



MINUTES OF 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 28th June 2010 at Hoppers Crossing Sports Club, Hogans Rd, Hoppers Crossing.

Meeting Opened:

7:30pm

Welcome:

President Steve McNamara welcomed all to the meeting, especially Life Members & junior parents. Indicated that time for questions would be allotted at the end of the general meeting. He also indicates that copies of the agenda, report, previous minutes and both current and proposed set of Club Rules/Constitution alterations were available for download on our website from the 7th June 2010 and are available in print form for those who would like to a copy.

Present:

Steve McNamara, Daniel McNamara, John McNamara, George McNamara, David Marino, Glenn Outten, Luke Cannon, Simon Giles, Brett Nicol, Trent Said, Liam Andrew, Russell Latham, Craig Swan, Deanne Trewin, Des Waring, Colin Cross, Andrew Caleca, Mark Craig, Pat Matthey, Les Dickson, Gordon Fry, Tom Holdsworth, Graeme Barry, Neil Dey, Glen Mattsson, Darren Hellmann, David Absalom, Michael Tubb.

Apologies:

Graham Said, Bernie Moynahan, Gavan Flower, Josie McNamara, Zachary Giles, Will Gardner, Darren Trewin, Travis Waring, Rohan Waring, Bradley Waring, Cameron Nicol, Jarryd Ramsay, Gavin McCallum.

Motion:	That apologies be accepted. Moved: Des Warring Seconded: Craig Swan <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

Motion:	That the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting be accepted. Moved: Deanne Trewin Seconded: Graeme Barry <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Correspondence In/Out:

IN

Nomination forms for executive and ordinary committee positions.
Alternations document to current Club Rules/Constitution.

OUT

AGM Notification to members via website.
Life members received notification by post.
Club Rules/Constitution alternations via website.

Motion:	That correspondence be accepted. Moved: Liam Andrew Seconded: John McNamara <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Reports:

Reports were presented as per the distributed Annual Report. General discussion on the reports followed.

President's Report:

Steve welcomes and thanks all for attending, practically the life members in attendance. He then reads from his report. Steve makes mention of the outstanding off field performance of the Club, particularly our sponsorship having locked in a four year major sponsor; Harvey World Travel - Wyndham Village & Werribee, whilst in the midst of the Global Financial Crisis. He also thanks our other premium sponsors for their faith and commitment; Outwest Concrete, Network Facility Management, Australian Sporting Group and In Balance Fitness. Steve congratulates Colin Cross for another outstanding effort managing the Club's books.

Steve highlights our on field results were totally unacceptable with our First XI suffering the indignity of finishing second last and ultimately being relegated back to North A1 in the VTCA. A considerable number of first year players, all under twenty years, is some reasoning for this on field result. He states that the coaching structure has had a significant review post Christmas with a sub committee formed to look at all aspects of the club coaching structure. After exploring all facets it was determined that having a playing coach and playing assistant coaches meant day to day coaching suffered significantly as the coaching staff had to dedicate training time to improving their own playing skills, particularly when the side's performance was inadequate. Thus Trent's position as Senior Coach was reaffirmed for the coming season however the committee decided to dispense with playing assistants.

He mentions having our 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths and 6ths and six junior sides participating in finals was a good result for the club but failing to deliver a premiership is something we need to use as strong motivation heading into the new season. My thanks to our club captains who served the club well with their fine leadership of our sides throughout the year.

Steve makes note that all in all, the club fielded 21 sides with our top four senior sides playing turf cricket within the Victorian Turf Cricket Association, our Fifth and Sixth XI playing hard wicket in the Western Suburban Churches Cricket Association and our Seventh XI also playing on hard wicket in the Williamstown and District Cricket Association One Day Competition. All of our junior sides competed in the newly formed Western Region Junior Cricket Association. He highlights the fact of a large number of junior members again this season with the junior committee needed to turn-away players due to the grand availability in the local area.

He states it would be remiss of him to not congratulate all Sports Club award winners at the annual Sports Club Ball but in particular our nominees for Hall Of Fame entry, club legends Patrick Matthey and Richard Curwell. These gentlemen have been great ambassadors for our club and richly deserve these honours. Being a sporting club volunteer can be thankless at times but you can rest assured that all members of our club certainly recognise your efforts and are eternally grateful.

Steve would like to thank Graham Said for his work; especially at the start of the season when our wickets on the main oval were not preparing well. He thanks David Absalom for his work and announces he'll be stepping down from the committee to commit time his business and marriage to the lovely Tennille. He thanks to the rest of the committee for their efforts. Thanks the executive for their work throughout the season, in practically David Marino for his work on the new website, being one of the best sporting websites in the state, the Vice Presidents, Simon Giles and Brett Nicol for their great work with the new Club Rules/Constitution and the 5 year plan respectfully. Finally, Steve thanks all members of his family and the Club members for having him as President.

Treasurer's Report:

Colin reads from his reports. Mentions the figures are back in the black after a few years of them been in the red. Notes that this was mainly due to the great sponsorship work of Josie McNamara, particularly locking in our major sponsor; Harvey World Travel - Wyndham Village & Werribee for four years.

Stated the fact that we had some bad debit which was written off at the start of the season and the figures presented reflect this. A combination of good fundraising and function running was done this season, particularly the Bunnings BBQ and Australia Day function. Thanks to Josie and Deanne. We've invested in the hard wicket installation at Carranballac College to lock in a ground on a long term basis. Colin encourages all members to support any future fundraising events to assist with the figures remaining in the black.

Sports Club Report:

This report was presented by attending Life Member and Sports Club President Darren Hellmann. Darren mentions the gaming action went very well with Simon Giles and George Cifo both attending on behalf of the Sports Club. We'll have a further 20 machines from 2012, bringing it to a total of 47 machines from the current 35.

The clubroom redevelopment plans have been submitted to council and we predict construction to start by the end of the year.

Highlights that the new Wooden Road project is underway and the Sports Club is involved in the development. It was noted that we (the Club) can possibly use these new ovals if required in the future.

A Question from Des Waring was asked regarding the timing of the recycled water pipeline to Hogans Road. It was noted that there has been no definitive answer from council but the project has gone to tender and City West Water plan to start once the go-ahead is provided from council.

Motion:	That all reports be accepted. Moved: Des Waring Seconded: Pat Matthey <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Alterations to Club Rules/Constitution

The current and proposed set of Rules/Constitution were presented on our website from the 7th June 2010 for perusal and distributed to all attending members. General discussion about the adoption of the new set of Rules/Constitution followed. Question from Graeme Barry about whether a 'Statement of Purpose' was included in the new set of Rules/Constitution? It was noted that it was but is not clearly marked; instead, the 'Statement of Purpose' as such is part of our Code of Conduct – Appendix 1.

Motion:	Adopt the tabled set of Club Rules/Constitution, replacing the current set dated 1991. Moved: Steve McNamara Seconded: Darren Hellmann <i>Carried (All votes in favour and none against, 11 proxy votes in favour received)</i>
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Election of the Board For Season 2010/11

Steve McNamara steps down from his position as President, and Vice President Simon Giles took the chair. With only one nomination for President for season 2010/11, Steve McNamara was duly elected and resumed the chair.

Steve McNamara announced David Marino elected unopposed as Secretary and Colin Cross elected unopposed as Treasurer for season 2010/11.

Three nominations for Vice President were received; Simon Giles, Brett Nicol and Neil Dey. Steve McNamara requests the three nominees' to leave the meeting for a ballot/vote to be had for the two available Vice President positions. Results of the ballot/vote are as follows:

Simon Giles: █ votes in favour, including █ proxy votes.

Brett Nicol: █ votes in favour, including █ proxy votes.

Niel Dey: █ votes in favour, no proxy votes.

Steve McNamara calls the three nominees' back to the meeting and announced Simon Giles and Brett Nicol elected as Vice Presidents for season 2010/11, after a ballot/vote count by the members.

The Vice President nomination of Neil Dey is now superseded and Neil's nomination for ordinary Board member becomes priority.

Ordinary Board member nominations were received as follows:

Neil Dey, Bernie Moynahan, Graham Said, Deanne Trewin, Craig Swan, Russell Latham, Mark Craig and Josie McNamara - all positions filled for season 2010/11. With a maximum of 7 ordinary Board members available, Josie McNamara will be a non voting ordinary Board member.

Steve McNamara again acknowledged the elected Board and highlighted the importance of these members remaining involved.

Cheque Book Signatory's:

Treasurer: Colin Cross

President: Steve McNamara

Secretary: David Marino

General Business

Glenn Mattson: Has observed a lack of progressive senior scores and information displayed on the notice board and around the club during Cricket season, particularly when the finals were on last season. Steve McNamara assured Glenn that email's, website updates and notice board flyers will be quite frequent in the coming season and for Glenn to forward his email address to subscribe to the weekly email sent to members during the season, which includes progressive and final match results, as well as other information about the happenings of the Club.

Pat Matthey: Suggests organising a local person to sing the National Anthem, rather than having it played on a stereo, at the next Australia Day function to promote a better atmosphere at the event. Steve McNamara loves the idea and will endeavor to place it in to action at the next Australia Day function.

Les Dickson: Asks Trent Said (Senior Coach) for an update on the player movements for the upcoming season. Trent's response: Recruitment has been OK in recent months but within the last 4 weeks we've lost some key players which we thought we had. Shaun Borlase, Adam Brodie and Ben Robertson have gone. We're planning on recruiting Brodie Andrew but he has recently broken a finger and could be doubtful to start. Those whom we've recruited are: Peter Magafas, Stephen Dow (our local Physiotherapist from Symmetry) and Luke Cannan (Glenn Outten's future brother in law). Gavin McCallum is back on board and Greg Mitchell returns from a spell at Werribee Centrals. Michael Tubb will be remaining in Australia for a further 1.5 years and we're happy to keep him for that duration. Trent highlights there will be plenty of spots for our juniors to continue stepping-up in to. Trent is quite excited about the input going to be offered from our new non-playing coaches: Craig Swan, Andrew Gibb and John Timms.

Meeting closed 8.05pm.