

Minutes of the FTGDCA Annual General Meeting held at Johnson Park clubrooms on Wednesday 19th June, 2013.

Meeting opened by N. Reeves at 8.30 pm.

Club absent – Knox Boronia Churches

Apologies – Nil

Minutes of the previous AGM (2012/13) read and received.

Business arising – P. McCarrick (Upwey) enquired if funds had been placed in another account as per AGM minutes. S. Brown stated that there were insufficient funds at the start of the season to do so, however N. Reeves had recently opened an account with the Bendigo Bank.

J/Park / Mt Gate

Correspondence

In

Knox Gardens	Rule change proposal
Eildon Park	Thanks re pink stump day donation
Consumer Affairs	Yearly return
VCCL Region 8	AGM notification
VCCL	AGM notification
New office bearers	K/Gards, Sth Belg, Belg, StJ/Tec, Upwey, UFTG, E/Park.
VCCL	Team of the year nominations
Kookaburra	Ball sponsor proposal
Platypus GN	Ball sponsor proposal
Knox City CC	Seeking affiliation
RDCA	Clearance for Knox City

Out

All clubs	Rule change proposals & AGM notification
All clubs	Ball sponsor packages
All clubs	Life membership nomination (A.Walters)
VCCL	Notification of suspended player
VCCL	Team of the year nominations (Gaunt, Bogar & Dobb)
RDCA	Seeking clearance for Knox City

B. Trinnick (Sth Belg) enquired if another life membership nomination was received and who decided that A. Walters be nominated at the AGM. S. Brown stated that a 3 lined email was received from him which was lacking in detail and quite frankly was an embarrassment for the nominated person who deserved better. N. Reeves stated that SBCC should in future submit a comprehensive nomination on a club letter head with a seconder.

C. Wilkinson stated that when JPCC nominated him for life membership, they submitted a 2 page letter. He further stated that under the rules only one life member can be voted on per year and that the executive committee have the power to decide which nomination was presented, so that individuals were not embarrassed should they not receive life membership. S. Brown stated that B. Trinnick's email was

forwarded to all members of the executive committee (with exception of the nominated person) together with the nomination of Arnie Walters and that 5 voted for Walters & no votes for his submission with 2 abstained from voting.

I. Harley suggested that the Sth Belg nomination be included in correspondence received. Sth Belg correspondence added.

Finance Report

S. Brown presented the financial report indicating a deficit of \$4,059. This was possibly due to the loss of \$4,000 sponsorship from Knox Tavern, the loss of Mulgrave Jnrs and the 10% discount to clubs last season on their affiliations.

Commonwealth Bank Cheque Acc \$29,285 \$10,000 has since been transferred to the Bendigo Bank. Association has total assets of \$42,730

E/Park / J/Park

President's Report

The President Mr Reeves welcomed Patron Alan Bailey, sponsor Paul Attfield and new club Knox City CC to the meeting. He stated that he did not wish to go over everything that he mentioned at the presentation night, however he thanked all of those who he has worked with at association and club level over 26 years and in particular the relationship with the Bayswater CC. He also thanked his wife Julia and their sons Adam and Simon for their support in his role as president. A special welcome to the new president, Murray Wilson. He vowed that he would continue to be involved in the FTGDCA but not as president. A letter of congratulations received from VCCL Secretary Keith Thompson was read and warmly received.

Junior Report

T. Carter was very happy with the juniors season, with positive player behaviour and a good standard of cricket overall. In the VMCU our U/16 team won the Div 1 turf Beitzel Shield against Diamond Valley for the first time. Special mention to C. Trotter for coaching the boys to victory. He also thanked the junior executive for their countless hours of devotion to local junior cricket.

Veterans Report

P. Webb stated that the veterans section enjoyed a successful season once again and named the premiers from each division.

Umpires Report

C. Wilkinson advised that the umpires association gained some new faces and enjoyed having new advisor Phil Gillespie in charge. A pay increase was held over for general business.

Life Membership

Arnie Walters nominated for life membership by S. Brown & seconded N. Reeves. S. Brown read the nomination to the delegates and the nomination was carried unanimously. Arnie thanked the delegates for their support.

Election of Office Bearers

N. Reeves vacated the chair whilst M. Wilson took charge of the meeting, stating that there had been nominations for all executive positions, however two positions

required voting by secret ballot. M. Wilson & A. Bailey to scrutinise the voting.
The Basin seconded all nominations.

The following persons were elected to the executive committee for season 2/13/14.

Senior Section

President – Murray Wilson (elected unopposed)

Vice President – M. Burrridge & B. Churchill Mark Burrridge elected 14 votes to 5 with 3 abstaining.

Dep Vice President – Ian Harley (elected unopposed)

General Manager – Steve Brown (elected unopposed)

Assist Gen Manager – Sharon Connolly (elected unopposed)

Match Secretary – C. Wilkinson & S. Flemming Craig Wilkinson elected 12 votes to 9 with 1 abstaining.

Junior Section

President – Colin Capon (elected unopposed)

Vice President – Adrian Brown (elected unopposed)

Dep Vice President – Tim Carter (elected unopposed)

Co-ordinator – Christian Trotter (elected unopposed)

New president M. Wilson thanked retiring president N. Reeves stating that he had some big shoes to fill but would do it to the best of his ability. He also thanked Arnie Walters & Steve Flemming for their efforts on the executive committee and welcomed the newly elected executive.

General Business

- Two cricket ball sponsorship proposals were forwarded to the association for consideration. (Current supplier, Kookaburra & Platypus Gray Nicolls) Upper Gully & FTG spoke positively on the proposal from PGN before a vote was taken by the clubs. The Kookaburra proposal was awarded the 3 year contract narrowly over PGN.
- Increase in umpires fees – Payments to be increased to \$130 per umpire per day in Divisions 1 – 4. Divisions 5 and below \$110 per umpire per day. Payment set for the next 3 seasons.
Carried
- C. Wilkinson spoke regarding T20 mid week senior competition to continue and he was looking for U/18 teams to enter a Friday night comp. R. Pollard (Bayswater) suggested that the T20 progress gradually and not too quickly in its development. This was based on the VSDCA model.
- S. Brown raised the issue of the team to represent the FTGDCA in the journey to the MCG club T20 (state wide knockout comp) Upwey Tecoma won their way to the final last season at the MCG. S. Brown stated that currently the honour to compete was bestowed upon the winner of the Reeves Shield competition, however as we now have a separate T20 competition, won by The Basin, who deserves the right to enter the state wide comp. S. Brown suggested that the delegates decide at the September meeting on who represents the FTGDCA in this series in future. i.e. - the winner of the Reeves Shield or the winner of the mid week T20 flag.

- Association HQ – S. Brown advised the delegates that Ken Jacobs (former CEO of the VCA) was currently in the process of putting forward a professional submission to council seeking a permanent club house / HQ for the association, where meetings could be held, rep matches played and honour boards etc stored permanently. Will keep the clubs posted.
- Sth Belg raised the issue of a possible extra team in country week chosen from Decoite Shield players only, with the first team chosen from Reeves Shield. S. Brown stated that all senior representative players were chosen on merit regardless of the division they play and that there simply is not enough quality players available to play country week in February to warrant entering another team. We would continue to send a team to Bendigo C/Week in Division 1 during January. He further stated that we had won 9 flags in country week in the past 15 years so the selection committee must be doing something right.
- Mal Francis (J/Park) publicly thanked Norm Reeves on behalf of the players who had represented the association over many years for his friendship, guidance and work ethic.
- C. Wilkinson enquired from the floor if further enquiries should be made to liaise with Boronia CC to use / share a turf wicket. The consensus was in the affirmative and CW to continue to follow up this initiative.
- S. Brown read a letter received from Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakkara praising a combined FTGDCA and Melbourne Hellenic U/18 team scheduled to play against a schoolboys team in the northern region of Sri Lanka being the first overseas team to play cricket in that area in over 30 years due to civil war.

No further general business.

Meeting closed 10.21 pm

Next delegates meeting Wednesday September 25 (Venue TBA)