

PERTH-BAYSWATER RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of participating members held at the Clubhouse, Walter Road Morley Thursday, 25 November 2009

1 **OPENING** The meeting was declared open by the Club President Mr Ray Mills at 7:15 pm with 37 members present (signed registrations).

2 **APOLOGIES** Mr Jack Seymour, Mr John Taylor, Ms M MacDougal, Mr Rex George, Mr Dean Marshall, Ms Debra Hutson, Mr Greg Jones

3 **MINUTES** of the 2008 Annual General Meeting held Thursday 13 November 2008 were circulated at the meeting and taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Mr Bob Meade, seconded by Mr Barry Guzder; Carried

4 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
Nil

5 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President read from a prepared report reflecting on his year as president, making reference to the strengths and weaknesses; the number of quality players the club had developed over the past four years, the number of players leaving the club for a range of reasons, the lack of volunteers so necessary to maintain an amateur community sporting organisation.

Outstanding achievements were made by Ms Stacey Kilmister representing Australia in the ARU Women's Team; Ms Puawai Hopepa leading the Women's team to their third successive premiership and personally being RUWA Women's player of the year 2009; to Michael Whitney being selected to play for the Australian Police Rugby Team; to Mr Cameron Stoneley, winner of the prestigious JJ Guthrie Award 2009.

The club finished the year with 3 teams reaching finals – U18 premiers 2009.

Thanks to ME Bank for being major sponsor for the past three years and to all other sponsors for their contributions throughout the year; congratulated those who contributed to the completion of the renovations to the club house; to the Junior subcommittee for their renovations of the canteen;

The report was received and accepted with acclamation on the motion of Morrie Day, seconded Sam McCort.

6 **CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT**

The club captain provided the meeting with a report following the on-field performance of the men's and women's senior teams. The club captain acknowledged the tremendous contribution of the Club Coach Mr John Taylor to the life of the club and the innovations and improvements made to the player's mental and physical performance. A bitter season with many injuries, sickness and non availability of key players contributed to a weaker performance generally in 2009 – *a bitter winter for the boys in black*.

The report was received and accepted with acclamation on the motion of Noel Spittal, seconded Keith Reed.

7 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Copies of the Annual Report were provided to members prior to the meeting and were supported by a verbal summary, drawing attention to the key performance indicators

- Membership demographics – junior grades player growth had stabilised with registration of new players in the 5, 6, 7 year age group in decline.
- Player registrations stable (242) with a 19.9% overall reduction in registrations over the past two years (peaked in 2007 at 302)

The report was received and accepted on the motion of Bob Meade, seconded Steve McCormick. In speaking to the motion Mr Sam McCort spoke highly of the work done for the club by the secretary this being his 5th year as Club Secretary.

8 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The President reported that the Auditor's report was not available for the meeting. Copies of the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statement for the year ended 30 September 2009 was circulated to revealed an operating net profit of \$20,032.

The report was received on the motion of Bob Meade, seconded Noel Spittal subject to a copy of the Auditor's report being posted on the noticeboard when available.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Returning Officer declared the following members declared elected unopposed for the 2009 management committee in accordance with Rule 6.

<i>President</i>	Jack Seymour	<i>Club Captain</i>	Jason Bastaja
<i>Vice President Operations</i>	Dean Marshall	<i>Committee Persons</i>	Sam McCort
<i>Vice President Administration</i>	Bob Meade	<i>Committee Persons</i>	Dianne Scholes
<i>Patron</i>	Terry Kenyon Graham Pittaway	<i>Committee Persons</i>	Marie Freeman
<i>Secretary</i>	John Robertson	<i>Committee Persons</i>	Carol van Malsen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Vacant	<i>Committee Persons</i>	vacant
<i>Club Coach</i>	Rex George	<i>Committee Persons</i>	vacant

Nominations for the vacant position were called from those present. Two nominations were received and seconded however a subsequent search of the records could not locate the nominations being participating members of the club. The nominations were held over pending further examinations of credentials.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The current Club Auditor K. Westaway and Associates, Chartered Accountants were nominated and appointed as auditors for 2010.

10 Other Business

10.1 A nomination for life membership for **Mr Wally Murphy** was received from Mr Jack Seymour, seconded Mr Jason Bastaja. The nomination was supported by a formal citation detailing Mr Murphy's association with the PBRUFC being an active member in all aspects of the club life. Carried with acclamation; An inscribed Life medal was presented by Mr. Ray Mills.

10.2 Mr Barry Guzder again drew attention to changes in the plans to celebrate the clubs history, previously thought to be 80 years, now confirmed 100 years of playing rugby in Western Australia; detailed planning was being progressed by a subcommittee; criticism was levelled at the management committee for apparent lack of support to the subcommittee.

10.3 Question to the president to explain the circumstances for the selection of new club coach to replace Mr John Taylor. In response the president detailed the history and steps taken to find a replacement coach as there was a strong indication that JT was being courted by other clubs in the WA competition. A meeting was held with JT 11/11/09 when it was confirmed that he had met with another club to entertain a proposition. At the same time a CV had been received from a prominent NZ coach and on consideration of the evidence, a proposal was put to Mr Rex George which he accepted. A position of Club Director of Coaching was offered to JT which was refused. JT agreed to a termination of contract 31 December 2009. There was no acrimony and JT had decided to step away from the club however would always be welcomed into the clubhouse at any time. A letter to members from JT will be posted on the intranet. The outgoing president provided answers to questions from the floor of the meeting supported by additional comments from Mr Noel Spittal.

12. CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:15 pm

Secretary	J Robertson	President
Prepared	1 December 2009	Date