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MAGPIES SPORTING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the Fortieth Annual General Meeting held on Monday 30th November 2020
At Skys Function Venue, Glenella Road, Glenella

Meeting Opened: 7.05 pm by the Chairman, Raymond Golding

Present: As per attendance book

Apologies: Graham Perry, Ross Wallace, Rob Sinn

Welcome: Raymond Golding Chairman welcomed all attending.

Silence: Raymond Golding asked all to stand for a minute's silence for all members who have passed on during the year

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The Chairman asked if someone would move the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Moved that the minutes of the previous AGM as read, be accepted
Barry Faye / Allan Harris

Business Arising:

Nicola Hay from Magpies Netball - History of Magpies Sporting Club

Is there any further progress on the history of the Club as raised by John Talbot in the previous two years?

Ray Golding responded that downstairs in Reception we have a list of Directors and a list of foundation life members.

Nicola said that what John had raised was more to do with information on the history of Magpies Sporting Club, not on life Members. Downstairs on the glass sliding doors where patrons wait for the bus would be a good place to feature club historical information.

John Talbot suggested that a Committee be formed to develop the full history of the Club. The committee could be formed by ordinary members as well as directors of the Club.

Ray Golding responded that he would take those suggestions on board.

Greg Pembroke asked if we could find out how many Foundation Life Members are still alive.

Ian Quinn said it would be around 300.

John Talbot said he thinks it might be impossible to get that information.



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Chairman's Report: Tabled as per the Annual Report and spoken to by Raymond Golding

*Moved that the Chairman's Report be accepted as tabled
Paul O'Brien / Paul Hudson - All in favour - Carried*

General Manager's Report: Tabled as per the Annual Report and spoken to by Darren Smith

Comments from the floor:

John Talbot asked if the decision to defer some financial commitments during the COVID period will impact us further next year?

Darren Smith responded that the Government have been very understanding and that we have now resumed all financial commitments without penalty and we simply pick up where we left off. Regarding Gaming Taxes, we are hoping that they will be waived rather than deferred and Clubs Qld is petitioning the Government in this regard.

*Moved that the General Manager's report be accepted as tabled
Rodney Kunst / John Donnelly - All in favour - Carried*

Financial Statements: Christiane Christoffel presented the report and the audited financial statements for the period as outlined in the Annual Report.

Comments from the floor:

John Talbot noted that 2027 is the projected year to pay off the building loan. He asked that if the funds become available, will we fast track that and pay it off sooner.

Christiane responded that yes, if we have surplus funds, we could pay the building loan off sooner and there are no penalties to do so. However, that would depend on the Board's decisions regarding capital works projects and plans.

Christiane also addressed John Talbot's earlier question about potential impacts of deferring financial commitments during the COVID shut down period. All deferred taxes have now been repaid or resumed except for the gaming tax which we will pay when it is due unless it is waived.

Paul O'Brien expressed his appreciation for the roof and air conditioning works that were completed during the COVID period, it was quite warm in the sportsbar prior to that and it was a good decision by the Board.

*Moved that the Financial Report be accepted as tabled
Paul O'Brien / Lyle Kunst - All in favour - Carried*



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Election of Office Bearers:

The Chairman advised that there were two full three year term positions and two 1 year term positions available and four nominations have been received.

Nominees are:

- Jason Egan
- Paul Hudson
- Ian Quinn
- Damian Smith

Result of Election:

2 x 3 year terms - Jason Egan and Damian Smith
2 x 1 year terms - Ian Quinn and Paul Hudson

John Talbot asked if a Director needs to be replaced during the year, does the Board do that without an election?

Ray responded that yes, the Board is entitled to replace Directors throughout the year until the next AGM when they would need to be elected.

Appointment of Auditors

*Moved that Brown & Bird be reappointed as auditors for the 2021 financial year.
All in favour - Carried*

Election of Life Members - Raymond Golding

Nomination put forward for Michael Langton

Jason Egan read the nomination for Michael Langton.

John Talbot asked what the criteria was for becoming a Life Member and whether there is a limit on the number of Life Members that the Club can have.

Ray Golding read out the criteria for Life Members and responded that there is no limit on how many life members the Club has.

John Talbot said that the listing of Foundation Life Members downstairs in Reception is wrong and that he knows of at least 9 people missing from the list.

Ray Golding responded that the original intention and idea behind the Foundation Life Members was good, but the administration and set up of it was bad. It has been very difficult to try and work through it and sort it out and Darren and his team are doing their best to make sense of it.

Barry Faye said that the Foundation Life Members should just be numbered 1-600.



Greg Pembroke said that what happened was that 600 Foundation Life Members were needed to get the liquor license and government funding and so we sold foundation life memberships to whoever had \$100. It was quite difficult, and, in the end, we sold one to anyone and everyone. Without the 600 we could not get the money from the bank or the liquor license.

Result of Election: Majority in favour - carried.

General Business

No notice of general business has been received.

Raymond Golding called the floor open for questions & suggestions

Discussion from the floor

Sandi Egan - dissolving of the Fishing Club

Was there an investigation by the Board to establish what happened to the funds or any assets when the fishing club disbanded?

Ray Golding responded that there was nothing for the Board to do, as there was no money owed, from us to them or them to us. There should have been something in their own constitution regarding disbanding the Club and any money held.

Barry Faye - They were originally Farleigh Fishing Club and when Rud came to drink at Magpies he bought the fishing club here.

Ray Golding reiterated that it was not our choice for them to disband it was theirs and if a member had reported a dispute or grievance then we would have assisted but that didn't occur.

Sandi Egan - it was Club money so we should know what happened to it and have a process to ensure it does not reoccur with any other affiliated clubs.

Ray Golding - we will always help a Club in need if they ask for help, but they didn't, and we are not liable for them.

John Talbot - Thank you and Naming of the Buildings and Fields

As Patron I would like to thank the Board, Management and Staff for their efforts and extraordinary work throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the Board and Management for looking after staff, particularly during bereavement and retirement.



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I would like to raise the issue of naming all the Fields and Buildings, I have bought it up each year. They all have names, and I can provide them.

Ray Golding - yes, we will take that on board.

Paul O'Brien - Strategic Plan

Can the Board share what the Plan is for the Club, both short-term after the impact of COVID and longer term for the future strategic direction?

Ray Golding advised that a meeting was scheduled for February 2020 but was rescheduled due to the unavailability of John Dickson and then COVID. The Board then decided to wait and assess the trading conditions post COVID and a Master Plan and Strat Plan meeting will now be held in either December 2020 or January 2021.

Paul asked if the Plan can be presented to the Members once it has been finalized. A few years ago, there was a presentation delivered to the members to set out the Strategic Plan for the Club and that was a good idea.

Ray said yes that once the Plan is finalized, we can provide copies at Reception.

Kay Meredith said that what Paul is asking for is another special meeting or a specific communication to really outline to members what the plan and direction is for the Club.

Nicola Hay asked if it could be emailed out to all as it is a long time between AGM's.

Ray Golding said yes, we would ensure the Plan would be communicated to the members.

John Talbot - Saturday 28th Nov

I was here on Saturday and there would have been 240-250 people in this Club, it would be biggest crowd I have seen here, and it is just unbelievable to me.

Paul O'Brien - Acknowledgement of the difficulty of COVID on Management Team

The impact of COVID and having to stand in front of our staff and terminate their employment or stand them down I imagine was incredibly difficult. It would be one of the toughest things our management have had to do, and I would like to congratulate Darren and his team on the way they handled it.

Barry Faye - Well done Ian Quinn

Ian Quinn did a great job during the COVID shut down period - he was painting walls and cleaning cold rooms and he deserves acknowledgment for his hard work.



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Ian Quinn - Importance of funding and lobbying the Government

One thing that has been overlooked in previous strategic plans is the need to lobby all levels of Government for funding and financial support. \$8 million of our money has been spent outside the club, we have never received any grants unlike several other Clubs. We need to go to lobbyists to get grants which means we need to have everything very well planned and that takes time. So yes, we need a Strategic Plan but we need to be patient and get it right.

Rodney Kunst said the lobbying laws are about to change so we need to act quickly.

Paul O'Brien agreed that a part of the planning process should be the lobbying of government and building relationships with politicians.

Paul O'Brien - Thank you

Thank you to all the people that have supported myself on the Board for the past 20 years. I would like to think that we achieved some great things and just wanted to say thank you.

Members and guests were invited to partake in light refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.