



# 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Boroondara Eagles Football Club  
AGM  
**7PM, Monday February 5th, 2018**  
Colombos Family Restaurant, Balwyn

## Present

Paul Guthrie	Aubrey Roga	Pablo Garrido
Chris Constantine	Angela Martin	Manny Koutroulis
Sam Leo	Marina Scherbanuk	Con Arvanitis
Sam Papadopoulos	Chantelle Davies-Sankey	Anthony Versace
Darren Bridges	Angela Bridges	Maria Nigro

## Chair Person – Pablo Garrido, Club Secretary 2017

### Proxy Votes

No Proxy votes.

### Open Meeting – Pablo Garrido

Welcome message from 2017 Club President.

### Minutes of 2016 AGM – Pablo Garrido

Minutes of 2016 AGM confirmed as correct.

### President Report of 2017 Activities – Paul Guthrie

2017 has been one of the best years ever in terms of competitions for the Club.

Our Senior Men won Stale League Four competitions and earned a promotion, plus our Senior Women won State League One. The Club is still keen to progress our Senior Women into the W-NPL and progress into the highest leagues/competitions.

There was also an unprecedented number of Junior teams that played either in A Groups or competed with higher divisions, including getting close to reach a position in the Final Series. The Club currently has a competitive number of junior players, which provide the required capacity to feed into our senior ranks.

The Committee Strategy Meeting verified the need for the Club to remained focus on budget and budget planning cycles, driven by a ‘healthy tension’ between revenue and expenditure transactions during the year. Manny, Sam and Con have done an excellent job looking after budgets and respecting opinios between revenue and expenses.



The Club needs to do some work on sourcing volunteers. As a Community Club, the lack of volunteering has become a weakness for the club, therefore we should develop strategies to encourage our members to be more involved with helping with the Club.

Overall, this has been the best ever year we had, and look forward to next year.

### **2017 Treasury Financial Statements Report – Sam Papadopoulos**

In Financial terms it has been a difficult year which resulted in a deficit of \$60,906 mostly due to some increases in budget with Senior players and the increase emphasis on quality coaches, therefore as a Club we now need to moderate this spending going forward. Other material costs such as Cleaning and Canteen will also need to improve, however it is a challenge getting the right balance for these critical functions.

The Club Revenue in 2017 was similar to the previous year; however, we had an increase of \$35,182 in sponsorship and grants, with a Bendigo Bank sponsorship of \$5,000 yet to come for 2017. Some cost increases we incurred in cleaning of club rooms have been brought under control.

The balance of our accounts shows a total of \$39,760 in the Bank as at 31st October 2017, currently we have \$398,000 in the bank account as we start the season and have been receiving revenue for registrations for the 2018 season.

The Club needs to continue to cut cost as our current trends on spend is unsustainable. As such, Treasury has some concern about costs and spend this coming year. According to the trends, any budget increases in the Club will need to be thoroughly reviewed in line with our current revenue streams. More prudence will be required in coming years.

We have implemented some cost savings on Uniforms, Team Photos and others items, and additional cost management activities are required to try and bring the Club to a net profit for this year. The Club is therefore required to look at all commitments in order to address the current deficit of \$60,906. Getting back to parity is a priority with budget and cost management activities for the Club.

### **Club Auditor update – Con Arvanitis**

Auditor has been engaged, is looking at the accounts. Assistant Treasurer will distribute the final accounts and submission to the Committee in the next few weeks.

### **2018 Committee of Directors Elections – Club Secretary, Pablo Garrido**

All positions declared vacant.

Nominations proposed and received:



1. Angela Martin
2. Anthony Versace
3. Aubrey Roga
4. Chantelle Davies-Sankey
5. Darren Bridges
6. Angela Bridges
7. Chris Constantine
8. Sam Leo
9. Sam Papadopoulos
10. Sam Pezzano

*All above nominations were accepted for the 2018 Committee of Directors.*

#### **Other Business**

- Consideration of Director's recommendation to nominate **Paul Guthrie** to be admitted to Life Membership.

Nomination by Aubrey Roga: Paul has been an asset and strong contributor to the Club. Paul's inclusive and respect approach to all Club members, plus a 'can do everything' attitude complemented with a humble manner, saw him playing all roles to serve our members, from serving sausages all the way to set-up and pack up facilities throughout a whole day of competitions.

Paul's quote to members of the Committee is a plain reflection of his ideology and contribution to the Club: "Just remember that we are here to help, so I prefer members with attitude to help, than the best technical coach".

Paul is not leaving the Club, he will continue to run with the equipment until a new person can be found and handover the job.

Paul has been instrumental to the Club for setting high standards and improving the culture of the Club.

*The above nominations for Paul Guthrie to become a Life Member of the Club was accepted.*

**AGM Meeting closed at 7:52pm**