

Minutes of AGM held Thursday November 30, 2006.

Meeting opened 20.12

Present: 32 members present as per Attendance Register

Apologies: 12 apologies were accepted as per Attendance Register.

Previous Minutes: With no alterations, **Nik Sander** (NS) proposed that the minutes of the 2005 AGM held Nov 17, 2005 be confirmed and accepted as a true record of events. Seconded by **Owen Ferguson**.(OF).  
**Carried.**

Financial report: Treasurer **Paul Mitford-Henry** (PMH) presented highlights of the club financial performance P&L and Balance Sheet.

President **Edna Rovira** (ER) focused on key points of the treasurer's report including completion and auditing of the building alterations/extensions.

Accounts have yet to be audited although they have been examined by an independent accountant. It is anticipated that accounts will be audited quarterly in 2007 to overcome the perennial problem of having a disconnect between the need for an AGM in November and not being able to get the annual accounts audited by that time.

**Arthur August** (AA) asked what the final cost of the building was. **ER** explained that final cost difficult to define as much was donated 'in kind'. **AA** asserted that in fact it has been 'paid' and a value attributed and that rhetorically the reason for his query was to allow a vote of thanks – but to whom and for how much. **Tony Rovira** (AR) suggested that many wished to remain anonymous donors. **AA** affirmed that 'the President and others should be congratulated on completion of the building'.

**Mike Tolmie** (MT) enquired about the Cost of Good Sold. **PMH** explained costs were mostly an allocation of bar expenses. **MT** noted that Donations had altered dramatically. **PMH/ER** explained what donations are and from whence they come e.g. Australian Sports Foundation. **ER** explained how donations through the ASF are handled. **PMH** asserted that quarterly accounts in 2007 will make these items much more transparent.

**John Clifford** (JC) enquired about whether the accounts 'looked good' compared with prior years. **ER** confirmed that club finances are going favourably.

**David Hurst** (DH) enquired about the fixed assets of the club, principally the Club House, and, as an A Class Reserve, whether depreciation should be applied to the asset as it isn't

owned by the club but by Nedlands Council. **PMH** explained that clubhouse has a value and is depreciated – as advised by previous auditors. Further notes in Presidents Report.

**David Newton** (DN) observed that the \$7000 surplus seems low and is because we take a large depreciation charge and in fact the actual cash surplus is much larger than this figure. How best therefore to represent our accounts. **PMH** to address.

**Alasdair Watson** (AW) noted that in 2006 the WARU paid the clubs player insurance obligations (as they did for all clubs/players) which amounted to ~\$14,000. Had we had to pay that amount then we would technically be in a loss situation. This highlights the very significant financial contribution that the juniors make to the club's financial health.

**AA** further suggested that the value of the Club House as an asset should perhaps be based on replacement value.

**PMH/President** to consider.

There being no further discussion **Bruce Hughes** (BH) proposed that the financial accounts be accepted, **DH** seconded. Carried.

Presidents Report	::Detailed in Club Annual Report 2006
Registrar Report	: Detailed in Club Annual Report 2006
Junior Report	: Detailed in Club Annual Report 2006
Sponsorship Report	: Detailed in Club Annual Report 2006
Rugby Report	: Detailed in Club Annual Report 2006

**Steve Coldwell** (SC) proposed that the Presidents, Registrars, Junior, Sponsorship, and Rugby Reports be accepted as recorded in the Annual Report: **OF** seconded. However questions did emerge.

**AA** was not in favour of the reports being accepted collectively because there was too much detail to consider. Further **AA** would like to see a report on extensions to club rooms, what the concept was to start with, contributors and progress. A record for historic purposes. **ER** suggested this report could be posted on WebSite. **AA** concurred.

**AA** enquired about developments associated with the Bowling Club. **ER** explained that approvals have gone to council although this process had been ongoing for fourteen years. It was now with the State Planning Commission. Issues related to safety. Further details in Presidents Report.

**ER** explained that the Presidents Report is usually only available maybe one day before the AGM and therefore, to allow wider immediate readership, it should perhaps be posted on the web site.

**Motion carried.**

Election of Office Bearers for Season 2007 started at 20.41. ER thanked outgoing members, with a brief reason for each.

POSITION	NOMINATION	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED	ACCEPTED
<b>COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2007:</b>				
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Edna Rovira	Arthur August	Frank Bourke	Yes
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Vacant			
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Vacant			
<b>TREASURER</b>	Paul Mitford-Henry	ER	Nik Sander	Yes
<b>REGISTRAR</b>	Lorraine Newton	ER	AA	Yes
<b>CLUB CAPTAIN</b>	** see below			
<b>MEMBERS:</b>				
<b>Director of Rugby</b>	Tony Rovira	Jason Parrish	Bruce Hughes	Yes
	Steve Coldwell	Owen Ferguson	Ian Christian	Yes
	Roger James	ER	Alistair Norcross	Yes
	Neil Clarke	PMH	Ian Christian	Yes
	David Klink	S Coldwell	Jeremy Warren	Yes
	Glen Roberts	ER	S Coldwell	Yes
	Nik Sander	ER	S Coldwell	Yes

<b>NON COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:</b>				
<b>PATRON</b>	Arthur August	ER	Frank Burke	
<b>AUDITOR</b>	PickupGolding			
<b>Web Manager</b>	Not yet			
<b>Member Protection Officer</b>	Vacant			

\*\* Rugby Committee to make suggestions for Main Committee 2007 to decide – may be later this same evening during fist meeting of the incoming 2007 committee.

## General Business

**AA** suggested that **ER** send letter of condolence to CO of the SAS barracks on the occasion of the recent loss of life on HMAS Kanimbla. **ER** volunteered to write letter asap.

**ER** notified the meeting that the WARU had shifted the date of the AGM to March. A special General Meeting will be held in December to modify/ratify certain items in the WARU constitution such as competition rules. See WARU Explanatory memo on WARU website.

**AA** was concerned that club 'key ring' medallions had not been updated since 2003. There followed a general discussion about cost, fees, unpaid debtors (mostly itinerant 5<sup>th</sup> grade players). It was concluded that the costs of the medallions is quite significant for 500 plus members and at this time it is thought the money was better spent on rugby development, etc.

**AA** enquired about the reinstatement of the 'Marmalade & Jam'. **ER** indicated that this was likely to be resurrected in 2007.in some form or another if a volunteer can be identified to edit it.

**ER** reminded the meeting that a constitutional amendment carried over from previous years AGMs hadn't been implemented because of a typing error when a revised Constitution was submitted to the Dept of Racing, Gaming and Liquor. We need to re-initiate the amendment so **ER** proposed that "The Club shall keep an up to date register of members in respect of each class of membership. This register must be continually available for inspection at the club premises." **AJN** seconded. Carried.

**AA** proposed a vote of thanks to outgoing committee. Carried.

President declared meeting closed at 21.20

AJNorcross

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Amendments 15/12/06