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# Eastern Suburbs AFC – Annual General Meeting Minutes, 2017

Meeting commenced 7.35 – quorum present

## **ATTENDEES**

Tom Street, Simon Hilton, Paul Rennell, David Garrett, James Page, John Davidson, John Etherington, Tony Gallagher, Grant Robertson, Adrian Pead, David Mairs, Karen Taylor, Jim Marsh, Jo Marquet (Guest), Sharon Robertson (Guest), Hannah Robertson (Guest), Andrew Robertson, Chris Ruffell, David Kelly, Perry Gallagher, John Buxton, Kimball Fink-Jenson, Malcolm McGill

#### **APOLOGIES**

Sarah Prentice, Mike Shaw, Michael Cahir

#### APPROVAL OF PRIOR AGM MINUTES

Minutes of AGM 17 November 2016 having been issued prior to the meeting were proposed as an accurate record.

Proposed: James Page

Seconded: Paul Rennell

Accepted: Unanimous in favour

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

None



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# **SECTION REPORTS**

With thanks to the respective authors the section reports, as published prior, were presented:

- Junior
- Youth
- Senior
- Girls/women

No questions were raised in respect of any of the reports.

## TREASURERS REPORT

The following reports were presented:

- Audited financial statements for 2016
- Draft financial statements for 2017
- Treasurers report

Kimball Fink-Jensen spoke to the report highlighting:

- Trust transfer of \$500,000
- National league cost of \$135,000
- Over estimate of coaching needs resulting in increased coaching costs



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Matters and comments from the floor:

Free National League game admission for 2017/18 season due to the number of games at William Green Domain

David Mairs offered to help ensure the audited financial statements were finished in a timely basis

Request to reflect the costs of the National League as a separate series of accounts

Football income down due to \$30,000 of school invoicing still to be done

Cash balances reduced due to the Trust transfer and operating loss

Simon Hilton spoke to the cost of coaching indicating the challenges faced, the number of coaches employed and the lack of take up of the coaching available. Accepted better tracking of coaching costs was required

General requirement for greater detail in the financial statements

Discussion regarding ability to retain players for coaching did follow although acknowledged that overlap of Director of Football and the coaches employed anticipating his departure which did not eventuate

General sentiment to have better control and reporting of coaching and coaching revenue

Staff costs include the General Manager but has in part been offset by reduced operations staffing costs

The new Club Executive will consider these comments, requests, offers as an agenda item on next meeting.

The audited financial statements for 2016 were presented for acceptance by the members:

Proposed: Paul Rennell

Seconded: Jim Marsh

Accepted: Unanimous in favour



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chris Ruffell spoke to the Chairman's report as published and made available prior to the meeting.

In addition planned works on Madill's Farm pitches was mention. Pitch 5 to have a new sand carpet with work commencing before Christmas and completion due April 18. Pitches 2 and 3 to have lights installed with a February 18 completion date.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The patron and all officers stand down as required by Club rules and are all entitled to stand for re-election.

Patron: Noah Hickey stood down from re-election. Paul Rennell nominated by Perry Gallagher and unanimously elected from the floor.

There being no other nominees for the other roles each of the following positions were elected by unanimous vote from the floor:

President: Tom Street

Chairman: Chris Ruffell

Treasurer: Kimball Fink-Jensen

Secretary: John Etherington

Club Captain: Jim Marsh (previously co-opted mid-season 2017)



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## **ELECTION OF SECTION COMMITTEES**

#### **Junior Section nominees**

Simon Hilton, Martyn Spillane, Jason Barnes, Janak de Zoysa, Gina Brugh, Odette Ah Chee, Sarah Chapman

## **Senior Section nominees**

Paul Jackson, Jim Marsh, Ben Ruffell, Phil Portius

#### **Youth Section nominees**

Michael Cahir, Kaisla Quinn, Graeme Tremlett, Tracey Kingdon

#### **Girls/Women Section nominees**

James Page, Kellie Nathan, Rachel Roberts, Gina Brugh, Howard Ross, Mike Shaw

All nominees unanimously elected from the floor

## LIFE MEMEBERS

- Andy Robertson spoke eloquently in the nomination and widespread support for Grant Robertson as a Life Member
- Chris Ruffell spoke similarly of Tracey Kingdon

Both accepted as Life Members with their personal acceptance



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## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Tony Gallagher questioned the timing of National League games on Saturdays. This was essentially a player request
- Malcolm McGill again mentioned the lack of print media coverage in National League games
- Confirmation that the AGM was advertised by way of member email
- Perry Gallagher further emphasised the need for financial clarity to the members to improve visibility
- David Kelly raised the issue of number of games in some grades Paul Jackson has taken this up with AFF but due to the format of the knockout competition.

Meeting concluded at 8.40pm