



Boroondara Eagles FC Inc

DRAFT 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 31 January 2023

5.30pm

Online meeting held via Zoom

Present:

Chris Constantine (CC)	Graeme Smith (GS)	Manny Koutroulis (MK)
Leanne Lewis (LL)	Dilan Lomas (DL)	Michael Jacombs (MJ)
Marina Scherbanuk (MS)	Brett Coleman (BC)	
Fil Simao (FS)	Anton Kozul (AK)	

Chair – Chris Constantine

I begin today by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Open and Welcome by President –

Chris Constantine introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was a proxy form received from Brendan Pincher who is a recent winner of the Tropfest Movie Competition and Chris Payton who is the CFO of Latrobe Financial. Both have nominated for Board positions. Thank you everyone for taking the time to attend. I know it's a busy time of year.

Acceptance of Minutes from 2022 – Fil Simao proposed that the minutes from the 2022 AGM were correct, and this was seconded by Anton Kozul, thus the minutes were confirmed as correct.

Presentation of Reports

President - Chris Constantine.

I would like to record the following Board Member resignations from Umberto Mecchi and Paul Tucker who are both finishing up due to professional work commitments. We have a season launch coming up where we will be able to recognise their valuable assistance throughout their tenure.

To recap, last season we had 3 Premiership teams, and 9 teams made it through to the finals. With our two newly promoted senior teams, the Men (NPL 2) finished 6th and our NPLW finished 2nd. Congratulations to our NPLW who are the highest finishing promoted team ever.

Our NPLW Coach, John Kyrgios also went on to Coach the Victorian NPLW side in the Battle of the States.

Our strategic goals for the coming year include creating NPL pathways, facility improvements and coach education.

The City of Boroondara have engaged in proper master planning and we have attended some key workshops and meetings. At present we are waiting for the Council to present their findings. Macleay 3 could be a very good fit for us with Macleay 5 as an area for non-organised sport for community use as an important request by the residents.

Residents were very supportive of lighting for the community up to a specified time. Additional lighting for the car parks and walkways was also requested. We have made progress towards master planning.

BEFC has also started using Balwyn High School, which is a huge win. This also opens a new door to seeking joint funding.

Our specialist program is a pathway for developing skills plus NPL pathways. For nights where we don't have full participation, coaching resources will be re-allocated.

We offer our thanks to Luke Udorovic for his continuing support in sponsorship and coaching. His sponsorship will also assist with a website refresh. BASSCare have also resigned as 2024 club sponsors.

I would also like to welcome Tara Knight who is a marketing and communications graduate and will come on board to assist with our social media.

Treasurers Report, presented by Chris Constantine

There is a small loss this season, however we are utilizing some funds that were available to us and continue to get as much value as possible to our members. There have been some changes to registration fees but the package they are receiving is value added.

A set of auditor reports will be coming with Aubrey Roga continuing in the role of Treasurer until it has been finalised and will then facilitate a handover.

Appointment of Auditors for 2022/2023

We have switched auditors, and our financial year ends on 31st October after which we submit these accounts to CAV. They are currently in draft form.

Introducing the Nominations – Chris Constantine

All existing 2023 Board Members (except for resigned members) have nominated and been accepted to return in 2024.

Updates & Comments from Attendees

Fil Simao (FS)

It's a pleasure to be on board and a privilege to guide one of the best clubs around. It's a great and enjoyable place to be and I am looking forward to another successful year. It will be interesting to see where FV takes the JBNPL & JGNPL.

CC – We continue to try and match the highest level we can with NPL compliance and if an opportunity arises to compete at this level, we will try and do so. There is a shift from FV to move away from this elite pathway and possibility for one super league.

FS – We would like to cater for everyone and now with our VPL, NPLW and CPL pathways we

are on the right track. I will continue to assist with coaching in the Senior Men's and U23's. Big shout out to everyone and especially to CC who holds it all together.

Dilan Lomas (DL)

This past year has seen us with more access to Maleay Park, greater female participation and to have a better relationship with cricket.

We are in our 3rd year of partnership with Ultra Football to supply our uniforms. Last year's process was a little flawed, so we have a slightly different process for this year. Once 75% of the team has been finalised and registrations paid, a code is sent to the player. The parent then registers on Club Shop and selects their sizes. Shirt numbers are pre-populated. There is a week to deliver or go and collect. In general, the Club Store is under utilised.

Graeme Smith (GS)

I'm a life member and have been involved in the formation of the club with a focus on female football. I started the junior arm of the club to create more gender equality in the game. This coming season I am quite excited about having 3 international players coming to play for our NPLW side. They come from Puerto Rico, Singapore and Ohio. Together with our returning players who have played with us for several years.

In State League news, 11 out of 14 senior players are returning to play with us which is a testament to his style of coaching. Especially great for a newly formed team. Thank you, Coach -James Thompson.

Noteworthy is Hannah Hubbard who is one of our longest on/off players since 2005 and is making a great contribution to our facilities.

Leanne Lewis (LL)

I will be taking on the role of Club Secretary this season. I'm excited for the season ahead although, in reality it never stopped.

Brett Coleman, Parent U15 Girls (BC)

New parent to the club having come from the NPL system. Excited for our daughter Jenna to be involved with the U15 Girls CPL.

Anton Kozul, Parent & Coach U11 Boys (AK)

The Respect awards and portrayal of the Junior Club is exemplary. There is always some tension on the pitch and the respect awards are a great diffuser of tension. But coaches and clubs need to want to do that.

Would be great to print something around respect on our jerseys.

CC- This is something we want to continue with. To ensure that our players leave the club with more skills and are equipped to be better people. The training shirts in line with a sponsorship will be another visual to reinforce RESPECT. It's a great idea.

Manny Koutroulis (MK)

Thank you to Chris for all his work as President and the support he offers to all staff.

With huge growth last year, we were able to put forward a coaching line up and a great program. The futsal program and holiday programs were hugely successful.

There is always a turnover of players, and it is hard to know where registrations will land, but we had 490 Junior registrations.

This season I would like to announce Dilan Lomas as the Technical Director for U8 – U11s, Sean Vah as technical Director of U12 – U18s and Riley Phillips will look after the U5 – U8 skills program.

Marina Scherbanuk (MS)

Thank you to everyone for all your support throughout the year. Our Mini Eagles registrations have been a little low and it would be great to get some momentum in this space. We have shown growth in our female participations with a great many players returning from last season.

Election of Directors/Board

All Directors/Board positions were declared vacant in line with our constitution.

The following nominations have been received for the Directors/Board positions:

1. Chris Constantine – President, Facilities
2. Aubrey Roga – Treasurer, Reporting & Recommendations
3. Brendan Pincher – Brand & Communications
4. Graeme Smith – Community Engagement
5. Fil Simao – Football Operations
6. Leanne Lewis, Club Secretary & Community Engagement

As there are 10 director positions available and only 6 nominations were received, all the above were automatically accepted as the 2024 Directors. There were no objections raised by anyone present.

FS moved that these be accepted and was seconded by CC.

We can add another 4 Board Members at any time as the door doesn't close.

Other Business

Season launch will be announced once the date is confirmed.

Annual General meeting closed at 6.30pm