



MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 MARCH 2009

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

1. Attendance & Apologies:

Dr. Simon Costello, President, in the Chair
M Commadeur, S Commadeur, A Donald, P Selleck, IH Munro, R Hanna, S Meade, B Angel, R Wilson, A Schlicht, A Costello, A Ray, D Kelly, M Thompson, E Scantleton, A Jesse, D Batten, R Mackie, J Mortensen, R Drummond, R Wood.

Apologies had been received from:

S MacInnes, C Thompson, A Salter, M Robin, J Kanis, S Longley, G Williams.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 30th November 2007.

The minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting had been circulated and were tabled by the General Secretary, Peter Selleck.

It was acknowledged that Robert Girdwood, who had stepped down as Chairman of the Blues after a monumental amount of effort, had assisted with the printing.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: R Wilson; Seconded: R Hanna Carried

3. 2008 Annual Report

The Annual Report, together with audited accounts was tabled by the General Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer.

The President addressed the following items:

- The meeting time had been scheduled to address issues with the accounting and the time for the auditors to sign off on the accounts.
- The performances of the teams in dived not such a great year overall.
- The highlight was Jack Watts' 'trifecta' Blues B&F; VAFA A Section B&F and All Australian player.
- Thanked coach John Kanis and organizer Bob Girdwood and congratulated the team on their AUG Grand Final success. AUG 2009 to be hosted on the Gold Coast.

- Although not in strict sequence, the President asked R Girdwood to give the meeting an update on the Pavilion redevelopment. The key items were: Rooms now 50 sq metres; the medical rooms the way we preferred; storage is satisfactory; possibility that the entertainment area can be segmented; wall space is satisfactory; budget now \$5.6 million, originally \$3.5m; possibility of some covered seating; user group to meet monthly; access not discussed at most recent meeting; best outcome in the wrong location including the dismantling of the machine sheds; target to commence March 2009 with a construction time of 12 months.
- Invited R Girdwood to report on the AUG. John Kanis, Coach of AUG for 10 years, has made an incredible effort in that results of are 7 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third over this time is outstanding.

Motion: That the 2008 Annual Report and audited accounts be accepted.

Proposed: S Costello; Seconded: P Selleck Carried

4. Election of Officers

It was reported by the President that nominations had been received as follows:

President: S Costello
 Gen Secretary: P Selleck
 Officers: R Hanna
 S Longley
 S Meade
 A Schlicht

As the nominations did not exceed the positions available, the nominees were duly elected.

R Wilson and G Williams (or nominees) are ex-officio members of the Board.

5. Amendments to the MUFC Statement of purposes and rules.

Peter Selleck spoke to each of the following resolutions, the details and rationale follow.

A) Special Resolution to alter Clause 4

FROM: 4 (3) As soon as practicable after the receipt of a nomination and the annual subscription, the nomination shall be referred to the Board.

(4) Upon a nomination being referred to the Board, the Board shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.

(5) If the nomination is approved by the Board, the General Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the Register of members kept by him and upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a Member.

(6) If the nomination is rejected by the Board, the General Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee in writing that his nomination was not approved for membership of the Club and return payment of the annual subscription

TO: 4 (3) As soon as practicable after the receipt of a nomination and the annual subscription, the nomination shall be referred in the first instance to the President and the General Secretary.

(4) Upon a nomination be referred to the President and General Secretary, the President and the General Secretary shall determine (by agreement with each other) whether to approve or reject the nomination. If the nomination is approved, the General Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the Register of Members kept by him and upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member.

(5) If the President and the General Secretary do not agree whether to approve or reject the nomination or if the President and the General Secretary reject a nomination, the nomination shall then (in the second instance) be referred to the Board. Upon a nomination being referred to the Board, the Board shall determine whether to approve or reject the nomination. If the nomination is approved, the General Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the Register of Members kept by him and upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member.

Rationale: The current rules make it difficult for nominees to become members particularly at the commencement of the season as a Board meeting is required. By adopting these new rules, together with some procedural changes regarding the payment of subscriptions, we can move to ensure that all registered players are Members of the MUFC before they play. Concurrently, MUS can check eligibility under the MUSA Constitution. If a player does not formally become a Member, they are not permitted to play and are not covered by the University's Insurance. This change to the rules has also been brought on by the requirements of the Club's Liquor Licence.

Proposed: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Seconded: **Andrew Donald** (Life Member)
Carried

B) Special Resolution to alter Clause 25

ADD: 1 (d) and a Treasurer

Rationale: The MUFC Treasurer should be a designated officer and this places the rules as being consistent with that in 34, Team Committees

Proposed: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Seconded: **Andrew Donald** (Life Member)
Carried

C) Special Resolution to alter Clause 37

FROM: 37 All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two of those officers of the Club as are appointed by the Board annually for that purpose, at least one of whom shall be the President, or General Secretary of the Club.

TO: 37 All cheques, on line banking transactions, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed or duly authorized by a combination of any two of the following to sign / authorize.

President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Team Committee Chairman, two other members of any Team Committee approved by the Board annually for this purpose.

Proposed: Simon Costello (President)
Seconded: Peter Selleck (General Secretary)
Rationale: The MUSA Constitution requires member clubs to adopt the 'two to sign rule'. The existing rule is operationally defective.

Discussion ensued over the merits or otherwise of this rule but as members of MUSA, there is no choice.

Proposed: **Simon Costello** (President)
Seconded: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Carried

D) Special Resolution to delete Clause 38

Rationale: The Common Seal is no longer required
Proposed: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Seconded: **Andrew Donald** (Life Member)
Carried

E) Special Resolution to alter Clause 13(2)

FROM: 13 (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Board determines, but no later than 31st December.

TO: 13 (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Board determines, but no later than 31st March.

Rationale: The business year runs to 31st October each year. It is a requirement that the audited annual accounts be presented to the Annual General Meeting. Auditing delays often cause the accounts not to be available for presentation in audited form. This amendment will permit sufficient time for this to occur and is in line with the final date of lodgment of the accounts with the Department of Justice.

Proposed: **Stephen Longley** (Treasurer)
Seconded: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Carried

F) Special Resolution to alter Clause 17(3)

FROM: 17 (3) Twenty members or fifty per cent of the registered membership whichever is the lesser, personally present (being Members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

TO: 17 (3) Twenty members or fifty per cent of the registered membership whichever is the lesser, personally present or present by proxy being Members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

Rationale: The attendance at Annual and Special General Meetings is generally thin. Permitting attendance by proxy will enable more members to be represented and brings us into line with accepted practice in the community, including public companies.

Proposed: **Simon Costello** (President)
Seconded: **Peter Selleck** (General Secretary)
Carried

The meeting thanked Shona MacInnes and Robert Girdwood, who were retiring from the Board, however Mr. Girdwood will continue as the Blues nominee.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Selleck', written in dark ink.

Peter Selleck
General Secretary