



84TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Swan Districts Football Club Upstairs Main Bar, Steel Blue Oval

Thurs 1st Feb 2018, 6:30pm

Present:

Des Hardiman, David Cianciose, Boris Pavicevic, Ron Supanz, John Furina, John Rowe, Neville Bassett, Ted Martin, Jim Bryne, Judy Holmes, Keith Vanderberge, Frank Moretta, Adrian Slater, Trenton Harris, Mark McNair, Ray McNair, Adrian Elles, Peta Libby, Bob McLeod, Ron Thompson, Ron Hill, Trevor Hoy, Matt Hewitson, Jim Benson, Peter Reidy, Jim Dougan, Fred Pantin, Maurice Embley, Rod Greene, Mike McLaughlin, John Till, Kevin Knighton, George van der Meulen, Steve Banfield, Laurie Robinson, Norm Kirkup, Nicole Graves, John Cooper, Terry Hall, George Stamenich, Ray Harp, Ken Ball, Marcel Weggelaar, Ross leipold, Gary Sweatton, Jim Craig, Bruce Lauder, Peter Hodyl, Phil Pitchers, Leona Snow, Peter Snow, Debbie Stevenson, Darryl Crotty, Lloyd Lockhart, Stephen Bakes, Vic Jeffery, Tony Myles, Andy Holmes, Sarah Curnow, David Holmes, John Tullio, Kim Wetton.

Apologies:

Robert Campbell, Maureen Campbell, Graeme Higgins, Graeme Ashworth, Yvonne Ashworth, Bob Hutchinson, Paul Rosair, Ian Foss, Keith Michaelson, Eric Benson, Kathy Rowe, Wayne Bettles and Tim Barker.

1. Meeting Opening

PH welcomed members to the 84th AGM of the SDFC Inc. The meeting opened at 1832 hours with a quorum.

A minute's silence was held in honour of members who had passed away in the previous 12 months namely Jean Lynch, Walley Brown, Val Smith and Joan Hanson.

2. Minutes of the 83rd AGM

The minutes of the 83rd AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record with one amendment to show Peter Snow as an attendee.

Moved: Peter Hodyl – all agreed.

Business Arising: Nil

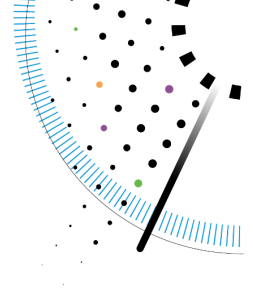
3. Results of Board of Elections

Maurice Embley provided a report on behalf of the returning officer Bob Hutchinson on the Board elections in 2017.

Five nominations were received in respect to the three (3) vacant Director positions by 5.00 pm on Friday 25th August 2017.

They included Andy Holmes, Matt Hewitson, Sarah Curnow, Neale Billington and Paul Rosair. The draw for the order of candidates on the Ballot Paper occurred at the club on Monday 28th August 2017 attended by the Returning Officer, Bob Hutchinson and the club CEO.

Ballot Papers were posted to all eligible members on Tuesday 5th September 2017 and the Ballot closed at 5.00 pm on Saturday 30th September 2017.



There was only one nomination for the position of President. It was received from the incumbent President Peter Hodyl who will be President for a further three year term commencing 1 November 2017.

A total of 447 valid ballot papers were received. The five nominations for Directors and the total votes they received were:

Neale Billington	181
Sarah Curnow	282
Matt Hewitson	232
Andrew Holmes	361
Paul Rosair	285
Informal Ballots	9

The incumbent Directors being Sarah Curnow, Andrew Holmes and Paul Rosair were re-elected for a further two years commencing 1 November 2017.

Maurice thanked Bob Hutchinson and everyone else for their support in running the elections.

Moved by John Rowe, seconded by Ray McNair and carried.

4. Presidents Report

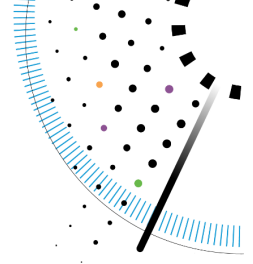
Peter Hodyl gave a summary of his President's report as tabled in the published annual report to members.

"2017's two main focus areas were to continue our financial consolidation and improve our on field performance. On both accounts we achieved our goals however, as always though, we faced many challenges throughout the year. On field was an incredible year with all six teams representing our club making finals which is a tremendous achievement and great credit must be extended to all coaches, players and support staff across all grades and teams. Our all-conquering Female teams winning Grand Finals in all three grades was an Australian first and a fitting result for all the hard work put in by all. 2018 will see even further integration of our female teams into our club as we prepare for the inaugural WAFLW competition being launched in 2019. I am sure our Female teams will again do us proud.

Our Men's teams also were magnificent in 2017 with all three grades making the finals. With minimal injuries and kinder weather our League team performed exceptionally well to qualify for the first elimination final which we won and a fitting reward for our departing coach in Greg Harding. Unfortunately we were eliminated in the second week in all three men's grades which was disappointing.

He thanked all at Swans including Members, Supporters, Players, the Football Department, Coterie Groups, Staff and our Board of Directors for the countless hours they contribute to this great club.

2018 will again present many on field challenges but our new coach in Adam Pickering and his team have been working exceptionally hard over the pre-season to be ready to deliver this year. Challenges continually present themselves off the field also and we must continue to prepare for any unexpected circumstances that arise. So many variables including team performances, weather, injuries, fixturing, member and supporter support can impact significantly on the clubs fortunes both on and off the field. Continued loyalty from Members and supporters as only Swans people know how to do will ensure we have another very good year.



A renewed Community Focus and direction has been undertaken during 2017 with a greater focus on ensuring our club is and remains a relevant community asset that provides opportunities within our greater community other than only football. Our CEO Jeff Dennis will elaborate a little later.

In an ever toughening market our club really needs the continued support of our Sponsors, Members and Supporters to get on board again and join our march back to the top of the WAFL once again. You would all be aware of the club member initiatives introduced in 2017 like the Thursday Members Nights that offer the chance to win cash prizes simply by attending training. This will continue in 2018 so we encourage all to get on board this great family night.

We will hear from the relevant Directors to provide overviews in various areas of the club shortly. Your elected board members will continue to do whatever we are required to, to ensure our continued financial recovery and we thank all members, supporters and volunteers for your confidence in the direction set by your board of management.”

The president’s report was moved by John Cooper and seconded by Mark McNair and carried.

5. CEO - Activating Community

Jeff Dennis gave an overview to members of our new community focus.

He stated that the goalposts had changed markedly since the inception of the AFL and a new approach from WAFL Clubs was required to stay viable and relevant in our community.

The significant change was outlined through our vision and the four pillars we will promote to be relevant to government, corporates and our wider community.

We will develop people, build community, attain business sustainability and promote our football credentials.

He spoke about our values and Peter Hodyl thanked him for his briefing to members.

6. Strategic Projects

Peter Snow gave an update of progress on the proposed redevelopment at the Club. The annual report gives a comprehensive update on a variety of fronts.

A robust business case is being developed with assistance from the Jaycees Community Foundation Inc. In principal support for a separate Swans Foundation to fund capital works has Board approval and the final legal sign off is imminent.

New sub-committee members will provide expert assistance going forward.

The Strategic Projects report was moved by Ray Mcnair and seconded by Peta Libby and carried.

7. Football - Male and Female

Andrew Holmes gave a comprehensive summary to members of the football operations as published in the annual report.

We had the most number of colts play in the WAFL competition in 2017.

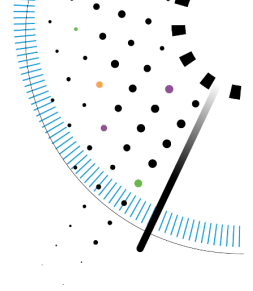
Sam Taylor was drafted and three players represented WA in the State 17’s vs S. Australia.

We also had seven representatives in the 16’s and fifteen state schoolboys in year 10’s.

We were the only club to have all men’s teams in the finals finishing 4th, 5th and 3rd overall in the league, reserves and colt’s competition.

Greg Harding is the new colt’s coach after stepping down and Adam Pickering was appointed after an extensive recruitment process by the Club.

Major player retirements including Tallan Ames, Ryan Crowley and Zavier Ellis together with the loss of Bennell, Nuich and Cary will mean many new opportunities will arise.



The recruitment of Rhys Palmer was a bonus but we are still chasing a tall or two.

Andrew introduced Adam Pickering who gave those present a brief overview. He said it was good to have a core of 10-12 experienced players to assist the younger group to develop. Ongoing education and strong training standards have been embraced.

Tony Notte and David Ellard have been confirmed as co-captains in 2018.

Practice matches commence in three weeks and he was excited at present with the playing list.

Ray McNair asked about Jackson Slater and Steven Wytick. Adam stated he thought they could improve their performance and really step up in 2018. Brayden Noble is all clear after suffering a stress fracture in his foot last year.

Norm Kirkup asked if the "Doc" (aka Nathan Blakely) would play and Adam responded he is training but work commitments may impinge on his season.

John Trulio asked about Stephen Payne and Adam stated he had signed this week with us from East Perth.

Steve Banfield enquired about Chris Yarran and Murray Newman and Adam responded they would likely not play in 2018. Taryce Stewart has attended all training sessions so far but he is a tad underdone due to some groin issues.

Andrew thanked Adam for his presentation.

The Men's Football report was moved by John Rowe and seconded by Rod Greene and carried.

Sarah Curnow gave a report on Multicultural and Female football.

Sarah noted that we were the only Club to have teams in all three grand finals and we became the first nationally to win all three. Five players were drafted and we now have 19 players in AFLW.

Kara Donnellan is captain of the Dockers and Chelsea Randall co-captain of Adelaide.

Nicol Graves is head coach in 2018.

The new WAFLW competition will commence in 2019 and SDFC will be applying for a license. There will be six initial licenses.

The players' presentation night was excellent.

Training starts tomorrow and with over 60 players fronting up 2018 should be another great year for the Club.

Female footy will get the use of Champion data in 2019 and the AFLW was booming with the new competition about to commence again in 2018.

Peta Libby asked when licenses would be issued. Sarah stated likely in June 2018.

John Cooper asked Sarah how we could possibly improve after winning all three flags.

The Female and Multicultural report was moved by Peta Libby and seconded by Mark McNair and carried.

8. Finance

Des Hardiman gave a comprehensive report on the club's finances in 2017 (as reported in the published annual report) with a series of power point slides to explain our current status.

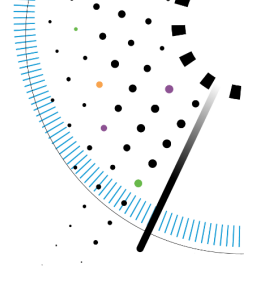
The Club posted a pleasing profit of \$36K after depreciation in 2017.

He thanked his committee and noted several challenges facing the Club.

Provision has now been made in the accounts for long service leave and the final taxation interest payment should be finalised in 2018.

All creditors are in hand and the debtors remain at ~\$70K with three bigger debts outstanding, one of which is the WAFC which will be forthcoming.

With one fewer games this year and no raffle proposed it is hoped to enlarge the auction to raise funds.



Peta Libby congratulated Des and the entire Board for its comprehensive report and transparency with the finances.

She asked about V Swans expenses and Des noted that they were now listed in the accounts.

Peter Hodyl thanked Des and his committee and Jeff Dennis for their work in the financial areas of the Club in 2017.

The Finance report was moved by John Rowe and seconded by Jim Dougan and was carried.

9. Election of Auditor

Des Hardiman recommended that Ray Wooley and Associates continue as the Club's auditor for another year given a change to the chart of accounts for all clubs would be implemented in 2018. This was despite the fact the Board was considering a change this year. He said he was confident with the auditor's previous knowledge and expertise which would be greatly beneficial next year.

The recommendation was moved by Des Hardiman and seconded by Ray McNair and carried.

10. Nominations of Awards

Jim Benson read out the recommendations and summaries of service for the awards.

Life memberships were bestowed upon Matt Riggio – 157 League games and dual Swan Medal winner; Nicole Graves - 11 years of service; 137 League games coached; She was State Coach for 3 years and also assistant for three years. She was AFL assistant coach at the Western Bulldogs in 2015 and 2016 and assistant coach to the men's League team in 2016. Also a Premiership coach 3 years running – 2013-15. She has undertaken roles in coaching, team management, admin, secretarial, committee member, executive officer of the DFDC and female district manager at WAFC. She also ran and developed V Swans. Fiona Boucher - 151 League games and 11 years of great service and Tracey Schischka - 134 League and 27 reserve games.

11. General Business

Three people were awarded long service certificates namely Emily Scott, Gillian Corcoran and Darryl Crotty for many years of dedicated service to our Club.

The awards were moved by John Cooper and seconded by Ray McNair and carried.

Terry Hall asked about the future of Subiaco oval. Peter Hodyl responded that it was likely to be a community facility and the WAFL grand final would be held at Optus stadium.

George Van De Meulen thanked Peter Snow for organising new margin tickets and the Swansmen for paying to print them.

12. Closure.

The meeting closed at 2000 hours