



MINUTES OF 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 20th June 2011 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 previous minutes were available for download on our website from July 2010. This meeting's agenda and annual report were available for download from the 22nd May 2011. These documents are available in print form now for those who would like a hard copy.

Present:

Steve McNamara, Daniel McNamara, David Marino, Glenn Outten, Luke Cannon, Simon Giles, Brett Nicol, Matt Penhall, Craig Swan, Deanne Trewin, Colin Cross, Mark Craig, Pat Matthey, Tom Holdsworth, Graeme Barry, Darren Hellmann, Graham Said, David Bawden, John Ray SNR, Bernie Moynahan, Darrel Brown.

Apologies:

Trent Said, Josie McNamara, James Herden, Les Dickson, Gavan Flower.

Motion:	That apologies be accepted. Moved: Pat Matthey Seconded: Mark Craig <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: David Bawden Seconded: Glenn Outten <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Correspondence In/Out:

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Nomination forms for executive and ordinary Board positions.

OUT

34th AGM Minutes via website published July 2010.

AGM Notification to members via club website, club Facebook, email distribution and clubroom notice board.

Life members received notification by post.

Motion:	That correspondence be accepted. Moved: Bernie Moynahan Seconded: Craig Swan <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, particularly the life members in attendance.

It sure was a great season that was had, the complete inverse to the on field performances of last season, with our 1st XI's winning they're second premierships in the club's 35 years of existence. Congratulations go out to the whole 1st XI team and in particular Trent Said. Congratulations also go out to our 4th and 6th XI's for winning their premierships in their respective competitions.

The resulting promotion into VTCA Senior Division brings new territory which the club has never explored in its history and is arguably placed in the next best cricket competition behind District Cricket. We are extremely happy and excited to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

The first of those challenges being the player points allocation for the upcoming season. The association has lowered the point's threshold once again which has the potential to make the competition that much harder for our 1st XI's. Our new senior coach (Darrel Brown) will consume the maximum points (9) and Faward Ahmed will consume 8 points.

Trent Said has stepped down as senior coach due to life commitments (getting married) and we were really happy with his performance. He will continue to play for us in the upcoming season.

The step up into Senior Division will be challenging, but we're keen to get up there and stay there. Yarriville Club CC has won the past four premierships in Senior Division and we'd like to be in a similar position moving forward.

Our Juniors were ran well once again by Deanne Trewin and Josie McNamara.

Our Financials are looking great with a surplus for the season. A great job by Colin Cross once again.

Brett Nicol (Vice President) was great help this season, being the sound solid voice of advice.

Thanks to David Marino (Secretary) for being my right hand man once again, Mark Craig for his efforts over the past two years on the board, Graham Said for producing great wickets all season.

Thanks to the Sponsors, without your dedication, we wouldn't be in this position. Thanks to our major sponsor for the past three seasons; Harvey World Travel (Wyndham Village & Werribee). They've had to step down as our major sponsor for next season due to business pressures. In-Balance Fitness has taken over the major sponsor role for the next three seasons.

Thanks to the rest of the sponsors for their ongoing support and we encourage all members to utilise our sponsors as much as possible and to not forget to mention you're from the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Colin reads from his report. Mentions the figures are in the black once again, mainly due to the sponsorship raised this season. Sponsorship is always our major revenue raiser each year, but this year, Josie McNamara has done an exceptional job.

The social functions break down shows a high figure for junior functions; this is due to BBQs held throughout the season, a grand final party and junior presentation night.

The miscellaneous figure is mainly due to a 'in memory of Chris Ford' donation to the Australasian Sarcoma Study Group. Chris passed away in November 2010. The VTCA presentation night tickets for our 1st XI players were also placed in miscellaneous.

One thing to note is that the senior presentation night was had after the 30th April (end of financial year) and as such, the figures will be listed in next season's financial report.

Question from the floor: Tom Holdsworth: Why are the ground expenses lower from last year?

This is due to the Sports Club offsetting Graham Said's costs and his charge being listed from a different line item.

Sports Club Report (Darren Hellmann – Sports Club President):

This report was presented by attending Life Member and Sports Club President Darren Hellmann. Congratulations to the cricket member club on their premiership win and promotion to Senior Division.

On the redevelopment of our change rooms, council has a timeline in place that should start some time next year. The master plan has also been approved by council and we should see some movement around soon.

Question from the floor: Mark Craig: You mention 'sometime next year' for the beginning of the redevelopment of our change rooms, do you envisage the timing affecting the ordinary proceedings of the member clubs, particularly the cricket member club?

We're unsure at this stage but council has agreed to give us access to the new Wootten Reserve sporting complex to cater for the needs of our member clubs.

Motion:	That all reports be accepted. Moved: Craig Swan Seconded: Deanne Trewin <i>Carried (All votes in favour)</i>
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Election of the Board For Season 2011/12

Steve McNamara steps down from his position as President, and Vice President Simon Giles takes the chair. With only one nomination for President for season 2011/12, Steve McNamara was duly elected and resumed the chair.

Steve McNamara announced Colin Cross elected unopposed as Treasurer, Brett Nicol and Simon Giles elected unopposed as Vice Presidents for season 2011/12.

Steve McNamara announced Deanne Trewin is elected unopposed as Secretary, taking over from David Marino. Steve mentions that it saddens him to announce David stepping down as Secretary and thanks him for the excellent two years of service.

David Marino announces to the floor that he has chosen to step down for personal reasons, having just gotten married and facing the next chapter in his life.

The past two years as Secretary were an awesome experience. From presenting a Club facing relegation twelve months ago, to now, having the Club move up to Senior Division and having done so with the majority of home grown 1st XI players.

We as the Executive had to make some hard decisions throughout the past two seasons to reach this position and I am delighted with the outcomes.

I am confident the skillset the newly appointed Secretary brings to the Board is the right fit to take the Club through its next challenges and can assure Deanne has the competency required for the role, gained from years of administration experience as Junior Administrator. I wish Deanne and the Board all the best and thank the Club for the opportunity.

Ordinary Board member nominations were received as follows; Josie McNamara, Craig Swan, Graham Said, Bernie Moynahan, John Ray SNR, Glenn Outten and Matt Penhall.

Steve McNamara again acknowledged the elected Board and highlighted the importance of these members volunteering their time to the betterment of our Club.

Cheque Book Signatory's:

Treasurer: Colin Cross
President: Steve McNamara
Secretary: Deanne Trewin

General Business

Pat Matthey: Would like to raise a question about the overseas player (Alex Wyatt) that came over this season and did not stay for the finals. Why would we agree to organise a player to come all this way and not keep him for the finals?

Mark Craig answers: Last season we had initially organised Mubasher Hassan to be our overseas player, however he got home sick and wanted to go home early. So we organised Alex Wyatt in a hurry and could only get him a temporary visa, which fell short of the finals.

For the upcoming season we have a player already organised and will stay for the whole season. His name is Alex Martin and is a student from Okham School. If anyone has a vacancy for work and/or a place to stay to accommodate Alex, please let the Board know.

Craig Swan: Would like to know how the overseas player will affect our VTCA player point's threshold?

Steve McNamara answers: We've had to recently say no thanks to players who want to sign with us after Darrel Brown's appointment to cater for our overseas player's points. Fawad Ahmed is another point's taker that affects our player point's threshold.

Steve McNamara invites our newly appointed captain/coach Darrel Brown to address the floor.

Darrel thanks everyone for the warm welcome and explains he is great friends with Peter Magafas and he was the person who introduced him to the Club.

Darrel highlights that he does not want the Club to just tread water in the new division and agrees with the Board's directive to be up there with the best right from the start.

Darrel mentions he is really looking forward to the standard of cricket that will approach us in Senior Division and is confident the skillset of our current crop of players is up to the challenges. He is also looking forward to being a part of the great social environment we have to offer.

Meeting closed 8.08pm.