

Minutes of the FTGDCA Annual General Meeting held at Knox Tavern on Wednesday 4th July, 2012.

Meeting opened – 8.00 pm

Roll Call – All clubs present.

Apologies – Alan Bailey (patron) & Sharon Connolly (exec)

Minutes of 2011/12 AGM (forwarded to all clubs) Nil business arising.

Sth Belg/Basin

Correspondence (Brown)

Report on inwards & outwards correspondence read and received.

Belg/Knox

Finance (Brown)

Cheque Acc \$33,344 (deficit \$48) Savings Acc \$377

Detailed report delivered to delegates.

Upwey/J-Park

Moved Upwey, seconded Knox Gardens that some of our funds be placed into an interest bearing account and that all clubs receive a 10% reduction on their affiliation fee for this coming season.

Carried

Presidents Report (Reeves)

The president welcomed all new president's and secretaries to the meeting. He thanked the current executive committee for their commitment to the association and everyone who was working to improve cricket. We have many talented young players within our association however we face challenges with social media and a lack of umpires. He wished all clubs success during the season, which will be his last as president.

Junior Report (Carter)

The number of junior teams have decreased dramatically within the past 12 months and the executive has been proactive in attempting to make junior cricket more attractive. Recently the new rules were well received and he thanked the clubs for their input.

The season was conducted in good spirit, with high standards and no tribunals appearances.

There were more opportunities regarding rep cricket and we had 6 MVCU teams with 3 of them making the finals.

We have taken a proactive role with premier clubs Ringwood & Hawthorn Monash Uni and players can be invited to train in their elite junior squads. Tim is the current Outer East Metro (eagles) FTGDCA representative.

Thanks to the junior executive committee for their professional efforts and the many hours spent on junior issues during the season.

Wilko mentioned the possibility of playing rep cricket on turf with the assistance of Boronia CC however discussions were at an early stage. The use of Dobson Park was raised regarding a possible turf wicket. Ferntree Gully CC requested being kept

informed of any further discussions regarding Dobson Park as they are the current tenant.

Umpires report (Wilkinson & Brown)

We are pleased to announce that former Rowville player & president Phil Gillespie has accepted the position of umpires advisor (part time). Phil is currently umpiring Premier 1st X1 cricket and has officiated in a Vic Vs NSW 2nd X1 match this year. It is his intention to hold a captains information night TBA in September.

Craig Wilkinson requested adds be placed with YVMDFL and EFL to attract new umpires.

Veterans Report (no report)

Election of Office Bearers

Steve Brown stated that all executive members from last season have stood again and requested that they be elected in block form. Steve Brown advised the meeting that he had requested Norm to continue as president for a final year.

Sth Belg/Knox

The following Executive Committee was duly elected.

Senior Section

President – Norm Reeves

Vice Pres – Arnie Walters

Dep Vice Pres – Ian Harley

General Manager – Steve Brown

Assist Gen Mgr – Sharon Connolly

Match Secretary – Steve Flemming

Junior Section

President – Tim Carter

Vice Pres – Adrian Brown

Dep Vice Pres – Colin Capon

Match Secretary (co-ord) – Craig Wilkinson

General Business

Discussion re senior grades below Div 4 to conclude one week earlier so that more spectators can attend the major grand finals. Two options regarding playing dates to be emailed to all clubs with the majority to decide.

Steve Brown raised to issue of renaming the Knox Tavern Cup to the Norm Reeves Shield due to Norm's 30 year service to the FTGDCA. Requested that all clubs consider this and vote of it at the September meeting. Several delegates requested that a vote be held immediately due to the strong support within the room for the idea. Moved Johnson Park Seconded – South Belgrave that the Knox Tavern Cup grade be called the N.R. Reeves Shield.

Carried

Mr Reeves then thanked the delegates sincerely on behalf of his family.

Steve Flemming spoke regarding the Knox Tenancy Policy which has just been released to clubs.

It appears that there will be some type of interruption for the draws as 5 ovals have been identified for upgrades.

Basin # 2, Pickett Res, Rowville #1, Fairpark #1 & FTG #2 ovals.

He also criticised two clubs for not checking their own honour board records against the association records, which would have short circuited two mistakes in the premiership table.

No further general business.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting in September, 2012. TBA.