



Notice of Annual General Meeting New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

In terms of Clause 17.1 (b) of the League's Constitution, at least 45 days notice is hereby given to all Voting Affiliates and Affiliated Clubs of the League's Annual General Meeting; details as highlighted below:

Any Notices of Motion for inclusion as "Special Business" are to be submitted to the CEO not less than 30 days prior to the AGM - By COB Friday 25th October 2013.

The "Draft" Agenda is included, together with the minutes from the 2012 AGM and a summary of Appendices which need to be completed and returned within the timeframes indicated. These "forms" will be available on-line shortly and can be submitted electronically. The Final Agenda will issue 30 days prior to the AGM - By COB Friday 25th October 2013.

Any enquires may be directed to Tim Harradine at timharradine@baseballnsw.com.au or Narelle Fox at admin@baseballnsw.com.au

Tim Harradine
Chief Executive Officer

70thAnnual
General
Meeting

Monday 26th November 2013 - 7:30pm

Ken Brown Rooms
Sports House, 6A Figtree Drive Homebush

Minutes – AGM 2013

1. Official Opening by Ray Vercoe, President NSWBL & Chairman BOM
2. Record of Attendance – confirm a quorum
3. Apologies
4. Confirm Membership of the League (appendix C)
5. Confirm Minutes from 2012 AGM (appendix I)
6. Matters Arising from AGM 2012
7. Review and Adoption of Financial Report (1 April 2012 – 31 August 2013)
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2013/14
9. Notice of Motion

4.1 Definitions

“Special Resolution” means a resolution passed:

- (a) At a General Meeting of the League of which 21 days notice, accompanied by notice of intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution, has been given to the Member in accordance with this Constitution; and
- (b) By at least three quarters of votes those Members who, being entitled to vote, vote in person or by proxy at the meeting

Motion

Moved by Kerri Tsui

Seconded by Clay Aldridge

Current

4.1 Definitions

“Financial Year” means the year commencing September 1st of the preceding year and ending August 31st in the current year.

Proposed

4.1 Definition

“**Financial Year**” means the year commencing July 1st of the preceding year and ending June 30th in the current year.

Reasons

Due to the shift to the new IMGSTG system, there will no longer be a September rollover for the system; therefore, clubs will have earlier access to input data into the system. Moving the financial year prevents us from collecting capitation for the upcoming year in the current financial year. This shift will also align our EFY with the Australian Baseball Federation, other states, and the Australian Baseball League, and this is also a recommendation from the League’s Auditor.

Recommendation

The New South Wales Baseball league Inc. Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed motion and recommends the members approve it to allow Baseball NSW to align with the stakeholders listed above and to incorporate the new technology system.

9. Welcome Address

Meeting Opened: 7:35pm

- Clause 15.2 of the Constitution provides that each **Voting Affiliate** shall advise the Chief Executive Officer of its appointed **Delegate** at least 48 hours prior to the AGM - **(Appendix B)**
- Good evening everyone and, on behalf of the Board of Management of Baseball NSW, I thank you all for your attendance tonight. It is very much appreciated and encouraging to see so many of you taking a keen interest in the business of Baseball in NSW.
- In accordance with the Constitution of the NSW Baseball League, I can confirm that due and timely notice has been provided for this Meeting together with the required accompanying documents for the benefit of all members, and I, therefore, formally open our 2013 Annual General Meeting.
- I am advised by our representatives, that we do have a quorum present (this being a majority of Voting Affiliates under the terms of the Constitution). I can confirm that 21 of the 39 voting affiliates are in attendance here tonight.
- I would ask that anyone here that may not yet have signed the attendance sheet, could you please do so before you leave tonight to ensure that we have an official record of your attendance.

10. Attendance & Apologies

- The Board
 - Ray Vercoe
 - Peter Worboys
 - Roger Powell
 - Peter Worboys
 - Therese Philibossian
 - Mark Marino
 - Anthony Brasher
 - Laurie Patton
- Staff
 - Tim Harradine – Chief Executive Officer
 - Narelle Fox
 - Mathew Sundstrom
- Vote Counting
 - Rod Fox
- Special Guests
 - Bob Turner – Chief Advisor
 - Matthew Cooper – GM Sydney Blue Sox

- Life Members
 - Peter Worboys
 - Cheryl Barnier
 - Ken Douglass

(See attendance sheet for all Attendance at the AGM)

11. Apologies

- David Bryant
- Don Beileiter
- Kerry Jackson
- Paul and Sue McCullough – Scorers Association

12. Membership of the League

As advised previously, I can confirm that we have a quorum in accordance with the provisions of the constitution as it relates to membership of the League and I thank Rod Fox for this coordination of this information.

Membership Categories of the League (Constitution Clause 7) are defined as being:

- **Voting Affiliates**, which can attend, debate and Vote at Meetings of the League
- **Affiliated Clubs**, can attend and debate
- **Individual Members**, can attend and debate
- **Life Members**, can attend and debate

13. Confirm Minutes AGM 2012 (Appendix I)

The 2012 AGM Minutes were distributed some 45 days ago together with Notice of the AGM.

A reminder notice including the Agenda for tonight's meeting was also distributed some 30 days ago which also included the 2012 Minutes.

Any comments regarding the Minutes – None

On that basis we are looking for someone to move the motion:

Motion: *To Confirm Minutes of AGM 9/7/2012 as a true and correct record.*

Discussion: *None*

Moved By: Clay Aldridge

Seconded By: Gary O'Sullivan

Outcome: Carried

14. Matters Arising

No matters arising

15. Adopt Audited Financial Reports for the year ended 31st Aug 2012

Presentation: Financial Report delivered by Anthony Brasher

- The Financial report has been provided to Voting Affiliates electronically and a hard copy distributed this evening.
- Commentary on Financial Report to be delivered by Anthony Brasher

Baseball NSW is now more sustainable than it has been previously and has a strong cash flow. Profit at year end was \$77,000. The past 12 months generated \$120,000 and the ABF loan has now been paid. Baseball NSW is now in the position to spend some monies on growing the game. For the first time in many years this year's Audit was an Unqualified Audit Opinion.

There were no accounts questions

Motion: *Adopt the Audited Financial Report for year ended 31/8/2013*

Moved By: Peter Schmidt

Seconded By: Gary O'Sullivan

Outcome: Carried

16. Appointment of Auditors

Our current Auditor has provided an excellent and very thorough service since his appointment, some 8 years ago, and he has indicated his preference to continue for another year in this role.

As mentioned, Ross is very thorough and carries out the audit at a very reasonable cost so we recommend that he be retained for a further year.

Motion: To Appoint Mr Ross Gatwood for the ensuing year to 30/6/14

Moved By: Dave Pigram

Seconded By: Clay Aldridge

Outcome: Carried

17. Notices of Motion – “Special Business”

As Received 45 days prior to the AGM (Appendix J)

Motion

Moved by Kerri Tsui

Seconded by Clay Aldridge

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Recommendation

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Outcome: Passed

18. Receive Business Reports

The Annual Report has been delayed this year and could have been rushed to have it completed for this meeting but it was decided that it was better not to. It will be mailed out to you within the next few weeks

20. Election of Board Members

Nominations as received by the General Manager 14 days prior to the AGM (Monday 11th November 2013)

In accordance with the rotational policy relating to the Board Directorship, the Elected Directors with tenure to AGM 2013 are:

- Ray Vercoe
- Darrell Hair
- Peter Worboys

The appointed Independent Directors with tenure to AGM 2013 are:

- Roger Powell (appointed July 2012)

Nominations for election to the Board (as Elected Directors) were received from:

- Ray Vercoe
- Peter Worboys
- Anatole Zurrer

Nominees were given a chance to speak to the Voting Affiliates.

Tonight, your ballot papers contain the names of all the 3 nominees and we require you to place a tick in the box next to the nominees that you are voting for.

Voting papers were collected and scrutineer Rod Fox oversaw their counting.

- **Motion:** For **Ray Vercoe, Peter Worboys** and **Anatole Zurrer** to be appointed to the Board of Baseball NSW as Elected directors with tenure for 2 years (i.e until AGM 2015)
- **Moved by:** David Pigram
- **Seconded by:** Kaye Cooper
- **Outcome:** Carried

21. Election of Life Members

- John Pond
- David Balfour

A vote was taken and both John and David were unanimously voted as Life Members.

Motion: to appoint John Pond and David Balfour as Life Members of the New South Wales Baseball League

Moved By: Jeff Bertram

Seconded By: Shane Elvy

Outcome: Carried

22. Announcement of Standing Committee Delegates

- *Forms presented by Delegate to Baseball NSW. If you are yet to complete the form please do so immediately.*

23. Announcement of Audit Committee Appointees

- Anthony Brasher appointed.

24. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointees

Will be appointed in due course

25. General Business

Phil McConachie wanted to know if the end of season was the same as before for insurance purposes ie 31st August. Answer is yes, and the League has purchased additional damage and stolen goods insurance for each Club up to \$10,000

26. Closure

Meeting Closed: 8:19pm

Members are invited to partake in some light fraternity before journeying home.