



Melbourne Softball Association
2020 Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 restrictions
Date: August 30th 2020

1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 10:00 am by Jell Radford welcoming all members to the 38th AGM of the Melbourne Softball Association (MSA). Minutes were taken by Danielle Senyschyn.

1.1. Acknowledgment to country

Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges the Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation as traditional custodians 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.

1.2 Meeting Procedure

Due to the ongoing COVID19 restrictions currently underway in Victoria this meeting was held via the Zoom platform.

All participants muted and question time scheduled into the agenda at 5.2 and 10.2.2

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Team Representatives

Red Devils: Jenny Barratt, Lisa Barratt

Wingers: Kerri-Anne Duyvestyn

Panthers: Meaghan Rae

Melbourne University: Julia Knight, Caroline Reid, Jayne Perry, Kat Gourley

Monash: Kerry Laird

Eastern Raiders: Cheryl Waye, Kay Williams

Bruisers: Wenda Donaldson

Observers

Life Members: Lorraine Ireland, Nol Duyvestyn, Sue James

Eastern Raiders: Dana Katz, Jennifer Hawkins, Jacqueline Parker, Jackie Campbell

Bruisers: Rosie Grimm, Rosemary Hawkins

Melbourne University: Chloe Vuong, Elizabeth Chu, Jayne Perry, Julia Knight, Caroline Reid, Hannah Gray, Claire Straw

Monash: Paula Laudani

Panthers: Kelsey Baker-Picciotto, Audrey Major, Ashleigh Cavalin, Dannielle Ramadan

Slowpitch: Aaron Berger

Umpires: Simon Foster, Lindsey Browne, Angela Broadbent, Kerry Franklin, Rhonda Rowe

Wingers: Lisa Lever, Amanda Clunes

Softball Victoria: Nick Frayne, Tim Hatzi

MSA Executive Committee

Jell Radford

Danielle Senyschyn

Elaine Duyvestyn

Poppy Bouhalis

Belinda Rae

2.1 Apologies

Life Members: Wayne Duyvestyn & Scott Rutherford

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM held May 26th, 2019

Motion: Simon Foster

Seconded: Kat Gourley

3.1 Matters Arising

Nil, other than covered elsewhere on agenda

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence tabled.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

President Jell Radford drew attendees' attention to the booklet '38th Annual Report' and encouraged all to read the complete report.

- We saw 13 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. Panthers defeated Eastern Raiders for the A grade premiership, while Melbourne University took out both the A Reserve (Raptors) and B Grade (Wolves) premierships.
- 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 2019/20 season - increase of members this summer.
- The Melbourne Representative Team entered the Memorial Shield competition and while they played exceptionally well they were unable to make it a fourth win in a row.
- Lots of development for players, in particular with Minor League and Fawkner Park Titans once again competed in the B Grade, coached by Roy Arscott.
- Diamond Classic was again another well supported day and an opportunity for players and supporters to enjoy some excellent softball

Motion to accept the annual report:

Motion: Jenny Barratt

Seconded: Kerry Laird

5.1. Financial Report 2019/2020

Poppy Bouhalis provided a report of the finances of the MSA for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Motion to accept the financial report:

Motion: Julia Knight

Seconded: Rhonda Rowe

6. MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

On the motion Shannon Dowling (Panthers) and seconded by Kerry Laird (Monash) the motion to continue was carried unanimously.

7. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO SOFTBALL

No awards presented.

Due to the cancelled 2020 season and our inability to be able to celebrate together as an association it was decided to hold over any awards until the 2021 AGM.

8. COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

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

- Competition Manager
- Treasurer
- General Member X 2

Jell Radford reported the following nominations were received and duly completed:

Competition Manager: Elaine Duyvestyn (incumbent)

Returned unopposed

Treasurer: Poppy Bouhalis

Poppy Bouhalis voted into the position unopposed

General Member: Simon Foster and Belinda Rae (incumbent)

Simon Foster withdrew his nomination for general member and therefore Belinda Rae was returned unopposed to the position.

The 2020/2021 Melbourne Softball Association Executive is

Jell Radford - President

Danielle Senyschyn - Secretary

Elaine Duyvestyn - Competitions Manager

Poppy Bouhalis - Treasurer

Georgia Hill - General Member

Belinda Rae - General Member

Neil Duyvestyn - General Member

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. She thanked them 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 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

Community sports survival package (\$7500) allows us to recoup the losses we suffered due to the loss of the 2020 season.

City of Melbourne fees waived

Softball Victoria fees waived

Address by Nick Frayne, Softball Victoria (SV) CEO, where he spoke about the reaffiliation of Melbourne Softball and how good it was to have the MSA back in the fold. He also spoke of the increasing focus of SV on retention at grass roots level.

11. MEETING CLOSURE

August 30th 2020 @ 10:38am