



## **MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Melbourne Softball Association was held at 10am on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> in the clubrooms at Fawkner Park, South Yarra.

### **1. WELCOME**

Meeting opened at 10:09am by Elaine Duyvestyn welcoming all members to the 35<sup>h</sup> AGM of the Melbourne Softball Association (MSA). Minutes were taken by Danielle Senyschyn.

#### **1.1. Acknowledgment to country**

Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as traditional custodian of the land on which we gather and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. Also, Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from other Nations, and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Clubs:**

Red Devils: Jenny Barratt & Jeff Barratt

Wingers: Jess Chomley

Panthers: Georgia Hill & Alyssa Casten

Melbourne University: Molly Hoak, Claire Straw & Dal Parker

Monash: Kerry Laird

Eastern Raiders: Tori Williams

Titans: Hayley Laggan

Bruisers: Wenda Donaldson

**Observers:**

Lorraine Ireland (Life Member)

Nol Duyvestyn (Life Member)

Alan Laird (Monash)

Kathy Bedwell (Bruisers)

Rosie Grimm (Bruisers)

**MSA Executive Committee:**

Jell Radford

Danielle Senyschyn

Elaine Duyvestyyn

Poppy Bouhalis

Belinda Rae

**2.1 APOLOGIES**

Maddi Lam (MSA Ordinary Member)

Neil Duyvestyn (MSA Ordinary Member)

Wayne Duyvestyn (Life Member)

Trish Bennett (Life Member)

Kerri-Anne Duyvestyn

**3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on May 29th 2016**

### 3.1 Motion to adopt

A hard copy of the minutes is available for reading by interested parties.

Minutes tabled by Elaine Duyvestyn and accepted on the motion of Alyssa Casten (Panthers) and seconded by Molly Hoak (Melbourne Uni) as a true reflection of the meeting.

### 3.2 Matters Arising

#### 3.2.1 SV disqualification of MSA

Jell Radford gave a brief update on the current situation between Softball Victoria and the MSA and where we stand in our negotiations to become reaffiliated.

SV has not accepted our current proposal and so negotiations are ongoing.

New EO Nick Frayne seems proactive and wants to continue engagement with the MSA and we will be meeting with him shortly.

There will be another special meeting before any decisions are made regarding our next step.

#### 3.2.2 Bequest Julie Nemeth

Wingers Softball Club and Melbourne Softball both received a small bequest from the estate of Life Member Julie Nemeth

A proposal was made by the Wingers to purchase new diamond benches and to have a plaque attached to each to memorialise Julie Nemeth.

We are in the process of sourcing suitable benches

#### 3.2.3 Rules of Association

Amendments to the Rules of the Association have been lodged with, and accepted by, Corporate Affairs.

#### 3.2.4 Junior Development Officer

Strategy in place to approach secondary schools in 2017/18. Azhair Ishmail will be working as the Junior Development Officer in term 4 2017 and term 1 2018, with the idea of having them come into the park in 2018 as Junior teams.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

## 5. ANNUAL REPORT

### 5.1 Annual Report

#### Highlights from the Annual Report

- Metro League expanded to 14 teams
- Melbourne Representative Team entered the Memorial Shield B grade competition. Remained undefeated throughout the competition and took out the B grade final.
- Diamond Classic was again another well supported day and an opportunity for players and supporters to enjoy some excellent softball
- NAIDOC slowpitch game
- Summer slowpitch also expanded with 22 teams playing over 2016/17
- Red Devils continued their support of the Special Olympics team giving them invaluable competition at their annual games
- We rebranded with a fresh logo and updated colours
- Natasha Holt (Red Devils) selected in the U19 Australian team for the upcoming World Championships
- Recognition for Angela Broadbent of the Merle Short Service Award as well as the Margo Koskelainen Umpire Award
- Roy Arscott, Georgia Hill and Lucy James all achieved further umpiring accreditation.
- Kerry and Alan Laird State for coaching appointments to state U13 and U15 teams.
- On a sadder note, we said goodbye to Life Member Bob Gray who sadly passed away in November

The report was accepted on the motion by Kerry Laird (Monash) and seconded by Jenny Barratt (Red Devils). The motion was carried.

### 5.2 Financial Report

The financial report will be available in hard copy next Sunday after a technical issue resulted in it not being available in time for printing.

The report covers a 15-month period due to the change in reporting dates which was implemented to capture an entire Metro League and Slowpitch competition in one reporting cycle.

The MSA is fully financial and all our bills have been paid as of 04/06/2017.

## 6. MOTION for CONTINUANCE of MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

On the motion of Kerry Laird (Monash) and seconded by Jenny Barratt (Red Devils) the motion to continue was carried unanimously.

## 7. RECOGNITION of SERVICE to SOFTBALL

Scott Rutherford was awarded Life Membership to the Melbourne Softball Association.

Motion to accept: Alyssa Casten (Panthers) and seconded by Jess Chomley (Wingers)

We are also seeking nominations from clubs for Service Awards.

## 8. ELECTION OF 2017/2018 COMMITTEE

Jell Radford thanked the outgoing Executive for their efforts and support and declared the following positions vacant:

- President
- Secretary
- General Member
- General Member

Lorraine Ireland was asked to preside as conveyor over the nominations and elections

The following Incoming Committee nominations were received and carried:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>
President	Jell Radford
Secretary	Danielle Senyschyn
Ordinary Member	Poppy Bouhalis
	Neil Duyvestyn
	Dal Parker

There is a clause in our rules that allows the members to extend the number of the Ordinary Members on the executive so the motion was put to the floor to do so as we had 3 nominations for Ordinary Members. This negated the need for voting to be undertaken.

This motion was moved by Wenda Donaldson (Bruisers) and seconded by Scott Rutherford (Umpire)

## 9. ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Thanks to Lorraine Ireland for chairing the election of members.

Thanks also to the members for their support of the executive as well as a big thank you to the committee for all the hard work behind the scenes.

#### 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Thanks for the support of the A/A Res & B grade reshuffle. We appreciate your patience as we iron out the kinks.

Redraw to Round 8 will be on the website ASAP

A reminder that there are no games scheduled over the long weekend.

Good luck to all those competing at the Victorian Masters Competition in Shepparton over the Queen Birthday long weekend.

#### 11. MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting Closed at 10.35am