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## Minutes of 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 20th March 2021

### Attendees:

Andrew Adams, Bob Aldersea, Craig Allen, Jeremy Allen, Laurie Alonzo, Bec Bartel, Scott Bartel, Fiona Bathie, Lisa Blake, Carol Brewster, Michael Coen, Brenten Coulthard, Jon Cross, Jacinta Dalton, Tegan de Man, Morgan de Man, Patrick de Vos, James Dunell, Mark Ford, Sam Fraser, Murray Guy, Amy Heritage, Ray Heritage, Ben Hopkins, Sharon Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Brett Kennedy, Defrim Kutrolli, Matt Lendon, Marcus Ludwick, Catherine Ludwick, Ian Ludwick, Shane Martin, Wesley Martin, Michael Mirecki, Jemma Neal, Mark Newbegin, Erika Newbegin, Sam Northey, Erin O'Connell, Jane O'Connell, Peter O'Connell, Nick O'Connell, Naomi Pickford, Greg Pickford, Deb Purser, Greg Purser, Lachlan Purser, Christine Quix, Jordan Rees, Talen Rees, Leanne Reeves, Chayla Reeves, Colin Riordan, William Robbins, Courtney Rudd, Ann Ryder, Heath Simpson, Hendrik Six, Adam Spatharis, Chris Spatharis, Trent Wells, Sarah Young, Stuart Young, Rob Zull

**Apologies:** Tom Crowley, Yvette Consolino, Bob Crowley, Jarryd Purser, Michael Burgess, Neil Wilmott

**Proxy Nominations:** Yvette Consolino to Secretary, Jarryd Purser to President, Michael Burgess to Brenten Coulthard

### 1. Meeting Opened at 2.10pm with Acknowledgment of Country read by Secretary - Jane O'Connell

*"We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this country, pay tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Nillumbik, and give respect to Elders past, present and emerging and their integral part in our region's history."*

Thanks for everyone for attending and thanks for the efforts of the President - Greg Purser in working to have the new clubrooms open for the AGM today.

We acknowledge the deaths of a life member in John Glover, as well as long time volunteer - Ken Parkin and recently club member - Jim Crowley. Acknowledged the difficulties faced by club members during 2020 due to family and business losses during the Covid pandemic.

Apologies for the Annual Report only being uploaded to the website yesterday, some copies are printed and available at the bar.

Handed over to President - Greg Purser:

Greg spoke about the financial impact on the club of the Covid-19 pandemic and the efforts of the committee in turning a potential \$80K loss to only a \$20K loss due to fundraising. He thanked the past and present members for their assistance in heeding the call for fundraising support over the past year. He acknowledged the generosity of some of our members who made significant donations towards the new clubrooms:

Newbegin family donated all the tables and chairs

Anthony Family for the canteen fridges

Anonymous donation for the T.V's

The agenda for the meeting would be as follows:

- Confirm minutes from the 2019 AGM,
- Presentation of the 2020 Annual Report
- Presentation of the 2020 Financial Statements
- Election of Committee members for 2021
- Nominations for Life Membership
- General Business
  - Proposed Fees & Payment structure for 2021
  - Review of the Annual members levy

## **2. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been sent to members earlier in 2020. A copy was also placed on the background TV screen for review.

As no feedback was received regarding minutes from the 2019 AGM, it was moved that:

*The minutes of the 2019 AGM will be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Moved – Robert Kennedy*

*Seconded – Nick O’Connell*

*Carried- All*

## **3. Annual Report**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Report was completed by Greg Purser and published on the website 19.3.21.

Greg highlighted some key points:

- Appointment of our Men’s and Women’s PL coaches has been finalised, with Heath Simpson & Rob Zull (Joint PL Men’s Coaches) & Tegan de Man (Women’s PL coach)
- Appointment of Development Coach - John Hooper, who is available to support younger players coming through but is also available to all members who would like to improve their game. This appointment is being funded through the revenue from the Summer NDHL competition
- Fees can now be automatically broken into 5 payments. Must receive a payment before round 1 or not eligible to play. Contact the Treasurer if a special arrangement is required. Commitment made that if no bad debtors in 2021 and residual funds available from collection of fees that this money will be refunded or members can decide what the money should be spent on and fees adjusted for 2022.
- Call for all members to volunteer to support the club. There are always big jobs and small jobs to suit whatever time you have, such as regular cleaning of the clubrooms, working bees once or twice per year, canteen, etc. We really need everyone to help.

## **4. Treasurer's Report: (from the Annual Report)**

The financial result for the year was a net loss of \$15,665.83 compared to a net profit of \$25,070.22 for 2019. This is not unexpected given the difficult year the club faced in 2020 with no Winter hockey & limited ability to trade given the COVID-19 lockdowns & the clubroom redevelopment.

The major highlights were as follows:

- The continued interest in & growth of Summer NDHL. The 2019-2020 season was the biggest yet. Thank you to Stuart Young & the many others who made this happen.
- Sponsorship & grants of almost \$5,000.
- Income dropped by almost 75%. The turnover was low enough that the club did not need to be audited for the 2019-2020 financial year.

- Expenses were only reduced by around 63% despite cutting as many costs as possible, showing that some of the fixed costs of running the club are unavoidable. It is important to reflect upon what the club & its members achieved to survive no Winter hockey in 2020, with key factors in our survival being:
- Review of all costs.
- 9-month freeze on ground resurfacing loan repayments.
- 18-month deferral of the club's financial contribution to the clubroom redevelopment until December 2021.
- Over \$40,000 collected through fundraising, grants & sponsorships with a significant portion of this coming from past & present members & their families. Without the generosity of club members, financially & by giving their time, the club may have struggled to survive.

We look forward to a better 2021 with new clubrooms & enhanced viewing for The Burra fans!

## **5. Election of Committee Members for 2021:**

Jane advised that all committee members from the end of 2020 intended to stand again for 2021. New nominations were received from Michael Burgess for Junior Coordinator and from Jarryd Purser as general committee member. No nominations were received from anyone for any position currently filled, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Hockey Operations or Secretary.

President: Greg Purser

Vice -President: Nick O'Connell

Treasurer: James Dunell

Secretary: Jane O'Connell

Hockey Operations: Colin Riordan

Junior Coordinator: Michael Burgess

General Committee: Stuart Young, Naomi Pickford, Brenten Coulthard, Sarah Young and Tom Crowley are all remaining on the committee for 2021 with the addition of Jarryd Purser.

All nominations were passed with majority acceptance demonstrated by show of hands by members.

## **6. Nomination for Life Membership:**

No nominations received

## **7. General Business:**

Greg explained that strong financial principles established some years ago, by the committee, assisted in minimising the impact of the pandemic on the clubs financial situation.

### **7.1 James Proposed Fees & Payment Structure for 2021:**

- o *That the fees for Seniors and Masters in 2020 will remain the same as 2021. A \$100 deposit is now made to GHC on registering with HV. This is to support costs incurred with entering fees and is non-refundable.*
- o *That full fees or a structured repayment plan be in place with the Treasurer before round 1*
- o *That un-financial players will be ineligible for selection*

*A general discussion regarding fees, how costs are covered and how we need everyone's support to implement payment of fees to ensure financial viability of the club. Ongoing debtors impact on fees. Greg Purser explained that the fees were only used to cover the costs of fielding teams, whereas the rent of the*

*itches covers the loan re-payments and the sales (canteen, bar, shop) cover the costs of running the club, such as utilities, insurance, etc. This is all done to keep fees as low as possible.*

### **7.2 James discussed the Annual Levy on Members to Fund a Ground Replacement Fund: (sinking fund)**

*The levy will remain in place for 2021 (\$50 per Senior members & \$20 per Junior Member), with all funds set aside as part of the Ground Resurfacing fund. It's an important part of ensuring the backing of the council*

*The annual levy will be reviewed again at the 2021 AGM. All agreed*

#### **Other General Business:**

- Official Clubrooms opening function will be held sometime later in the year in collaboration with Nillumbik Council. This will include Council members and local dignitaries
- 60th Anniversary celebrations: Planning a function and would love to encourage both new and old members so encourage everyone to join the social media platforms, link into old members to keep informed of the planned celebrations later in the year. Would love to decorate the breezeway with old photos and memorabilia. Will be attempting to keep the clubrooms clutter free.

Questions raised by attending members without notice:

- What sort of cashless system will be available for members? Most people have moved away from carrying cash since Covid and the club would also like to go cash free if possible. A new system will be installed in the coming weeks, replacing the very costly eftpos machine.
- Are the clubrooms available for hire: yes to members only but preferably not for 18th/21sts and the member would be responsible for all cleaning and maintenance after the event
- What are our Covid plans and how do they impact: All GHC covid plans are available on the website. These have been checked by Nillumbik Council and include the use of the QR code for maintaining attendance register as well as hand sanitizer, avoiding handshaking, no spitting and wiping down surfaces, including change rooms and dugouts after and before use. We will be sourcing single use cleaning cloths for this purpose and will likely require a roster of players to ensure compliance.

The meeting was closed at 3pm