



Melbourne Softball Association
2021 Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 restrictions
Date: May 30th, 2021

WELCOME

Meeting opened at 10:00 am by Jell Radford welcoming all members to the 39th AGM of the Melbourne Softball Association (MSA). Minutes were taken by Danielle Senyschyn.

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.

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

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: Kay Williams

Bruisers: Wenda Donaldson

Observers

Life Members: Nol Duyvestyn, Sue James, Scott Rutherford

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

Bruisers: Rosie Grimm, Rosemary Hawkins

Melbourne University: Chloe Vuong, Hannah Gray, Claire Straw

Monash: Paula Laudani

Panthers: Dannielle Ramadan

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

Wingers: Amanda Clunes

MSA Executive Committee

Jell Radford

Danielle Senyschyn

Elaine Duyvestyn

Poppy Bouhalis

Belinda Rae

Apologies

Life Members: Wayne Duyvestyn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the 2020 AGM held Sunday 30th August

Motion: Julia Knight

Seconded: Jenny Barratt

Matters Arising

Nil, other than covered elsewhere on agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence tabled.

ANNUAL REPORT

President Jell Radford drew attendees' attention to the booklet '39th Annual Report' and encouraged all to read the complete report.

Ongoing COVID lockdowns saw Metro League cut short after only 9 rounds of play between May and August.

Summer slowpitch started a week later than normal but we managed to squeeze the regular season into the reduced period.

2021 also saw the passing of two Melbourne members, Felicity 'Flip' Collins and past president and life member, Lorraine Ireland.

Once again, we ran a junior program, and we thank all the members who supported and volunteered with the program

The Northern Pavilion got some well needed refurbishment, including the canteen. The provision of shelving for storage of club bags was a very welcomed addition.

Motion to accept the annual report:

Motion: Simon Foster

Seconded: Paula Laudani

Financial Report 2020/2021

Poppy Bouhalis provided a report of the finances of the MSA for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Motion to accept the financial report:

Motion: Kerry Laird

Seconded: Amanda Clunes

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

On the motion of Kat Gourley and seconded by Rosie Hawkins the motion to continue was carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO SOFTBALL

Rhonda Rowe was conferred Life Membership of the Melbourne Softball Association.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

Elaine Duyvestyn thanked the outgoing Executive for their efforts and support and declared the following positions vacant:

President

Secretary

General Member X 2

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

President: Jell Radford (incumbent)

Returned unopposed

Secretary: Danielle Senyschyn (incumbent)

Returned unopposed

General Member: Simon Foster and Justine Giorgio

Rule 53 (Election of Ordinary Members) allows us to extend the Executive. It was proposed a motion that we do so to accommodate the nominations from Simon Foster and Justine Giorgio

Motioned: Dee Duncan

Seconded: Kerry Laird

Put to the vote of the members present (quorum achieved)

Motion passed with no dissenting votes

The 2021/2022 Melbourne Softball Association Executive is

Jell Radford - President

Danielle Senyschyn - Secretary

Elaine Duyvestyyn - Competitions Manager

Poppy Bouhalis - Treasurer
Belinda Rae - General Member
Neil Duyvestyn - General Member
Simon Foster - General Member
Justine Giorgio - General Member

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 expressed her excitement at the growth we've seen at Melbourne recently and reiterated her gratefulness to the community we have at the MSA.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

2021 Melbourne Open Representative team at Victorian Championship

The Melbourne Softball Association Representative team won Silver in the Plate Division, losing 10-3 in the final against Northern Districts

Melbourne will be flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags next Sunday in recognition of Sorry Day & Reconciliation week

MEETING CLOSURE