



77th

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 26th October, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Zoom Teleconference

Agenda

1. Official Opening by Ross Morrison (BoM)
2. Record of Attendance – confirm a quorum
3. Confirm Membership of the League (appendix C-previously completed)
4. Confirm Minutes from 2019 AGM (appendix I)
5. Matters Arising from AGM 2019
6. Adopt Audited Financial Report (July 2019 to June 2020)
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Notices of Motion (appendix J)
9. Receive Business Reports as published in the Annual Report
10. Election of Life Members
11. Election of Board Members
12. Announcement of Standing Committee Delegates
13. Announcement of Audit Committee Appointees
14. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointees
15. BNSW Update
16. Closure & Fraternity

1. Official Opening

Meeting Opened: 7:05 pm - Ross Morrison, Chair, BNSW, welcomed everyone to the 77th AGM and discussed the extraordinary nature of the recent year due to the global pandemic highlighted the new meeting arrangements.

2. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees (via Zoom)

- Baseball NSW Board of Directors
 - Ross Morrison
 - Karl Hardman
 - Scott Tunkin
 - James Morley
 - Therese Philibossian
 - Peter Worboys
 - Beth McVicker-Murphy
 - Jason Chabi
- Baseball NSW Staff
 - Mark Marino – Chief Executive Officer
 - Jodi Napoli – Accounts Manager
 - Jason Pospishil – High Performance manager
 - Gary Everson – Participation Manager
 - Grahame Cassel – Baseball Development Manager
 - Vassil Vasseleou – Competitions Manager
- Audit Committee/ Vote Counting
 - Mark Marino
 - John Wingrove
- Life Members
 - Cheryl Barnier
- Voting Delegates
 - See attendance sheet on page 10 for all attendees at the AGM

Apologies

- Barry Holland
- Warren Williams

3. Membership of the League

The Chairman confirmed that a quorum was met in accordance with the provisions of the constitution as it relates to membership of the League and thanked Jodi Napoli and Vass Vasseleou for the 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

4. Confirm Minutes AGM 2019 (Appendix I)

The 2019 AGM Minutes were distributed some 30 days ago together with Notice of the AGM.

A reminder notice including the Agenda for tonight's meeting was also distributed some 15 days ago.

Motion: *To Confirm Minutes of AGM 22/10/19 as a true and correct record.*

Discussion: *It was advised that item 10. Election of Board Members, be amended to reflect that Therese Philibossian and Anthony Brasher had "tenure to AGM 2020".*

Moved By: *Michael Bryan*

Seconded By: *PJ Patterson*

Outcome: *Carried*

5. Matters Arising

Response to the enquiry at the 2019 AGM regarding Baseball NSW staff superannuation has been posted on the Baseball NSW website.

6. Adopt Audited Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2020

Presentation: Financial Report delivered by Karl Hardman

- The Financial report was provided to Voting Affiliates as part of the Notice of AGM.
- Commentary on Financial Report was delivered by Karl Hardman and Mark Marino.

Motion: *Adopt the Audited Financial Report for year ended 30/6/2019*

Discussion: *Nothing of major note.*

Moved By: *Kaye Cooper*

Seconded By: *Kerry Jackson*

Outcome: *Carried*

7. Appointment of Auditors

Matt Edwards of Potts David Duncombe has once again provided excellent service in his auditing of the Baseball NSW accounts. Matt has indicated that he is happy to continue auditing Baseball NSW's accounts for the ensuing year.

Matt provides a professional service at a reasonable rate.

Motion: *To Appoint Mr Matt Edwards of PDD for the ensuing year.*

Discussion: ***The Board would investigate change of Auditor for 2021.***

Moved By: *Kerry Jackson*

Seconded By: *Kaye Cooper*

Outcome: *Carried*

8. Notices of Motion – “Special Business”

Amendments to the Baseball NSW Constitution were proposed via the following motions 1 to 5:

Motion 1:

Addition to Section 2 Objects of League

2(e) to regulate and manage baseball and its participants within NSW (Associations, Clubs and individuals); and resolve issues arising between these participants (including making decisions) that are in the best interests of the sport as a whole within NSW.

Moved By: Peter Worboys

Seconded By: Kaye Cooper

Outcome: Carried

MOTION 2:

Change of terminology from Major League to State League throughout the Constitution.

Moved By: James Morley

Seconded By:

Outcome: Motion lapsed as mover was not present at the time.

MOTION 3:

Addition to Section 4.1 Definitions

“Participants” - means any individual member, club, association, League or stakeholders involved with the sport of Baseball in NSW.

Moved By: Jason Chabi

Seconded By: PJ Patterson

Outcome: Carried

MOTION 4:

Addition to Section 16 – General Meetings

16.3 The Board of Management of BNSW are permitted to hold meetings remotely as virtual meetings. One or more technologies can be used to enable all persons entitled to participate without being physically present at the venue.

Moved By: Scott Tunkin

Seconded By: Jeff Catt

Outcome: Carried

MOTION 5:*Addition to Section 25 – Powers of the Board*

25(e) The Board of Management of BNSW must approve any club wanting to move between Associations. Approval will be granted where it is deemed to benefit the sport in NSW.

Moved By: Karl Hardman

Seconded By: Kaye Cooper

Outcome: Carried

9. Receive Business Reports

All reports have been received and included in the 2020 Annual Report as published and distributed tonight. The Chair acknowledged Jodi Napoli and Vass Vasseleou's efforts in compiling an excellent report.

The Chair also acknowledged and thanked BNSW staff & Standing League Committee representatives who contributed to the reports contained in the document and invited questions from the floor in relation to the business reports.

The Chair asked that all reports be taken as read and ask that a motion be put forward to adopt the business reports as published in the 2020 Annual Report.

Discussion: None

Motion: Adopt the Business Reports as published

Moved by: Kerry Jackson

Seconded by: Paul Latta

Outcome: Carried

10. Election of Board Members

Nominations as received by the CEO 14 days prior to the AGM (Monday 12th October 2020)

In accordance with the rotational policy relating to the Board Directorship, the Elected Directors with tenure to AGM 2021 are:

- Scott Tunkin
- Peter Worboys
- Ross Morrison

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

- Beth McVicker-Murphy
- Therese Philibossian
- Mark Burns

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

Voting was done via an electronic survey with auditors: Mark

Marino and John Wingrove overseeing the process.

Decision: **Beth McVicker-Murphy** and **Mark Burns** to be appointed to the Board of Baseball NSW as Elected Directors with tenure for 2 years (i.e. until AGM 2022).

Discussion: The Chair thanked outgoing Director Therese Philibossian for her service to the Board.

11. Election of Life Members

No nominations were received.

The Chair encouraged voting affiliates to nominate appropriate members.

12. Announcement of Standing Committee Delegates

- *Forms have been received from Delegates to Baseball NSW. Those who were yet to complete the form were advised to please do so immediately.*

13. Announcement of Audit Committee Nomination Requests

- *John Wingrove's nomination for the Audit Committee was received.*

14. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointments

- *Nominations for this committee were received from:*
 - *Gary White*
 - *Matt O'Neill*
 - *Darren Cummings*

The BoM will review and appoint at November Board Meeting.

15. BNSW Update

- *Ross Morrison presented his President's Report to the membership and Mark Marino delivered a review of the CEO's Report.*

16. Closure

Meeting Closed: 9.15 pm

Voicing Delegates Present at the 2020 BNSW AGM

Organisation	Delegate
Standing Committees	
Minor League Standing Committee	Stuart Hitchcock
Country League Standing Committee	Bill Langler
Junior League Standing Committee	
State League Standing Committee	Kerry Jackson
Sydney Winter League Standing Committee	Kerry Jackson
Women's League Standing Committee	Paul O'Neil
Technical Committee	
Officials	
Scorers Association	Kaye Cooper
NSW Baseball Umpires Assoc	John Bailey
State League Clubs	
Baulkham Hills	
Blacktown Workers	
Canterbury Vikings Baseball Association	Rob Cook
Central Coast Marlins	
Cronulla Sutherland Baseball Club Incorporated	Brad McDonall
Macarthur Orioles	
Manly Warringah District	PJ Patterson
Greater Western Baseball Association	Michael Bryan
Ryde Hawks	Kerri Tsui
Juniors	
Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Assoc	Darren Cummings
Greater Western Baseball Assoc	Michael Bryan
Hills Junior Baseball Assoc	Jeff Catt
Macarthur Junior Baseball Assoc	
Manly Junior Baseball Assoc	PJ Patterson
Ryde Hawks Baseball League	Geordie McRae
Country	
Central Coast Baseball Assoc	David Bryant
Hastings Baseball Assoc	
Coffs Harbour Baseball Assoc	Bill Langler
Shoalhaven Baseball Assc	
Illawarra Junior Baseball Assoc	Judy Clifford
Illawarra Baseball Assoc	Judy Clifford
Newcastle Baseball Assoc	John Wingrove
Tamworth Baseball Assoc	
Far North Coast Baseball Assc	Paul Latta
Wagga Wagga Baseball Assoc	
Others	
Cronulla Sutherland Minor League	Stuart Hitchcock
Pacific Coast	
St George Baseball Assoc	Stuart Hitchcock
Sydney Metro	Cheryl Barnier