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78<sup>th</sup>

# Annual General Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

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Time: 7:00pm

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Zoom Teleconference

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# Agenda

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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 2020 AGM (appendix I)
5. Matters Arising from AGM 2020
6. Adopt Audited Financial Report (July 2020 to June 2021)
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

## 1. Official Opening

**Meeting Opened:** 7:05 pm - Ross Morrison, Chair, BNSW, welcomed everyone to the 78<sup>th</sup> AGM and mentioned that it was disappointing that all attendees could not be together, and that virtual meetings have become a part of the new world we live in. The Chair also acknowledged the respective life members that had attended online.

## 2. Attendance & Apologies

### Attendees (via Zoom)

- Baseball NSW Board of Directors
    - Ross Morrison
    - Mark Burns
    - James Morley
    - Belinda Woolford
    - Peter Worboys
    - Beth McVicker-Murphy
    - Jason Chabi
  
  - Baseball NSW Staff
    - Mark Marino – Chief Executive Officer
    - Jodi Napoli – Operations Manager
    - Grahame Cassel – High-Performance Manager
    - Gary Everson – Coaching and Participation Manager
    - Michael Ibbotson – Facilities Manager
    - Vassil Vasseleou – Competitions Manager
    - Melinda Goodrich - Registrations and Member Services Manager
    - Adrian Medina Scull - Head of Baseball5
  
  - Audit Committee/ Vote Counting
    - Mark Marino
    - John Wingrove
  
  - Life Members
    - Cheryl Barnier
    - Ken Douglas
    - John Wingrove
    - Peter Worboys
  
  - Voting Delegates
    - See the attendance sheet at TAB A, for all attendees at the AGM
- Apologies**
- Warren Williams
  - Scott Tunkin

### 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 2020 (Appendix I)

The 2020 AGM Minutes were distributed some 30 days ago together with the Notice of the AGM.

**Motion:** To Confirm Minutes of AGM 26/10/20 as a true and correct record.

**Moved By:** *PJ Patterson*

**Seconded By:** *Kerry Jackson*

**Outcome:** *Carried*

### 5. Matters Arising

- The successful 2020 Notice of Motions were required to be resubmitted for approval due to NSW Department of Fair Trading Requirements.
- It was originally intended for BNSW to review their auditors for the 2021/22 Financial Year. Due to the complexities of COVID and the overlapping financial grants that were received from the State Government, the Board decided that the League would retain the auditors for the coming Financial Year with the aim of reviewing them prior to next year's AGM.

### 6. Adopt Audited Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Presentation:** Financial Report delivered by Jason Chabi

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

**Motion:** Adopt the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 30/6/2020

**Discussion:** *Nothing of major note.*

**Moved By:** Stephanie Thompson

**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:** The current auditors of PDD would be retained for the 2021/2022 Financial Year and a new auditor would be appointed for the 2022/2023 Financial Year.

**Moved By:** Kerry Jackson

**Seconded By:** Kerri Tsui

**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:** Jason Chabi

**Seconded By:** Kaye Cooper

**Outcome:** Carried

### **Motion 2:**

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

**Moved By:** Mark Burns

**Seconded By:** Stephen Dredge

**Outcome:** Carried

**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:** Peter Worboys

**Seconded By:** Kerry Jackson

**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.

**Motion:** To amend the wording of 'The Board of **Management** of BNSW' to read as 'The Board of BNSW'.

**Moved By:** Luis Almenara

**Seconded By:** Stephanie Thompson

**Outcome:** Amended and Carried

**Motion:** To amend the wording of 'One or more technologies can be used to enable **all** persons' to read as 'One or more technologies can be used to enable **any** persons'.

**Moved By:** Grant Johnston

**Seconded By:** Kerry Jackson

**Outcome:** Amended and Carried

**Final Amended Motion**

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

**Moved By:** Beth McVicker-Murphy

**Seconded By:** Kaye Cooper

**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.*

**Motion:** *To amend the wording of the motion to read 'Approval must be sought from the Board of BNSW by any club wanting to move between Associations. Approval will be granted where it is deemed to benefit the sport in NSW.'*

**Moved By:** *Kerry Jackson*

**Seconded By:** *Kerri Tsui*

**Outcome:** *Amended and Carried*

**Final Amended Motion**

*Addition to Section 25 – Powers of the Board*

25(e) - *Approval must be sought from the Board of BNSW by any club wanting to move between Associations. Approval will be granted where it is deemed to benefit the sport in NSW.*

**Moved By:** *Jason Chabi*

**Seconded By:** *Michael Bryan*

**Outcome:** *Carried*

**9. Receive Business Reports**

All reports have been received and included in the 2021 Annual Report as published and distributed tonight.

The Chair acknowledged Adam Dobb and his commitment to the Sydney Blue Sox during his tenure with the Organization.

The Chair also acknowledged the outstanding efforts of Ryde Hawks Baseball League in winning two of the National Championships.

The Chair acknowledged Jason Pospishil and wished him well in his new role with the Sydney Blue Sox. Grahame Cassel was congratulated on his new appointment as High-Performance Manager.

The Chair also acknowledged and thanked BNSW staff & the BNSW Board for their efforts during a challenging year.

**Discussion:** *None*

**Motion:** *Adopt the Business Reports as published*

**Moved by:** *Kerry Jackson*

**Seconded by:** Jeff Catt

**Outcome:** Carried

## 10. Election of Board Members

Nominations, as received by the CEO 14 days prior to the AGM (Tuesday 14th September 2021) 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

**Decision:** With three positions up for re-election, the incumbent Directors ran unopposed and were re-elected to the Board of Baseball NSW as Elected Directors with tenure for 2 years (i.e. until AGM 2023).

## 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.

**Moved by:** Bill Langler

**Seconded by:** Grant Johnston

**Outcome:** Carried



## 14. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointments

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

The BoM will review and appoint at October 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: 8.45 pm**

**TAB A - Voting Delegates Present at the 2021 BNSW AGM**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>Standing Committees</b>	
Minor League Standing Committee	Stuart Hitchcock
Country League Standing Committee	Bill Langler
Junior League Standing Committee	-
State League Standing Committee	-
Sydney Winter League Standing Committee	Kerry Jackson
Women's League Standing Committee	Paul O'Neil
<b>Officials</b>	
Scorers Association	Kaye Cooper
NSW Baseball Umpires Assoc	John Bailey
<b>State League Clubs</b>	
Baulkham Hills	Stephen Dredge
Blacktown Workers	-
Canterbury Vikings	Rob Cook
Central Coast Marlins	Grant Johnson
Cronulla Sharks	Matt Cavill
Macarthur Orioles	-
Manly Eagles	Simon Lowde
Greater Western	-
Ryde Hawks	Kerri Tsui
<b>Juniors</b>	
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	Michael Hagarty
<b>Country</b>	
Central Coast Baseball Assoc	David Bryant
Hastings Baseball Assoc	-
Coffs Harbour Baseball Assoc	Bill Langler
Shoalhaven Baseball Assc	-
Illawarra Junior Baseball Assoc	Stephanie Thompson
Newcastle Baseball Assoc	John Wingrove
Tamworth Baseball Assoc	-
Far North Coast Baseball Assc	-
Wagga Wagga Baseball Assoc	-
<b>Others</b>	
Cronulla Sutherland Minor League	Stuart Hitchcock
Baseball Illawarra	Judy Clifford
Pacific Coast Baseball League	Luis Almenara
Manly Minor League	-
St George Baseball Assoc	Stuart Hitchcock
Sydney Metro	Cheryl Barnier