

**Ryde Eastwood Hawks Touch Football Association Incorporated**



**Minutes of the -  
2023 Annual General Meeting Ryde - Eastwood Hawks Touch Football Association Inc.**

Thursday 25 May, 2023. Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

**TIME:** Commenced 7:10 PM. Chair Person – Paul Wines

**PRESENT:** Total of 17 people (13 People with voting rights).

**Senior Team Delegates: (12)** Paul Wines, Lisa Wines, Nicola Wines, Ron White, Pat Walsh, Sharlene Wong, Andrew Goggin, Ron Ryan, Mark Lindsay, Doug Vail, Chris Hopper and Bill Calleja. For a quorum to be achieved a minimum of 8 Senior Team Delegates was required.

**Junior Team Delegates: (2)** David Kelly and Sheree Donkin

**Life Members: (2)** Ron White and John O'Brien

**Nominated Members: (1)** Pat Branley

**Others present: (1)** Chris Whitty

**Apologies: (5)** Rob Cincotta, Michael McCurtayne, Karissa Kuka, John Christoffersen and Paul Mazzitelli

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:**

Moved that the Minutes of the previous AGM be taken as read.

Proposed: Bill Calleja

Seconded: Chris Hopper

Vote: Unanimous

Moved that the Minutes of the previous AGM be accepted:

Proposed: Ron Ryan

Seconded: Ron White

Vote: Unanimous

Matters arising from Minutes of previous AGM

1. No matters arising from Minutes of previous AGM

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Andrew Goggin thanked the many people who had contributed to the club over the last year.

He gave a brief run down of the local competitions and our junior development program.

He thanked our wonderful sponsors.

He complemented our Rep Team Committee and rep teams and ran through the rep teams achievements through the year.

(Note: A full copy of the report is available on the club's website under the "Documents" tab.)

Accepted by: John O'Brien

Seconded by: Sharlene Wong

Vote: Unanimous

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer, Mark Lindsay presented the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April, 2023.

Mark advised that the club achieved a profit of \$7,132 for the year and had nett assets of \$104,989.

He advised the club was in a very solid position. He explained the reasons for the differences in the finances between this year and last year.

A significant change that occurred this year was that we had to pay GST. This has had the effect of reducing our profits.

He thanked the Board and the Rep Team Committee for their efforts throughout the year.

(Note: A copy of the Financial Statements and Treasurer's full report are available on the club's website under the "Documents" tab.)

Accepted by: Bill Calleja

Seconded by: Pat Walsh

Vote: Unanimous

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary, Paul Wines, went through the meetings initiated by the Board throughout the year. He also set out the attendance of the board members at board meetings.

During the year the board met 6 times and the attendance was as follows:

He set out the numerous other meetings that members of the Board had attended.

He advised that all required forms to NSW Touch had been submitted on time.

He advised that despite increased efforts to get all players registered and signed on for each game this was still not being achieved at a level that was satisfactory to the Board.

(Note: A full copy of the report is available on the club's website under the "Documents" tab.)

Accepted by: Lisa Wines

Seconded by: Chris Hopper

Vote: Unanimous

### **DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REPORT:**

The Director of Referees, Doug Vail, went through the numbers of referees that we were able to provide for the local competition and the Rep Team gala days and tournaments.

Doug explained that while it was a challenge, the club was able to provide the required referees in the vast majority of occasions.

He said, and was supported by John O'Brien, that the club will give its full backing to supporting referees and reducing the amount of referee abuse.

He thanked Bill Calleja and Pat Branley for their efforts at Rep Gala days.

(Note: A full copy of the report is available on the club's website under the "Documents" tab.)

Accepted by: Lisa Wines

Seconded by: Nicola Wines

Vote: Unanimous

### **ELECTION:**

Patron:

Ron White was nominated to continue as Patron and Ron accepted the nomination.

Nominated by: Ron Ryan

Seconded by: John O'Brien

Vote: Unanimous

In accordance with the constitution, nominations for board positions had been called for and at the closing date for nominations, the only person to be nominated for President was Andrew Goggin.

Andrew Goggin was duly elected unopposed to the position of President.

Mark Lindsay was the only nominee for the Treasurer's position and was elected unopposed.

Paul Wines was the only nominee for the Secretary's position and was elected unopposed.

There were only three candidates for the remaining four board positions:

Bill Calleja, Ron Ryan and Doug Vail were elected unopposed.

In accordance with the constitution nominations were called for from eligible members in attendance at the meeting.

Pat Branley accepted a nomination and was duly elected unanimously to the Board.

At this time, Chris Hopper who has retired from serving on the Board was thanked and commended for his efforts while on the Board and the Rep Team Committee. His drive and initiative will be greatly missed. His efforts in securing grants was given special mention.

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**ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Andrew Goggin

**TREASURER:** Mark Lindsay

**SECRETARY:** Paul Wines

**COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Bill Calleja

**COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Doug Vail

**COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Ron Ryan

**COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Pat Branley

**PATRON:** Ron White

**Special Resolution**

Andrew Goggin was nominated for Life Membership by Ron White and seconded by John O'Brien

Andrew was unanimously voted to Life Membership

Paul Wines was nominated for Life Membership by Nicola Wines and seconded by Bill Calleja

Paul was unanimously voted to Life Membership

This is obviously a great but deserved reward for the efforts of both of these volunteers. They both expressed their gratitude to the members for awarding them this honour.

(Note: A full copy of the nomination letters for both Andrew and Paul are available on the club's website under the "Documents" tab.)

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. An ordinary resolution was put to the meeting. The resolution was:

The Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of amounts approved in advance by the Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for the following expenditure and benefits for Directors:

- (i) The reasonable cost of snacks and beverages for Directors during a Board Meeting totalling a maximum of \$120 per Board Meeting.
- (ii) The reimbursement of the cost of attending official functions to represent the Club.

Proposed: Ron Ryan

Seconded: Ron White

Vote: Carried unanimously

2. An ordinary resolution was put to the meeting. The resolution was:

Allow the Board the authority to donate or sponsor club members and approve an annual amount.

It is proposed that the amount donated be based on the level of involvement and the years of service by a person or family. Involvement could be as a player, coach, manager, administration or support of the club. This involvement must be of a substantial nature and be a very good club person/family. The level of involvement is a decision by the Board.

\$100 - continued involvement at the club for at least 3 years.

\$200 - continued involvement at the club for at least 4 years to 5 years.

\$300 - continued involvement at the club for at least 6 years to 7 years.

\$400 - continued involvement at the club for at least 8 years to 9 years.

\$500 - continued involvement at the club for 10 years or above.

Proposed: Bill Calleja

Seconded: Pat Walsh

Vote: Carried unanimously

### 3. General Business

- a) Ron White asked what the affiliation fees paid to NSW Touch were used for and what benefit we saw from this.

It was advised that it went to the running costs of NSW Touch. Game development and organising representative competitions such as Vawdon Cup, Junior State Cup and Senior State Cup. NSW Touch have advised that they will promote our competitions when they do any development days at schools in our area.

Unfortunately, it seems that no schools in our area have been visited in the last few years.

A copy of this report is sent to NSW Touch at their request so hopefully they will be able to provide additional feedback when they read this.

- b) Paul Wines explained that from 1 July the affiliation fee for Touch Football Australia (TFA) will change from being a team fee to an individual payment which will be payable when the player registers for their first competition of the financial year.

The fee is a one-off yearly fee of \$22 per player (both juniors and seniors). There will be no TFA fee payable after the first comp registered in each year.

The incoming Board will need to assess what this change and the introduction of GST will mean to future team registration fees.

- c) Chris Hopper asked about field availability if we increase junior sides. Paul Wines advised that we still had Bremner up our sleeves but as we may lose Morrison Fields 8 and 9 for maintenance next year, we may have to look at Bill Mitchell as a back-up. It was agreed that getting the teams was the first priority and the Board would find the fields.

- d) Sheree Donkin asked if there was any thing special plans to target increasing the number of junior teams playing in the local competition, especially at the older ages. She was advised that we had tried lots of different strategies over the years and still the most effective way to get new players was "word of mouth" which is why the Board believes the Rep Team Committee's initiative to get current rep players to each bring a friend may be an effective tactic.

Sheree asked if the Board would be open to a person or sub-committee being given an opportunity to try to get extra players. The Board advised they were always happy to accept assistance. Sheree advised that she did not have anyone particularly in mind but she was happy to see if someone within her network would like to give it a try.

It was decided that Sheree would liaise with Paul Wines to come up with a document to distribute.

- e) John O'Brien speaking on behalf of Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and Ryde Eastwood Football Club explained that their financial support was at least in part due to the development of skills obtained playing touch that were transferrable to Rugby league and our club acted as a feeder to playing rugby league for Ryde Eastwood Leagues teams.

There being no further General Business the meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.