

SOUTH MANDURAH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

11 August 2017

South Mandurah Club Rooms

Present:

Nick Schoeffer, Christine Mirchef, Jane Watson, Kevan Waters, Darren Dews, Mirco Della Vecchia, Mel Clements, Sharyn Rush, Chazzelle Booth, Jade Boaler, Ryan Smith, Kathryn Smith, Stuart Mearns, Darren Starbuck, Jemma Blair, Matthew Edwards, Blanche McCulloch, Mel Graham, Bowie Sheppard, Stuart Ball, Cynthia Graham, Vanessa Jardine, Mark Penkala, Rohan Axford, Ray Oliver, Eddie Kuznicki, Amanda O'Donnell, Brett Clarke, Donna Clarke, Teresa Popazzi, James Paynter, Troy Beauchamp, Linda Smith

Apologies:

Jasmine Cashell

Meeting opened at 6.05pm

Previous Minutes

Motion for 2016 AGM Minutes to be agreed as a true and correct record of events.

Moved: Kevan Waters

Seconded: Christine Mirchef

Motion carried unanimously

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Life Members

The new life member by-law was adopted earlier this year and is based on 7 years continuous service and players who play 95% of total available games. A lot of work went into the research and developing formulae to calculate the life member qualifications – thank you Kevan Waters for this important part of the Club Constitution and recognising these outstanding servants of the Club.

As part of the back capture, Kevan has nominated 4 additional Life Members for this year :

- **Tannah Dunning** played 154 games (150 is life membership) and **Jack Tomerini** played 123 of 133 possible games (95%) required by the Club Bylaw ratios table
- **Ron Melbourne** - Ron helped form the club as a separate entity from the South Mandurah Sports Association in 1984. Ron was the President for the first 7 years (1984-1991) of the club (7 Year Rule). In that period the club's number of teams grew steadily to fill all grades. Ron later became heavily involved in the administration of the senior club.
- **Mick (Fishy) Taylor** - Mick was President for 3 years (1996-1998). He was on the committee for many years assisting Presidents Richard Stevenson (1994-1995) and Gil Turner (1999-2001). Mick was and remains a long term sponsor of both junior and senior clubs and has given many hours of volunteering service.

Motion raised by Stuart Mearns and seconded Vanessa Jardine (motion carried unanimously)

- **Ocean Road Oval**

Was used for the first season this year – have had great reports. Is a large oval and improves players running game. Would be great for full ground drills and improving end to end transition. Hopefully we get some more facilities at the oval, including lights.

- **Jumpers**

Club supplier Sportspower Mandurah arranged jumpers for us this year. Sizing was an issue but has been rectified. We will use for next year as all purchases also go towards Club Rewards Program. We had a \$1000 credit this season. Opening next to Destination Surf, remember to mention the Club.

- **Goodsports Level 3**

Level 3 Good sports achieved this year. Good Sports accreditation is about creating a safe and family-friendly environment and being mindful of alcohol and smoking at junior sport. We want to be THE club of choice in the Peel, and continue to work towards providing the best game day environment for the kids.

President's Report

- Very successful year with Registrations. 24 Teams up from 23 (including a new junior girls team). Increase in numbers has meant most teams were closed-off well prior to season due to maximum playing list numbers. 562 members up from last year by 65 members. Auskick down by 10 – lower numbers from St Damians this year so need to target that school next year. It is obvious we are becoming the choice of Club in the Southern Peel as members move toward us from other Clubs.
- Green space for training remains a factor in carefully managing the growth of team numbers – more Friday training would assist in freeing up space.
- For a number of teams next season, we will need to offer positions to 2017 players first, then opening up the team on a first come-first served basis. This will require parents to register and pay early. Additionally, next season we will look at a no pay-no play policy from round 1 to avoid the extra work in chasing money.
- Thank you to our sponsors whose two-year terms finish - Matt Bassett-Scarfe at Peel Legal/Falcon Settlements, Arthur Barrett at Cobblers Tavern, Clinton Holborn at Estuary Plumbing, Mike Rubie at Home Group WA and Dave Sears at Coastal Demolition. Thank you to our voucher sponsors - Brad Hope at Muzz Buzz, Jodie Budworth at the Cut, Kim DeLacy at Fish Shack and John Frankham at McDonalds Falcon.
- Major financial sponsors mentioned earlier. Will look to renew these sponsorships and seek new/additional sponsors this year.
- Even Team Policy - Junior Club Manual states that “In the event that a club enters more than one team in the same age group division, players must be allocated to the team so that they are evenly matched”. This is checked by the JCC at games. Auskick to year 3 process is to grade players so they are evenly matched in year 3 teams. Other teams in the one division should be evenly matched. Coaches need to work together to ensure this happens.
- Finals – 6 out of 7 Youth Teams to play finals with Youth Girls finishing 2nd and two years 9 teams finishing 1st and 3rd.
- Colts situation. Year 11/12 despite having low numbers due to the Colts situation, look like playing finals. A huge thanks to Stu and Darren for their years of service with this team. They have not only groomed the boys into fantastic players, but also fantastic young people, and

that is all we can ask of our Club Coaches. Thanks to Chazzelle for taking on the management of the team as well this season – done a great job considering the late team ins and outs.

- If you have already agreed to volunteer as a Manager or Coach next season, the Club thanks you once again for your invaluable support and for supporting our community youth. If you are unable to do so, then thank you for your past support and hopefully your continued support as a general member. If you aren't continuing, we would also like to ask you to please advise your team tomorrow at your end of game presentation, and perhaps ask the parent group to please volunteer for next season. You could follow this up at the wind-up trophy presentations. Gives them an opportunity to ask questions.

Treasurers Report

- Nick presented the financial report showing we are in a solid position against our budget forecast.
At the end of the season we are expecting an extra \$4,000 surplus on top of the \$28,000 that we started the year on.
- Major expenditure – the Junior club has donated \$10,000 to assist the Senior Club with the building of the new Changerooms which we will have use of for our older teams, and the Junior club has also supplied the Senior Club with a \$10,000 short term loan
- The club will look to invest in both new Jumpers and new Equipment in 2018
- Nick mentioned the Junior Club's use of the Canteen and this will be looked into next year as we need to support the canteen more, and perhaps the availability of EFPOS facilities might assist.

Election of Office Bearers

Nick thanked all the Committee for the excellent work they have done over the season. Our Club is very lucky to have such good people who demonstrate such great ethics toward the running of the Club. It is always a kids-first mentality and in these times when there is more and more pressure on kids, we need to make sure our Club is a safe and happy place for our Community youth to thrive in both their footy and social life.

Special thanks to Tinet for her fantastic work as Auskick Coordinator in her first year, Tinet has been very organised and embraced the role and our Auskick program has run really well this season.

Special thanks to a departing member of our Committee, Mirco for the years he has given the Club as the Coaching Co-ordinator. He has been a real stalwart of the Club, not just organising the Coaches and the often contentious issue of what team trains where and when, but also for all the handyman help around the Club, in making repairs and building infrastructure such as our Junior Shed.

To ensure the Club goes forward and continues to improve we desperately need some more help. It is a very big ask to ask some of our Committee to keep doing all the work they are doing without some help, as the hours they put in are not sustainable. For example, Chrissy doing Treasurer, Merchandise, and Events. Therefore we are seeking volunteers for some new positions : Events and Fundraising Coordinator, Merchandise Manager, Assistant Registrar mainly to help pre-season.

All Executive committee positions are up for election

Executive Committee Positions are as follows for 2018

President - Nick Schoeffer agrees to continue his role for the coming year looking to stay on and handover for a year.

Nominated by Kevan Waters

Seconded by Vanessa Jardine. Nomination accepted.

Vice President – Kevan Waters.

Nominated by Christine Mirchef

Seconded by Jane Watson. Nomination accepted.

Treasurer – Christine Mirchef.

Nominated by Vanessa Jardine.

Seconded by Sharon Rush. Nomination accepted.

Secretary – Jane Watson agrees to continue this role in the short term, but would like any interested persons to offer to take this on due to work commitments. (*Amanda O'Donnell has expressed interest*)

Nominated by Ryan Smith

Seconded by Cynthia Graham. Nomination accepted.

Registrar – Jasmine Cashell.

Nominated by Chazelle Booth

Seconded by Nick Schoeffer. Nomination accepted.

Auskick Co-ordinator – Tinet Tuck

Nominated by Nick Schoeffer

Seconded by Jemma Blair. Nomination accepted

Coaching Co-ordinator – position vacant

Events and Fundraising Co-ordinator – position vacant

Junior Registrar/Assistant Registrar – position vacant

Merchandise Manager – position vacant (*Mel Clements expressed interest*)

Nick will email members regarding these positions.

General Business

- Toyota Raffle tickets fundraiser – Most teams sold their books, thanks for such a great effort! Thanks to those who sold tickets, we raised \$1,700.
- There is to be a \$5 per member fee increase next season to cover levy rises and associated costs. This will take 2018 fees up as follows:
Auskick - \$135, Junior - \$157, Youth - \$182
For comparison: without 2018 increases :
HH - \$135, \$160, \$170-200
NMJFC - \$135, \$195, \$245-260
Mustangs - \$145, \$180, \$220-\$250
(Include wind-ups, dinner at some clubs and photo \$55). We are still cheaper and give an option. We also provide free polos to Year 7 and Managers and free photos to Coaches and Managers.
- Registration Day – Nick opened the floor to discuss if this should be a large Open Day event

rather than do the Junior Wind-up as our large event due to the time and weather constraints this time of year. It was agreed a windup would be more popular as registrations are mostly done online now and would not be well attended.

- Kevan congratulated both Christine Mirchef and Nick Schoeffer on the work they have done this season, both improving the culture of the club and supporting junior support development

To close the AGM Nick Schoeffer thanked all the volunteers including coaches, managers and all helpers for an extremely successful season.

Meeting closed at 6.44pm

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General Meeting Notes following AGM

Brett Clarke – Was there an opportunity to have tackle mats at Ocean Road, and if a key could be supplied to access these if they were to be stored there. Nick would look into this, as getting extra keys would be a Council matter.

Stuart Mearns – Asked if he could have the fairest and best names in advance. Nick to action. In addition, he would like to request Friday night games, as early Saturday games are not good.

Mandy O'Donnell – asked about the First Aid course requirements. Nick said he would look into this for next year:- An affordable and quick football related first aid course is hoped to be developed by the WAFC.

Kathryn Smith – asked if only the top 10 team members get listed at the Fairest and Best counts in consideration of those children who don't get many votes. Discussion held about getting volunteers for fairest and best voting and it was suggested to create a roster at the beginning of the season.

Ryan Smith – asked about the dates for the finals, and Nick is awaiting the information.

Kathryn Smith – thanked Nick for help this year for assistance with any issues, thanked him for his trust and his work which was instrumental in sorting out the even-up rules.

Darren Dews – updated the members about the new building work to be undertaken. The plans for new change rooms are in, and have a builder ready, the Council just need to sign off on them. Darren discussed the \$10,000 donation from the Junior Club to assist in this venture and the agreement about the Years 10/11/12 and Youth Girls being able to utilise them. If all goes to plan, they should be built before the start of next season. Further extensions to the club rooms are also in discussions. Darren confirmed that the additional contribution from the Junior Club of an extra \$10,000 was just a short term loan to be repaid in full by end of September.

Nick reminded the Coaches and Managers about the procedure of the return of Team Gear - This year we would like all playing gear and Managers Packs, left over umpire money, to be returned as one package per team. Please do not return bags with missing jumpers etc. All jumpers need to be returned and washed and packed in kit bags before they are returned. Please return to our house by arrangement or to the Club on Thursday between 4.30pm and 5.30pm NOT to wind-ups or the Club.

Nick asked all Managers – to please check all medallions against your lists to make sure the names are correct and everyone is receiving one. Please let us know asap of any problems.

Meeting closed 7.02pm