



FORESTVILLE HOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

HELD: Sunday 13 December 2020

LOCATION: Goodwood Cricket Club

ATTENDEES: Martin Caon, Liz Flavel, Peter Schembri, Paul Brocklehurst, James Coren, Rod Dyson, Mark Dayman, Darren Gray, Taylor Kent, Mimi Wang, Simon Marsh, Craig Mills, Julie Mills, Emma Bruce, Gary Thomas, Peter Garlick, Andrew Fisher, Jordan Flavel, Stuart Hutchins, Sean Burgess, Claudia Draper, Janet Stone.

Meeting commenced 11.20am

1. Welcome

Simon Marsh opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Simon thanked the Goodwood Cricket Club for hosting the AGM and providing a COVID safe environment.

2. Apologies

Kathy Frith, Andrew Armour, Roslyn Curtis, Nick Warming.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM.

Minutes of the previous AGM were presented.

Moved as correct: Liz Flavel

Seconded: Peter Schembri

Minutes carried as being a correct record of the previous AGM.

4. Presidents Report.

Simon Marsh noted the Annual Report contained the Presidents Report. Simon thanked all those who had contributed to getting season up and running this year. Retaining our strong membership numbers this year was exceptional given the circumstances. Membership remained similar in 2020 to 2019.

He also thanked Mark Dayman and Anthony Tolhurst for their work on the proposed new constitution, which is being presented.

Simon thanked the Pitch Sub-committee for their efforts this year – Peter Schembri, Ali Boag, Paul Blenkiron. Simon reported that the proposal for a pitch at Women's

Memorial Playing Fields which looked promising this time last year, turned to nothing very quickly.

The financial position of Hockey SA was noted, and the commencement of a new Board and executive team at the beginning of the year. Given their real financial risks, they managed the season very well. The financials now seem a little better, however this is mainly due to there being no nationals in 2020 or 2021. Simon noted the cooperative spirit that currently exists between clubs.

This year the Club had great results in the junior competitions. Additionally, the Club has had great success in U15 and U18 State selections, with about half of the U15 Girls squad coming from Forestville.

Premier League Women was a concern prior to the season, but the young squad came together well. The stand out in the Seniors was the M3 Men who played off in the grand final and were unlucky to lose. Credit to Anthony Tolhurst who coached this team.

I can also announce we have secured a new M1W coach – Jacquie Lavis. She will work closely with Ian Jennings who is continuing as PLW coach. Dave Holland and Dave Gerner have been appointed for the PLM and M1M teams.

Simon thanked the Committee members, and also Liz Flavel for her invaluable contribution as minutes secretary. Support from Ali Boag and Mark Dayman was also noted. Simon thanked all the coaches, managers, junior committee members and others who support the functioning of the Club. A special mention was given to Julie Mills who is stepping down from the Junior Coordinator role. Simon noted her significant contribution and the driving force behind our successful junior program.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Peter Schembri thanked Simon Marsh for his handover and continued support through the year.

Peter presented the Club Financials for the year noting a loss of \$4,600 which is sustainable in the short term. It was noted that the financial reports were yet to be presented to the auditors, which was expected to occur early in the new year.

Peter noted the results were pleasing given that the Club's major fundraising activities could not be undertaken this year. It was noted that a new income stream allowing supporters to make a tax deductible donation to the Club was very successful, raising almost \$5,000.

Peter noted the ongoing support of Thomas Financial.

6. Election of Committee and Office Bearers for 2021

In accordance with the Constitution Simon Marsh declared all offices vacant and asked Mimi Wang to step in and manage the Election of Committee and Office Bearers for 2021.

President: Simon Marsh

As there were no other nominations, Simon was elected

Vice President: Mark Dayman

As there were no other nominations Mark was elected
Treasurer: James Coren

As there were no other nominations James was elected
Secretary: Andrew Armour.

As there were no other nominations Andrew was elected.
Junior Co-Ordinator: No nominations were received

General Committee Members. (up to 5):

Peter Garlick and Martin Caon had submitted nominations
and were elected to the committee.

It was agreed that vacant positions would be appointed by the new Committee as soon as possible.

Mimi declared the election of Committee and Office Bearers complete and handed the meeting back to Simon Marsh.

Simon thanked outgoing Committee members and welcomed the new members to the Committee.

7. Other Business

Life Membership

Simon Marsh proposed that Paul Blenkiron be nominated as a life member. Simon noted Paul has been a past Committee member and president, as well as a long term player and coach. He has been active on the Pitch Sub-committee. He is a true club leader, human dynamo and a great example to others

Life membership: Paul Blenkiron

Nominated by Simon Marsh, seconded by Peter Schembri.

Members present unanimously supported the nomination

Proposed New Constitution

Simon March presented a proposed new Constitution based on the Office for Recreation and Sport template and incorporating elements from the current Constitution. It was noted that drafts have been available for review for the last twelve months. A new constitution will allow the Club to progress with better governance and set the Club up for the future.

A current draft was made available at the AGM, and had been able to be viewed on the website for the previous two weeks.

It was also noted that the proposed Constitution provided for voting right for any member over 16 years of age.

Mark Dayman moved that the proposed Constitution be adopted. Seconded by Paul Brocklehurst.

Members present unanimously supported the adoption of the new Constitution.

New Pitch Update

Simon Marsh provided an update on progress towards a new synthetic pitch and club rooms.

The disappointment of not proceeding with Women's Memorial Playing Field was noted. Much of the year had been spent working with the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) looking at alternative sites.

The Club has been collaborating with Unley High School, which is a sports oriented school and also has links to Mitcham and Urrbrae for sport. Progress has been made in relation to a site within the Unley High School, and the Club has engaged architects and geo-science specialists to do initial works. Concept plans have been developed and a quality surveyor engaged. The Club now has a good understanding of what a new facility could look like and indicative costs. Further funding will be required.

The Pitch Sub-committee has been working with local, state and federal elected members to gain support, as well as working on a business case with ORS and their grant officers. It is likely that if further government funding is secured, the Club will also need to provide a contribution.

Further work will now be undertaken to source funding and confirm approvals as there will be funding and expenditure deadlines to work to.

It was noted that the proposal was for a hybrid pitch, and included options for a shared facility, both for educational activities and also possibly other sports such as lacrosse.

The concept plans were available to members at the meeting to view.

Meeting concluded 12.05pm