



# Annual General Meeting Minutes

Boroondara Eagles Football Club

AGM

**7PM, Thursday February 2nd, 2017**

Colombo's Family Restaurant, Balwyn

## **Present**

Paul Guthrie, Aubrey Roga, Faith Andersen, Pablo Garrido, Chris Constantine, Angela Martin, Manny Koutroulis, Sam Leo, Marina Scherbanuk, Con Arvanitis, Sam Papadopoulos, Chantelle Davies-Sanke, Anthony Versace, Graeme Smith

## **Proxy Votes**

No Proxy votes

## **Open Meeting – Paul Guthrie**

Welcome message from 2016 Club President – Paul Guthrie

## **Minutes of 2015 AGM – Pablo Garrido**

Minutes of 2015 AGM confirmed as correct with attendees of 2016 AGM

## **President Report of 2016 Activities – Paul Guthrie**

Club had a successful season during 2016, continue from 2015 and previous seasons.

We achieved the Merger with Carey Eagles Old Boys and our Senior Men's finished the season strong holding their position half way on State League 4.

Senior Women's had another fantastic season and whilst we lost some players to the WNPL, most players carried on with the Club winning the competition Women's State League 1.

Junior's U12 to U18 also had a successful season with excellent results shown by three teams winning the group competition and participating in State Final Series. Whilst we lost some players to the NPL the impact was not as we had expected and participation remains strong.

MiniRoos U9 to U11 continues to be the largest age group for the Club to manage, and U5 to U8 continued to sustain strong participation during the season, supported by excellent weather conditions.

The Club Financial position is good and new Committee Members participation was strong last season.

The WNPL Application provided the Club with constructive feedback and has triggered discussions with the Boroondara City Council about improvement of facilities, plus the Club is continuing to look for options and opportunities with the FFV.

We established a vision to improve the quality of our Senior Men's Team and drive their promotion to State League 3 and 4 in the next two to three years, ultimate objective to reach State League 1 in four to five years. We have also committed to seek for additional funds through Sponsorships to support this vision, ensuring there is no impact to our Junior members.



### **2016 Treasury Financial Statements Report – Faith Andersen**

For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 BEFC generated an operating loss of \$26,887 compared to a profit in 2015 of \$41,818. The loss compares an original budget of \$5,000 profit and then a revised budget (prepared in April to reflect changes in registration numbers) of \$13,000 loss.

Reflected in the 2016 loss, but not included in 2015 results, or the budget are two non-cash adjustments:

- \$13,458 write-off merchandise previously carried as stock, and
- \$12,005 reduction to the receivable from Carey Eagles

After discussion with the President and programme manager we felt it was prudent to write the merchandise stock off. Merchandise includes jackets, polo shirts, hoodies and shorts, we still have some stock on hand.

At last years AGM held in January 2016, we were still finalising with the FFV the 'merger' of BEFC and Carey senior men's teams. At 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 there were two separate entities. The remaining receivable represents the balance in the Carey bank account which can be transferred to BEFC when the appropriate documentation is filed with the CAV.

Adding these two non-cash adjustments back brings us close to a break-even position.

Another notable point from a financial perspective is the new strategy for uniforms. For the first time we supplied every player with a new shirt, shorts and socks. We budgeted \$44,000 for this and the final cost was \$50,602. This is \$34,000 above the cost 2015.

A flow on effect of the time and effort required to roll-out the uniform programme was a reduced focus on merchandise sales and also a natural decline in sales of shorts as these were supplied for free.

Our balance sheet is simple and the ley message here is that we closed 2016 with \$100,00 in the bank compared to \$115,000 at the same time last year.

We are going into 2017 season with good cash reserves and the knowledge that we can absorb the cost of providing uniforms on an ongoing basis. Other additional expenditure will be financed by the grants and sponsorship programme.

### **Club Auditor update – Assistant Treasurer, Con Arvanitis**

Audit is current underway. Propose to approve the accounts pending finalisation of the review, if any changes Con will advise the BEFC Committee and resubmit the accounts for approval.

### **2017 Committee of Directors Elections – Club Secretary, Pablo Garrido**

All positions declared vacant.

Nominations proposed, seconded and accepted (voted in) were:

- Anthony Versace
- Aubrey Roga
- Chantelle Davies-Sankey
- Chris Constantine
- Con Arvanitis
- Kendrea Pope
- Pablo Garrido



- Paul Guthrie
- Sam Leo
- Sam Papadopoulos

Paul Guthrie thanked Faith Andersen for her previous participation in the BEFC Committee of Directors and outstanding contribution to the club for the last four years. During her time in the Committee, Faith has had to step in many roles including Club Register, Team Manager and many more. She also worked on last year's merger. On behalf of BEFC members, we thank Faith for her invaluable contribution to the Club.

### **Other Business**

- Consideration of Director's recommendation for nominee **Graeme Smith** to be admitted to Life Membership.

DR Graeme Smith OAM was the co-founder for the club known as Boroondara Lions.

The club started with a modest playing membership but under Graeme's leadership, the vision was to create a club that would provide equal opportunity for members with a culture of inclusiveness. This resulted into strong community support and increased numbers over the initial three to four-year period.

Graeme went on to make key appointments firstly bringing in a paid administrator to the club and then created a pilot program of skills training for players outside of the parent coach program. The pilot program led Graeme to appoint Manny Koutroulis as Director of Coaching at the club.

A major decision under Graeme's leadership was to create an **Open Women's team for the club** and this saw great success come to the BEFC brand with the Women's team winning State 3, State 2 and State 1 promotions in succession. The team then went on to have two seasons in the Premier League competition making the finals twice, competing in the Grand Final and winning the Team App state wide Cup.

Graeme in his time as president oversaw two mergers being that of Templestowe Eagles and Boroondara Lions and recently with the open men becoming the Boroondara Carey Eagles.

Both Graeme's children Paul and Marie played significant parts in the club both being junior players, key senior players and club junior coaches.

Throughout his time as President Graeme has been a passionate supporter of the club, passionate about **getting equality for girls and Women in Sport** and has supported many families during his time. Graeme has always been a loyal person and a genuine man who showed a lot of care for our players and coaches and helped them not only achieve in the game but also support them with off field endeavours.

*All present members at the AGM voted accept this recommendation*



- Paul Guthrie proposed the Club sends flowers to outgoing Club Treasurer – Faith Andersen  
*All present members at the AGM voted accept this recommendation*

AGM Meeting closed at 8:45pm