



**Swan Districts Football Club
83rd Annual General Meeting**

MINUTES

83rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)	DATE: Thurs 2 nd Feb 2017 TIME: 1800 to 1850 hrs	VENUE: Swan Districts Football Club
ATTENDEES: John Rowe, Kathy Rowe, Valda Smith, Garry Wetton, Bob McLeod, Ian McLeod, Terry Hall, Emilio Paterniti, Neville Bassett, Tom Gill, George Copley Jnr, Chris Bain, Joan Hansen, B Boal, Agnes Predy, Jim Dougan, Frank Moretta, Neil Hunter, David Holmes, Judy Holmes, Greg Wardell-Johnson, Ted Martin. Robert Campbell, George van der Meulen, Steve Banfield, Michael O'Rourke, Laurie Robinson, Matt Gurner, Ken Ball, Jim Craig, Lance Bell, John Tullio, Ron Supanz, Graeme Ashworth, Ross Leipold, Peter Reidy, Maurice Embley, Vic Jeffery, Mike McLaughlin, Brad Willey, Sue Faranda, Tony Myles, Boris Pavicevic, Adrain Ellis, John Cooper, Trevor Hoy, Brian Haley, Paul Douglas, Wayne Bettles, Graeme Yukich, Peter Hodyl, Gary Seaton, Jim Benson, Ray Harp, Andrew Holmes, David Cianciosi, George Stamenich, Marcel Weggelaar, Leona Snow, Sarah Curnow, Ian Stewart, Geoff Edwards, Kim Wetton, Des Hardimam, Mark McNair, Ray McNair, Bruce Lauder, Steve Bakes, Chris Payne, Kevin Payne, Ron Hill, John Komorowski, Debbie Stevenson, Phil Pitchers, Len Blackham.		PRESIDENT: Peter Hodyl (PH) MINUTES: Jim Benson (JB)

1. OPENING	PH welcomed members to the 83 rd AGM. The meeting opened at 1800 hours.
2. APOLOGIES	Andy Yukich, Rod & Sue Greene, Peter Harvey, Eric Benson, Peta Libby, Gordon Purvis and Graham Higgins.
3. MINUTES OF THE 82nd AGM	The minutes of the 82 nd AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Peter Hodyl; Seconded: Ray McNair. Business Arising: Nil
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT	PH provided an overview of the 2016 year. It was a year of financial consolidation. Even with setbacks due to injury and poor weather the club had a strong year off the field. He acknowledged all of our great sponsors and he was looking forward to 2017. He also acknowledged the efforts

	<p>of Tom Bottrell over the past 5 years after joining the Club during testing times and wished him well in his new position at Souths. He also welcomed newly appointed CEO Jeff Dennis who comes to the Club with excellent credentials. He stated that other directors would give an overview later in the meeting. He also thanked members, supporters and sponsors for their great support of the Club. The president's report was accepted - Moved by Mark McNair and seconded by John Komorowski.</p>
<p>5. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS</p>	<p>Peter Snow, Director of Strategic Projects addressed the AGM. He gave an update noting the Club now had access to 6,200 sq. m of land and a free lease on the 3,200 sq. m of land the club sits on. After three years of progress the Department of Sport and Recreation out of nowhere stated that \$3M would be inadequate and they have agreed to fund 50% of a business case for the Club to go to the government for substantially more funds. Any funding would be restricted to footy club activities. There is another meeting next week with all stakeholders with our new CEO. The Jaycees foundation had agreed to write another business case for options on the redevelopment including the possibility of a sports clinic, senior citizens centre, an infant health centre etc. to put to the Council for consideration. He also spoke about some long-time supporters looking to support funds to the Club in a variety of ways. The Landcorp development was dependent upon three sites including BIC Reserve which will not happen. This is now being reviewed as it is marginal. Terry Hall asked about a likely change of government and what affect that may have. PS advised that he had been reassured by the current opposition of support. His report was accepted. Moved by John Komorowski and seconded by Len Blackem.</p>
<p>6. FOOTBALL REPORT</p>	<p>Andy Holmes, Director of football spoke about the poor on field results from last year. He acknowledged our high 80% local player content and stressed the great culture at the club which meant players returning from the AFL wanted to resume at Swans. He spoke about the likely ins and outs and congratulated Griffin Logue on his drafting to the Dockers. Zavier Ellis was a bonus and Chris Yarran may also play later in the year. Our first game is on Saturday March 18. Terry Hall asked about Murray Newman playing and Phil Smart advised he was likely to play in Kalgoorlie this year. Terry Hall also enquired about the recent Think Tank and PH advised that he had spoken with John Haines at the Vines event and it had been very productive however nothing would be released till late in March after more consultations with Clubs et al. An update on the coaching staff for this season was given. The football report was accepted. Moved by John Rowe and seconded by John Cooper.</p>
<p>7. FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	<p>Des Hardiman gave a comprehensive update on the</p>

	<p>financial statements for the financial year. The audit of the Club went well. Some classifications changed. After an extraordinary taxation component was achieved the result was a healthy one of over \$120K. The balance sheet is better but is still under pressure. Bar and catering takings, fundraising and gate receipts were all down but sponsorship and the canteen were up. The expenses for the Club were quite a good result with savings in the bar and kitchen. Football income was down \$51K. Our working capital is still in deficit but is manageable. As at January 31 the cash position is alright and we had survived the summer. Des gave an overview of the current assets and liabilities in his report on the data projector. He acknowledged receivables of ~\$200K are too high and clarified \$250K of allocated funds not yet used. The ATO was being paid at \$10K per month to finalise an outstanding payment of \$62K. He informed those present about the history of the taxation debt and demand letter for \$500K received in July 2016+. After an urgent meeting with the ATO a plan was put in place and an appeal was lodged and the result issued on January 9 was received notifying the Club of the deletion of all penalties and interest which was a great relief. Only the \$62K of past unpaid superannuation fees was payable. Tom Bottrell is still of the opinion we may also get a refund of some previous payments. DH advised that we had budgeted for a small profit of \$20K this year. He was hoping for a 20% increase in attendances. Draft fees were down \$100K as only one player drafted this year. He asked for members to support the Club as much as possible in 2017. The financial report was accepted. Moved by John Cooper and seconded by Jim Dougan. Brian Haley congratulated Des and the Board on the comprehensive and informative report.</p>
<p>8. BOARD ELECTIONS</p>	<p>Returning Officer Maurice Embley gave his report. As there were only three nominations for three vacant positions on the board no election was necessary and he confirmed that Peter Snow, Des Hardiman and Jim Benson would serve a two year term on the Board. PH thanked Howard Dawson for his contribution to the Club. HD had resigned on June 30. PH also congratulated the incoming Board members. The report was accepted. Moved by John Rowe and seconded by Brain Haley.</p>
<p>9. ELECTION OF AUDITOR</p>	<p>DH spoke about the recent audit and how helpful Ray Wooley and Associates had been. It was the Board's recommendation to the members to continue with the same auditor for the next 12 months. This was agreed by the membership. Moved by Mark McNair and seconded by Kathy Rowe.</p>
<p>10. NOMINATIONS OF AWARDS</p>	<p>Jim Benson read out the following nominations and details of the nominees for Life Membership. Justin Simpson achieved the pre requisite of 150 games as</p>

per the Swan Districts Constitution. Has since retired and we thank Justin for his long service to our Football club.

Agnes Preedy

Agnes has an involvement of some 42 years with Swan Districts. The recipient of an honorary life membership with the Swan Districts Past Players and Officials Association in 2012 and the Joe Pearce courage award in 2014. Agnes started as a volunteer with the SWAMS in 1974 and became an integral part of the Locker Room restaurant. Agnes, along with her late husband Ron, took over the catering for the Past Players and Officials at no cost to the organisation in 2001 and continues to support the association to this time. Agnes also assists in providing morning teas to our Colts Parents at home games has done this for a number of years.

Jenny Kynaston

Being a loyal and dedicated supporter since the seventies, Jenny joined the club as a statistician in 1995 and continues to provide this service today. With over 21 years of voluntary service to our club along with significant contribution to one of our district clubs Jenny has provided exceptional service to Swan Districts across club and district areas and is a worthy recipient of life membership to the Swan Districts Football Club.

Judy Holmes

Judy's involvement in football with the SDFC commenced very early in the 1960's. Her involvement in district football commenced in 1974. Judy began her direct involvement with the SDFC when in 1985 and has been an active member and volunteer ever since. In 1988 Judy assisted selling toasted sandwiches and sausage rolls at the top of the stairs in the Members area.

Judy then 'graduated' to the main canteen area that was located in the Tujung Bar around 1990 and helped out in this area.

Judy progressed to become the 'Hamburger Queen' of the SWAMS where she produced the best hamburgers in the WAFL for over a decade. Making around 200 hamburgers a game over 10 home games per year Judy would have made in excess of 20,000 hamburgers for the SDFC in this period. Judy has received certificates from both the AFL and WAFL acknowledging her volunteer work in the canteen and continues to this day providing assistance on SDFC home game days during Colts morning tea and other gatherings. Having been a loyal and dedicated volunteer and member for over 28 years and is a very worthy recipient of life member of the SDFC.

The nominations for Life membership were agreed with acclamation. Moved by Peter Reedy and seconded by Jim Dougan.

	<p>PS: John Rowe advised that Tony Notte was already a life member of the Club.</p>
<p>11. GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>PH introduced our new CEO, Jeff Dennis who will commence next week and wished him well. Jeff thanked the Board and spoke briefly about his aspirations and talking to as many people as possible in the next couple of months. His priorities would be financial stability, on field success and community engagement. He stated he was happy for anyone to ask him any questions at any time. PH informed the members of Sarah Curnow's new directorship of Female and Multicultural Football and congratulated her for taking on this important role for the Club.</p> <p>John Cooper gave a vote of thanks to Peter Hodyl and the Board to acclamation from members present.</p>
<p>12. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE</p>	<p>John Rowe asked that the Board consider starting the AGM later to facilitate people who played bowls on a Thursday et al to get to the meeting on time. This was agreed to be looked at.</p> <p>Terry Hall asked about the possible move by the WAFC to the WACA. PH advised that he was not sure if this would happen.</p>
<p>13. CLOSURE</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 1850 hours.</p>