

FORESTVILLE HOCKEY CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD:	Sunday 11 December 2022
LOCATION:	Forestville Hockey Clubrooms and on line
ATTENDEES:	Mark Dayman, Paul Blenkiron, Martin Caon, Peter Garlick, Liz Flavel, Simon Marsh, Peter Schembri, Janet Stone, Emma Bruce, Shaun Crouch, Sarah White, Jordan Flavel, Tayla Kent, Rod Dyson, Laurence Key, Will Coren, Naveen Velautham, Gary Thomas, Kathy Frith, Sam Freeman, Michael Brooks
APOLOGIES:	Andrew Armour

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes for Previous AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Committee and Office Bearers for 2022
7. Other Business
 - 7.1. Life Membership – Liz Flavel
 - 7.2. Constitution amendments
 - 7.2.1. Facilitating on line meetings
 - 7.2.2. Amendments to Item 5.1 - Categories of Members
 - 7.2.3. Amendments to Item 5.2 - Life Members
 - 7.2.4. Amendments to Item 5.3 - Club Legends
 - 7.3. Pitch update

Meeting commenced 11.35am

1. Welcome:

Paul Blenkiron opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

2. Apologies:

Andrew Armour

3. Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of the previous AGM were presented;

Moved as correct: Peter Schembri

Seconded: Mark Dayman

After an amendment to add Kathy Frith as an Apology not noted for that meeting, the minutes carried as being a correct record of the previous AGM.

4. Presidents Report

Paul Blenkiron noted the Annual Report contained the Presidents report and advised of the following highlights therein.

For a full report please refer to the attached Annual Report.

The Board of Hockey SA finalised the appointment of Geoff Riddle as the new CEO of Hockey SA. Geoff comes to us from an SANFL background, having overseen and managed the SANFL junior program and competitions. Other appointments have been an Operations Manager, Athlete and Coach Development Manager and a Pathways Co coordinator.

All appointments provide a wealth of experience and an insight into the running of other high performance sports

COVID 19

While we are coming out the back end of the COVID-19 two year pandemic, this club was impacted as heavily as in the past year with players unavailable weekly. This had greater impacts on fielding teams and had a flow on effect throughout the grades.

Membership

Membership numbers were slightly down in 2022 in comparison to the 2021 season. As a whole, memberships across South Australia were consistent with the 2021 season which is hugely positive in comparison with the eastern States.

To have memberships at FHC and across South Australia is positive considering the impacts elsewhere and hopefully we can improve numbers and grow the club over the coming season

Pitch Development

The most exciting news the club has received in recent history was the funding committed to the club via the State and Federal Labor Governments in the lead up to each respective election. Added to the existing \$1 million synthetic surfaces grant was a further \$2 Million from the State Labor Government and \$1+ Million from the Federal Labor Government. The club further received a \$140 000 commitment from the Mitcham Council.

Development Director

For the 2022 season the club appointed Jamie Bahnisch as the Club's Development and Coaching Director. Jamie is a former FHC Premier League Player and Coach, AHL player and has worked with Hockey Australia as a High Performance Analyst during Kookaburra World Cup and Commonwealth Gold Campaigns. Jamie has also worked with various sports at the Commonwealth Games and was employed in High Performance for Netball Australia. While in Melbourne, Jamie was player/coach at Essendon Hockey Club where he implemented a development and pathways program

Team Results

2022 was a challenging season for our senior Teams. Yet again our Master Men made the grand final but the elusive flag is still just out of reach. Unfortunately, other than the Masters Men, none of our senior teams made finals. Our Premier League and Metro 1's Teams fielded a larger number of juniors and younger players than in past years.

Our Junior teams excelled this year with our U13 Girls winning the Premiership, our U18 boys and Girls making the Grand Final and our U15 Girls finishing 3rd.

This year we had more juniors representing South Australia than in past years and we are starting to see the rewards of our development program.

Juniors and Academy

Our junior numbers have remained consistent and as a whole we had some exceptional results. A more detailed report has been provided by our Junior Coordinator. A large focus will be on U9 and U11 numbers for the 2023 season and growing team numbers in these age brackets.

The Summer Junior Academy is up and running with good numbers.

Management Committee

Paull thanked the Board for their contribution over 2022. This year has presented different challenges and we have at time had some robust discussions, but all members have contributed importantly at various stages throughout the year, to assist the club strategically moving forward.

Moving forward

Throughout 2023 there will be a key focus on preparing the club for the future, creating new initiatives, promoting the club and turning FHC into a 'Destination Club'

We have been fortunate to secure talented, outstanding senior Coaches for the PL and M1 squads.

This will provide the club and our membership clear written plans and goals that club aims to achieve and how we aim to achieve the goals and implement strategies. It is important for us to have a clear defined plan in place for 2024 to ensure we maximise the benefits of moving to a new facility.

Appreciation was acknowledged to the Club's major sponsors:

- The Edinburgh Hotel
- Garry Thomas – Thomas Insurance Brokers
- Commercial & General
- Sports Centre
- Make Create

The City of Unley Council was acknowledged for their continued support with grant money and the renewal of the lease at Goodwood Oval while we await the new development. Support for the new facility at Unley High School, in particular from Greg Rolton and Toby Watts from Unley High School was acknowledged. The commitment they have shown to the joint facility has been excellent and we will continue to build positive relationships with them into the future.

Finally, we need to acknowledge the State and Federal Labor Governments and our local politicians who have supported the club and assisted in the funding our new development at Unley High School:

- Jayne Stinson – Member for Badcoe
- Nadia Clancy – Member for Elder
- Catherine Hutcheson – Member for Waite
- Louise Miller-Frost – Federal Member for Boothby

The contribution and support made by these members has secured a new home and created longevity for our club.

5. Treasurer's Report

Simon Marsh presented the Treasurer's report. Please refer to the Annual Report.

The financial reports for the 2022 season tell two stories:

- Our success in securing funding for our new home at Unley High School is recognised in the balance of Term Deposits and the Provision for pitch spending
- The Profit and Loss statement records the result of ongoing club operations.

2022 saw the Club receive an additional \$2 million in State Government funding towards the new pitch at Unley High School. This brings the total funds held at year end for the pitch project to \$3 million. The club has also received a commitment from the new Federal Government to provide a further \$1 million towards the project.

The unaudited financial result for 2022 is a small operating surplus of \$553. This result was after recording a significant increase in spending on coaches, following the Board decision to appoint a Development Director at the start of the 2022 year.

The Board would like to thank everyone who assisted in organising fundraising events and activities events in 2022 and to all club members who supported our events.

We should acknowledge the support of the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Unley Council through their grants to the club. We also acknowledge the support provided by the SA Government to the club through the Sport Voucher program which assists to make our sport affordable for families with young children.

6. Election of Board and Office Bearers for 2022.

In accordance with the Constitution Paul Blenkiron declared all offices vacant and asked Peter Schembri to step in and manage the election of Board and Office Bearers for 2023.

President: Paul Blenkiron

As there were no other nominations Paul was elected.

Vice President Men: Mark Dayman

As there were no other nominations Mark was elected.

Vice President Women: Sarah White

As there were no other nominations Sarah was elected.

Treasurer: Simon Marsh

As there were no other nominations Simon was elected.

Secretary: No nominations were received prior to the meeting. Liz Flavel nominated for this position, which was seconded by Paul Blenkiron.

As there were no other nominations Liz was elected.

Junior Co coordinator: Emma Bruce

As there were no other nominations Emma was elected.

General Board Members

Peter Garlick and Peter Schembri had submitted nominations and so were elected.

Vacant Positions will be appointed by the new Board as soon as possible.

Peter declared the election of Office bearers and members complete and handed the meeting to Paul Blenkiron.

Other Business

7.1 Life Membership

Mark Dayman proposed that Liz Flavel be nominated as a life member.

Life membership: Liz Flavel

Nominated by Mark Dayman, seconded by Jordan Flavel

Members present unanimously supported the nomination

Item 7.2

Proposed amendments to the Constitution:

Mark Dayman presented the proposed amendment to the Constitution with regard to On line meetings

Item 7.2.1 - Facilitating On-line Meetings

Reason for change:

This change will allow Members of the Club to attend Meetings via an On-line Meeting facility, with all of the rights and obligations of a Member who is present at a Meeting, and not need to be physically present at a Meeting.

1.1. Item 2 Definitions and Interpretation

Insert:

“On-line Meeting means any Meeting that can be attended by teleconferencing, videoconferencing or other means of electronic communication. “

1.2. Item 7 Meetings

7.2 Attendance

Insert after the first paragraph:

“ A Member who attends any Meeting through an On-line Meeting facility has the same rights and obligations as those Members who are physically present at the Meeting, including voting rights. “

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

Mark Dayman moved that this amendment to the Constitution be adopted. Seconded by Kathy Frith.

Members present unanimously supported the adoption of the new Constitution.

Item 7.2.2 - Categories of Members

Mark Dayman presented the proposed below amendments to the Constitution with regard to Life Membership and Club Legend categories

Reason for change:

Life Membership - These changes will allow the Club to recognise the valuable service of past Members of the Club by granting them Life Membership. Currently Life Membership is restricted to current Members of the Club.

The changes will also remove the restriction of only awarding a maximum of two (2) Life Memberships in any two (2) subsequent years.

They will also allow for Life Membership to be granted posthumously.

These changes will allow the Club to properly recognise those Club Members whose valuable service to the Club may have been overlooked in the past or may not have come to fruition until a later date.

Club Legends – These changes will allow the Club to recognise the valuable service of all past Members of the Club by granting them Club Legend status. Currently Club Legend status is restricted to current Members of the Club who have been granted Life Membership.

The changes will also remove the restriction of only awarding the status of Club Legend to a maximum of one (1) person in any five (5) subsequent years.

They will also allow for Club Legend status to be awarded posthumously.

These changes will allow the Club to properly recognise those Club Members whose extraordinary and exemplary service to the Club may have been overlooked in the past or may not have come to fruition until a later date.

1.3. Amendments to Item 5.1 - (accepted by the Board on 23 June 2021)

1.3.1. Item 5.1.(d) - Life Members

(As it currently is)

“Life Members – On the recommendation of the Board, any person being a Member of the Club may, at any General meeting of the Club, in consideration of valuable services to the Club be elected as a Life Member. A two thirds majority of those Members present, and voting shall be necessary for such an election. Every life member shall be entitled to all privileges of a Member of a Club during his or her life without any further payment of membership subscriptions. A maximum of two (2) Members may be elected as a Life Member in any two (2) subsequent financial years.

(Recommended amendment)

“Life Members – On the recommendation of the Board, any person **being a present or past Member of the Club** may, at any General meeting of the Club, in consideration of valuable services to the Club be elected as a Life Member. A two thirds majority of those Members present, and voting shall be necessary for such an election. Every life member shall be entitled to all privileges of a Member of a Club during his or her life without any further payment of membership subscriptions. ~~A maximum of two (2) Members may be elected as a Life Member in any two (2) subsequent financial years.~~

Item 7.2.2 - Categories of Members (continued)

1.4. Item 5.1 (e) - Club Legends

(As it currently is)

“Club Legends – On the recommendation of the Board, any person with Life Member status may, at any General Meeting of the Club, and in consideration of extraordinary and exemplary services over an extended period of time rendered to the club, be granted Club

Legend status. A two thirds majority of those Members present, and voting shall be necessary for such an election. Every Club Legend shall be entitled to all privileges of a Member of the Club without any further payment of membership subscriptions. A maximum of one (1) Life Member maybe granted Club Legend status within any five (5) subsequent financial years”.

(Recommended amendment)

“**Club Legends** – On the recommendation of the Board, any person **being a present or past Member of the Club** ~~with Life Member status~~ may, at any General Meeting of the Club, and in consideration of extraordinary and exemplary services over an extended period of time rendered to the club, **and/or to the game of hockey** be granted Club Legend status. A two thirds majority of those Members present, and voting shall be necessary for such an election. Every Club Legend shall be entitled to all privileges of a Member of the Club without any further payment of membership subscriptions”. ~~A maximum of one (1) Life Member maybe granted Club Legend status within any five (5) subsequent financial years”.~~

Agenda Item 7.2.3 - Life Members

1.5. Item 5.2(a)

(As it currently is)

“**Life Membership** is one of the highest honours than can be bestowed upon a present or past Member of the Club, for longstanding and valued service rendered to the Club over an extended period of time”

(Recommended amendment)

“**Life Membership** is one of the highest honours than can be bestowed upon **a present or past** Member of the Club, for longstanding and valued service rendered to the Club over an extended period of time”

1.6. Item 5.2 (b)

(As it currently is)

“Any member may recommend a person, a person for Life Membership by notice in writing to the Board, as detailed in the Regulations, for their consideration”

(Recommended amendment)

“Any member **who has voting rights at a General Meeting** may recommend a person, **being a present or past Member of the Club**, for Life Membership by notice in writing to the Board, as detailed in the Regulations, for their consideration”.

Agenda Item 7.2.2 - Categories of Members (continued)

Item 7.2.4 - Club Legends

1.7. Item 5.3 (a)

(As it currently is)

“**Club Legend** is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a Member by the Club, for extraordinary and exemplary service rendered to the club over an extended period of time”

(Recommended amendment)

“**Club Legend** is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a **current or past Member** by the Club, for extraordinary and exemplary service rendered to the club **and/or to the game of hockey** over an extended period of time”

1.8. Item 5.3 (b)

(As it currently is)

“Any member may recommend a person for Club Legend status by notice in writing to the Board, as detailed in the Regulations, for their consideration”

(Recommended amendment)

“Any member **who has voting rights at a General Meeting** may recommend a person, **being a present or past Member of the Club**, for Club Legend status by notice in writing to the Board, as detailed in the Regulations, for their consideration”.

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

Mark Dayman moved that the recommended amendments to the Constitution as detailed above be adopted. Seconded by Paul Blenkiron.

Members present unanimously supported the adoption of the new Constitution.

Pitch Update

Peter Schembri provided a Pitch Update.

Please refer to the Facilities Development report in the Annual Report for full disclosure.

Points to note:

A detailed design will be generated by our design Architects by April 2023

Interstate site visits of facilities have been undertaken by members of the Pitch Committee who are confident that an A class facility will be delivered within our available budget.

Meeting concluded 12.05 pm