



Melbourne Softball Association
2022 Annual General Meeting held at Fawkner Park, South Yarra
Date: 9:30 am Sunday May 29th, 2022

1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 09:30 am by Jell Radford welcoming all members to the 40th AGM of the Melbourne Softball Association (MSA). Minutes were taken by Danielle Senyschyn.

1.1. Acknowledgment to country

Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges the Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation as traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. Also, Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from other Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Team Representatives

Red Devils: Lisa Barratt, Jenny Barratt

Wingers: Amanda Clunes, Brenda Nicholson

Panthers: absent

Melbourne University: Sherie Ng, Tracy Woolacott, Rhi Wiltshire, Hannah Gray

Monash: Kerry Laird, Paula Laudani

Eastern Raiders: Alia Djajamihardja

Bruisers: Dee Duncan

Northvale: Scott Haggarty

Monash Magic: Peter Doria

Assassins: Kel Forden

North

Observers

Life Members: Nol Duyvestyn, Sue James

Monash: Paula Laudani

Umpires: Rhonda Rowe, Stan Tolmie, Roy Arscott

MSA Executive Committee

Jell Radford

Danielle Senyschyn

Elaine Duyvestyn

Belinda Rae

Justine Giorgio

Neil Duyvestyn

2.1 Apologies

Life Members: Wayne Duyvestyn & Scott Rutherford

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM held May 30th, 2021

Motion: Lisa Barratt

Seconded: Amanda Clunes

3.1 Matters Arising

Nil, other than covered elsewhere on agenda.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence tabled.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

President Jell Radford drew attendees' attention to the booklet '40th Annual Report' and encouraged all to read the complete report.

- We saw 21 teams competing in three open age divisions. We were fortunate enough to be able to again run a B Grade division separate to our A and A-Reserve competition.
- Sadly Covid-19 would once again play a fateful part in the culmination of our season at its half way point. We thank all of the teams for their contribution to the fantastic half season that was.
- Teams placed top of the ladder at the time of season cancellation were awarded Minor Premierships.
 - A Grade – Eastern Raiders Red
 - A Reserve – Wingers Red
 - B Grade – Goonawarriors
- Melbourne members have been prominent in summer association competitions as well as in State and Australian representative sides
- Another successful summer of Slowpitch for the 2021/22 season, with covid once again impacting the season with the start being delayed by two weeks.
- Our congratulations to division winners, Backstreet Bats, Monkeys and Moose Knucklers and to Monkeys for taking out the overall champion team at the Great Grand Final Day.
- For the first time since 2013 the Melbourne Softball Association were able to compete at the Open State Championships. Made the Plate Grand Final but lost to an impressive Northern Districts team.
- Lots of development for players, in particular with Minor League and Fawkner Park Titans once again competed in the B Grade, coached by Roy Arscott.
- Diamond Classic was again another well supported day and an opportunity for players and supporters to enjoy some excellent softball.

Motion to accept the annual report:

Motion: Jenny Barratt

Seconded: Kerry Laird

5.1. Financial Report 2021/2022

Neil Duyvestyn provided a report of the finances of the MSA for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Motion to accept the financial report:

Motion: Kerry Laird

Seconded: Rhonda Rowe

6. MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

On the motion Jenny Barratt (Red Devils) and seconded by Kerry Laird (Monash) the motion to continue was carried unanimously.

7. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO SOFTBALL

Roy Arscott was conferred Life Membership of the Melbourne Softball Association.
Sue James was awarded the Lorraine Ireland Award of Excellence.

8. COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

Jell Radford thanked the outgoing Executive for their efforts and support and declared the following positions vacant:

- Competition Manager
- Treasurer
- General Member X 2

Jell Radford reported the following nominations were received and duly completed:

Competition Manager: Elaine Duyvestyn (incumbent)

Returned unopposed

Treasurer: Neil Duyvestyn

Neil Duyvestyn voted into the position unopposed

General Member: Belinda Rae (incumbent)

Belinda Rae voted into the position unopposed

The 2021/2022 Melbourne Softball Association Executive is

Jell Radford - President

Danielle Senyschyn - Secretary

Elaine Duyvestyn - Competitions Manager

Neil Duyvestyn - Treasurer

Belinda Rae - General Member

Justine Giorgio - General Member

9. ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Jell, extended thanks to the Executive members for their dedication and commitment to MSA and the many hours they have given that often go unnoticed. She thanked them wholeheartedly. Jell also thanked all those within our clubs and the umpire's team for their tireless efforts ensuring their teams are on the diamond every week.

She enthused everyone to continue to work as a community as we strive to build and grow softball at Fawkner Park.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

11. MEETING CLOSURE

10:03 am May 29th, 2022