Sponsor and Coterie Group Support.</p> <p>The Thursday Nights, V Swans & Community Programs continue to enhance outcomes.</p> <p>Profit forecasts for 2020 moderate (\$100k) – considering a \$5.6M business</p> <p>Moved John Rowe, seconded Graeme Higgins. CARRIED.</p>
<p>12. ELECTION OF AUDITOR</p>	<p>Motion that William Buck be re-appointed Club Auditor for the 2020 financial year.</p> <p>Moved John Cooper and seconded by Keith Michaelson. CARRIED.</p>
<p>13. NOMINATION OF LIFE MEMBERS AND 10 YEAR CERTIFICATES</p>	<p>Alex Howard was awarded Life membership after attaining the required games played for SDFC Inc.</p> <p>Ian Bardwell was awarded life membership for his many years supporting our Club as the official timekeeper.</p> <p>Moved by John Rowe, seconded by Ken Ball. CARRIED. Noted with acclaim.</p> <p>Ten-year Certificates were awarded to John Laurito, Reg Connors, Gary Seaton, Lloyd Lockhart, Greg Harding, Russell Whologan, Graham O'Donnell and Tonja McGlew.</p> <p>Moved by Jim Dougan and Seconded by John Rowe. CARRIED. Noted with acclaim.</p>
<p>14. BUSINESS ON NOTICE</p>	<p>Peter Hodyl noted that under section 43.3 (e) of our constitution there would be no change to fees/subs in 2020.</p> <p>Roanna Edwards as the newest Board member gave an introduction to members present of her background and experience.</p> <p>She produced the Grandstand programme for the ABC for six years and worked in community development in the north for seven years. She was also President of the Kununurra Football Club for five years. She now works for Horizon Power.</p>
<p>15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE</p>	<p>Julie Harrison asked about the Club naming the new womens' changerooms. Peter Hodyl stated this will be considered at Board level.</p> <p>Julie Harrison asked about Kara Antonio's replacement. Peter Hodyl advised that the vacancy had been advertised and an appointment was imminent.</p> <p>Julie Harrison asked whether the Club would be having a combined Fairest and Best Awards night. Peter Hodyl stated that the Board had considered the logistics and that it would not be feasible to combine both the Mens' and womens' awards.</p>



	<p>John Rowe asked whether the players could be allowed to park inside the ground on AGM night to allow for more members to park closer. This will be considered for next year.</p> <p>Keith Michaelson asked about fire safety provisions for the new womens' changerooms. He had previously written about fire exits and the general fire rating wanting to know if we were fully compliant. Peter Hodyl stated that the Council had approved the plans but he would take it on notice and respond more formally later.</p> <p>Terry Hall asked about what had happened to all of the WAFC memorabilia and records. Peter Hodyl stated that much of it was now in storage and the WAFC would be handling the specifics but some of it will be used at the new stadium.</p>
16. COACH'S ADDRESS	<p>Adam Pickering addressed members present. He gave an update on the pre-season so far and spoke briefly about the new recruits, retiring players and the positive influence new Sports Scientist Ted Polglaze is having at the Club. He believes the players are in good shape and is confident of a much better showing on field in 2020.</p>
17. CLOSURE	<p>With no further business, the President thanked all members for their attendance and support. He closed the meeting at 8.05pm and invited all to enjoy some fellowship.</p>