MINUTES OF 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, 09 DECEMBER, 2025 – 7.30PM

Attendees:
Michael Burgess, Micahl Creamer, Colin Riordan, Carol Brewster, Murray Guy, Greg Purser, Jarryd Purser, Leigh Clay, Peter Baylew, Simon Dorsett, Paul Kennedy, Damon Hartang, Albert Robbins, Andrew Sorensen, Kylie Sorensen, Leanne Reeves, Manpreet Singh, Harinder Giri, James Dunell, Michael Trounce, Mark Ford, Heath Simpson Jemma Neal, McKinley Ryder, Chayla Reeves, Alyssa Acrein, Sarah Davy, Peter O'Connell

Online: Laurie Alonzo, Stuart Young, Nikita Quinlan

Apologies:
Nil

Proxy Nominations:
Nil

Minutes:

Greensborough Hockey Club (Registration No:A0016204C)

Annual General Meeting

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHO
1.0	**Meeting Open at 7.40pm**	Michael Burgess
	Acknowledgement of Country	
	Attendance & Apologies Quorum Met.	
	Reminder to sign in and thanks for attending	

2.0 **Motion**	**Confirm Minutes of the 2024 AGM**	Michael Burgess
	Minutes published on website. Copies provided at the meeting. No feedback received on the 2024 Minutes.	

	The minutes of the 2024 AGM will be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
	Moved: Simon Dorsett Second: Kylie Sorensen Carried: All	

3.0	**Presentation of the 2025 Annual Report - President**	Michael Burgess
3.1	Acknowledgement and thanks to all 2025 committee members.	
	Coaching Fees- Now showing on financial statements, correctly recording. Thank you to Colin. Accounting system improvements in reporting.	
	Bar did great work, less spectators across the board had an impact (Vic League smaller crowds compared to Premier League)	
	Financials have stayed steady, not much growth. Need to address funding models	
	LED Lighting upgrade. Acknowledgement of Greg Purser who has liaised with council over last decade. Nillumbik council have applied to Sport and Recreation Victoria on our behalf ($150-$180,000) from the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.	
	Open up to the members for feedback on Annual Report. Greg Purser asked members present to identify if there are any errors or issues after 7 days.	
3.2 **Motion**	Annual report published on website. That members accept the 65th Annual Report pending any amendments in the next 7 days	
	Moved: James Dunnell Second: Simon Dorsett Carried: All	

4.0	**Presentation of the 2025 Financial report**	Colin Riordan
	Explained challenge of increasing coaching fees/costs. Need to compete long term with the 'top end' of Premier League. As a club we need to strive to be in PL long term, therefore need to invest in Junior Program and Senior Coaching.	
	Level of revenue that has sustained the club is no longer adequate	
	Ground Replacement Sinking Fund has not had significant contributions in the last few years. Could eventuate that it could mean that we are unable to replace in the future, reduce to one ground.	
	Need for volunteers	

	Need for sponsorship revenue	
	Referred to detail being in Annual Report	
	Added if we want PL, Ground 2 replacement is a cost coming in next 5 years. Pitch replacement could be $250,000. No longer something than we can keep pushing away as a committee. As a club we need to sit and plan what we are going to do.	Michael Burgess
4.1 **Motion**	Proposed that 2025 Financial Report be accepted. Moved: Greg Purser Second: Simon Dorsett Carried: All	
5.0	**Election of Committee 2026**	Michael Burgess
5.1	President thanked committee members that will not be on committee in 2026. Jemma Neal, Alex Pozzobon, Naomi Pickford, Albert Robbins, Greg Purser (as per report). President discussed that the 2026 committee will focus on governance and strategy. Operational roles no longer on committee.	
5.2	All positions on the Committee declared open. Nominations received on the night: ● Colin Riordan ● ?	
5.3	The following nominations received and uncontested:	
	● President – Michael Burgess	
	● Vice-President – Vacant	
	● Treasurer – Colin Riordan	
	● Secretary – Micahl Creamer	
	● General Committee o Jarryd Purser o Drew Anthony o Laurie Alonzo	

5.4 **Motion**	As all nominations were uncontested. That all members be accepted onto the 2026 committee as per nominations. Moved: Greg Purser Second: Simon Dorsett Carried: All	
6.0	**Special Resolution 1- Amendment to Constitution- Junior Membership Voting Rights**	
6.1	**Discussion:** Asked for clarification, thought that Junior members already had a vote.	Leanne Reeves
	President clarified	Michael Burgess
	Don't see any reason against it, getting more people involved in the club a positive. Shows that we are inclusive.	Simon Dorsett
	Should we set a bottom limit? Members that play full field Under 12?	Greg Purser
	With voting rights, why would we not offer the $100 fee that comes with voting rights?	Stuart Young
6.2 **Motion**	That Rule 14 (2) of the Greensborough Hockey Club Constitution be amended to read as follows 14 Associate members (1) Associate members of the Association include- a) Any members under the age of 16 years (junior members); and b) Any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting (2) An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting. **(3) Notwithstanding subrule (2), each junior membership (HV under 12 competition players and above) shall carry one (1) vote to be exercised by the parent or legal guardian registered with the Club as responsible for that member. Only one vote shall be determined per junior membership.** **Proposed by:** Michael Burgess **Seconded by:** Albert Robbins **Carried: All**	Michael Burgess
7.0	**Special Resolution 2- Amendment to Constitution- Composition of the Committee**	
7.1	Discussion	Michael Burgess

	President explained, proposal is that the committee elects a Vice President from amongst its members rather than being directly elected at the AGM. You want a good working team, Vice President elected by committee, a role that is not used often.	
	Discussed that he would like proposal to be amended. Can only appoint via the committee, restrictive.	Colin Riordan
	Get rid of time frame, doesn't need to be the first meeting	Greg Purser
7.2 **Motion**	**That Greensborough Hockey Club Incorporated amends Rule 44 (Composition of Committee) of its Constitution to update the process for electing the Vice President, as follows:** Amended Rule 44: The Committee consists of- a) A President; and b) A Secretary; and c) A Treasurer; and d) Ordinary members (if any) elected under Rule 53. **Following each Annual General Meeting, the newly elected Committee can, at any time, elect from among its members a Vice President** **Proposed by:** Michael Burgess **Seconded by:** James Dunnell **Carried: All**	Michael Burgess
8.0	**Proposed Fees and Payment Structure 2026**	Michael Burgess
8.1	Fee recommendations presented	Michael Burgess
	HV 3% increase, long term we need to keep up with costs.	
8.2	Increase 5% fees, $100 levy for PL and PLR players. PL PLR players given opportunity to be involved as a coach. %100 of fees offset for PL and PLR players who coach. With this increase only anticipate $10,000 surplus, prior to sinking fund contribution.	Colin Riordan
	Other clubs already have different fees for elite players, as much as $200-$250	Michael Burgess
	If we want to be PL and have 2 grounds. Major decision does not have to be this year, could be next. 20%-30% of other clubs already have fee structure that	Colin Riordan

	charges PL players more in fees.	
8.3	**Discussion** Do we have a coach for PLR? If coaching costs have an impact on PL levy and comparing to other clubs. Other clubs have extras for PL players, video analysis, physio. Where is the $100 levy going for reserves if they do not have a coach?	Albert Robbins
	We need the coaches, if players do not want to pay the extra levy they can be involved in coaching.	Colin Riordan
	Levy is something that we need to discuss further and consider in the future	Michael Burgess
	Not right, Senior players are the ones that come to functions, come to bar. Penalising players that are keeping the club going.	Leanne Reeves
	Is the only option to offset that to Junior Coach? Many of seniors have already coached and done their time and Juniors may not have the time to coach.	Jemma Neal
	Need to increase revenue in multiple ways.	Colin Riordan
	How do you determine who pays the levy? Players could play firsts and then go down to thirds?	Chayla Reeves
	Proposed taking the levy off the table, further discussion needed. . We have simplified our fees structure. Explore how fee structure works to return revenue.	Michael Burgess
8.4 **Motion**	That for the 2026 season member playing fees will increase by 5%. Moved: Michael Burgess Second: Simon Dorsett Carried: All	Michael Burgess

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9.0	**General Business**	Michael Burgess
9.1	**Other Items** Asked how much we need for sinking fund	Kylie Sorensen
	$70,000- available for redraw	Colin Riordan
	The $70,000 is the amount we are in front of the loan repayments. $100,000 spent on clubrooms in 2021/22.	Greg Purser

	View is need to get sinking fund up to 50% of ground replacement. Personal view is that we need to aim to get minimum $30,000 towards sinking fund each year. JCC hosting again in 2026, which will help.	Michael Burgess
9.2	Can we do something about making the technical area transparent so that people can see through? Discussion around all ideas and expertise welcome. Club open to adjusting/changing the area.	?
9.3	Positions open, canteen and bar. Remuneration available, need to fill immediately.	Michael Burgess

10.0	**Meeting Closed at 8.53pm**	Michael Burgess