



Melbourne Softball Association

2019 Annual General Meeting

Date: May 26th, 2019

1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 9:32 am by Elaine Duyvestyn welcoming all members to the 36th 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. IN ATTENDANCE

Team Representatives

Red Devils: Jenny Barratt, Jeff Barratt

Wingers: Tori Allen

Panthers: Georgia Hill

Melbourne University: Chloe Dux, Sherin Breed, Molly Hoak, Kat Gourley,

Monash: Kerry Laird,

Eastern Raiders: Jess Chomley, Mok Winnie,

Bruisers: Wenda Donaldson

Observers

Lorraine Ireland (Life Member)

Nol Duyvestyn (Life Member)

Wayne Duyvestyn (Life Member)

Scott Rutherford (Life Member)

Rosie Grimm (Bruisers)

Lisa Barratt, Kim Barratt, Damian McNair, Julie Williamson (Red Devils)

Chloe Vuong, Tina Lin, Elizabeth Chu, Raz DiVito, Nathan DiVito, Pete Miller, Tayla

Fordham, Dal Parker, Molly Copeland, Amanda Shipp, Jayne Perry, Sheng Tse Ying,

Julia Knight, Caroline Reid (Melbourne University)

Claire Shelvey, Natasha Shelvey, Kay Williamson (Eastern Raiders)

Paula Laudini (Monash)

Ash Crawford (Wingers)

Simon Foster (Umpire)

MSA Executive Committee

Jell Radford

Danielle Senyschyn

Elaine Duyvestyyn

Poppy Bouhalis

Belinda Rae

Alyssa Casten

Apologies

Trish Bennett (Life Member)

Sue James (Life Member)

Meghan Rae (Panthers)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the 2018 AGM held 27 May 2018

Motion: Jayne Perry

Seconded: Georgia Hill

4.COMMITTEE REPORT

President Jell Radford drew attendees attention to the booklet '2019 Annual Report' and encouraged all to read the complete report.

Jell highlighted 2018

- We saw 14 teams competing in three open age divisions. We were fortunate enough to be able to again run a B Grade division separate to our A and A-Reserve competition. We also saw new premiers in the A grade division with Eastern Raiders beating Bruisers, Wingers were successful in the A Reserve grade and the Melb Uni Dragons took out the B grade
- Melbourne members have been prominent in summer association competitions as well as in State and Australian representative sides
- Another successful summer of Slowpitch for the 2018/19 season - increase of members this summer. 36 teams the target for the coming summer .
- Melbourne Representative Team entered the Memorial Shield competition. Remained undefeated throughout the competition and took out the B grade final for the 3rd time running
- Lots of development for players, in particular with Minor League
- Fawkner Park Titans competed in the B Division of Metro League for a third year - big thanks to Elaine Duyvestyn and Poppy Bouhalis for getting the program up and running. Roy Arscott will be taking over the coaching reigns for the 2019 season

- Thanks also Ashleigh Williams and Tony Black for their support and efforts in ensuring Minor League was successfully introduced
- Diamond Classic was again another well supported day and an opportunity for players and supporters to enjoy some excellent softball
- NAIDOC slowpitch game •

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. SV disaffiliation of MSA

Dialogue continues with Softball Victoria. Resulting in notice of motion proposed for consideration at Special General Meeting to be held immediately after conclusion of this AGM .

5.2. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence tabled.

5.3. ANNUAL REPORT

5.3.1. Financial report

Alyssa Casten and Elaine Duyvestyn provided a report of the finances on the MSA for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

Slight loss on the canteen

Still have some income to come in from registration fees from 2018

Motion to accept the financial report: Katherine Gourley

Seconded: Simon Foster

6. MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

On the motion of Claire Straw (Melbourne University) and seconded by Kerry Laird (Monash) the motion to continue was carried unanimously.

7. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO SOFTBALL

No awards presented. Clubs reminded that we are seeking nominations for Duyvestyn Service Awards.

8. COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

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

President

Secretary

General Member X 2

Lorraine Ireland was asked to preside as convenor over the elections

The following Incoming Committee nominations were received and carried:

President: Jell Radford

Returned unopposed

Secretary: Danielle Senyschyn

Returned unopposed

General Members: Poppy Bouhalis returned unopposed

Neil Duyvestyn returned unopposed

Georgia Hill

Motion from the committee to extend to 8 members to allow accommodation for the nomination of Georgia Hill

Moved: Kerry Laird

Second: Katherine Gourley

Motion to ratify the 2019/2020 Melbourne Softball Association Executive

Moved: Molly Hoak

Second: Ashley Crawford

Thanks to Dal Parker for her time to the committee and welcome to Georgia Hill

9. ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Jell, extended thanks to the Executive members for their dedication and commitment to MSA and the many hours they have given that often go unnoticed, I thank you wholeheartedly.

Jell also thanked all those within our clubs and the umpire's team for their tireless efforts ensuring their teams are on the diamond at every week.

She enthused everyone to continue to work as a community as we strive to build and grow softball at Fawkner Park.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A reminder that there are no games scheduled over the long weekend.
- Good luck to all those participating at the Victorian Masters Competition in Shepparton over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

11. MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting closed @10:06am

Special General Meeting

WELCOME

Meeting opened at 10:07

2. ROLL CALL

2.1 APOLOGIES

See roll call from the 2019 AGM held immediately prior to this SGM - no changes to attendees.

3. Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion, as previously circulated, presented to the floor for discussion by the members

Motion: Katherine Gourley

Seconded: Molly Hoak

Discussion

Simon Foster

Slowpitch team fee – will this see players having to pay more?

- The team fee covers insurance so the difference
- Approximately 200 difference but it won't all be lumped into the teams at once

Participation rates - will fee increase result in a drop in slowpitch players?

- MSA is always mindful of this so there will be no massive fee hike

Julia Knight - queried whether players have to pay the 25 if teams are over 20 players

- At this stage the MSA will be paying for the extra players

Claire Shelvey: are costings inc or ex GST?

- MSA to enquire
- Casual memberships will be the same for winter as it is for summer associations

Lisa Barratt: will SV be double dipping for those who are playing summer/winter and slowpitch?

- Only need to register once

Vote put the membership

Lorraine Ireland and Wayne Duyvestyn were appointed vote scrutineers

Vote carried

Yes: 49

No: 8

Abstain: 1

The Melbourne Softball Association Executive will now begin the process of reaffiliation with Softball Victoria

4. MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting closed 10: 26