



2021 VAFAUA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/05/2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Elsternwick Park

Meeting Created By: Patrick Mathews

Minute Taker: Patrick Mathews

Type Of Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Time Keeper: Patrick Mathews

Facilitator: Josh Colman

AGENDA TOPICS

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Presented by: Josh Colman

Discussion: The acceptance of the provided 2020 VAFAUA Financial Report was put to the group

- Moved by Jeremy Drossinis
- Seconded by Kevin Segota
- Passed unanimously – motion carried

Matters arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Presented by: Josh Colman

Discussion:

- No open action items
- No new matters arising from previous meeting minutes

Report from the VAFAUA President

Presented by: Josh Colman

Comments:

President's comments were read by Josh Colman on behalf of the previous president, Andrew Hartnett.

- Season was cancelled (evidently)
- Thank you to the committee for their work in supporting the members throughout the season
- Special thanks to Pat Mathews and Owen Hinson for their work with HQ
- Thank you to BJS Insurance, Epworth Hospital, Safe As 3 Houses, Frames Ready Made and Winning Edge
- I won't be continuing due to my work situation

Best of luck to the 2021 committee.

Report from the VAFAUA Secretary

Presented by: Patrick Mathews

Comments: Main items

Minimal correspondence received over the 2020 season, due to the lack of a season

Key achievements included

- Updated pay scale, securing pay rise from 2019, in contrast to other community competitions that had already accepted cuts.
- Thank you to Owen Hinson for his support and for his overwhelming assistance.
- Working to have website updated, which has now been completed.
- Updating database/web contacts

Report from the VAFAUA Treasurer

Presented by: Sam Scott

Comments:

Treasurer's comments were read by Sam Scott on behalf of the immediate past treasurer, Josh Colman.

Year ended 31st October 2020 – Net Deficit \$16,532 (for comparison, 2018: Deficit \$8,056)

Deficit based on an comparison between 'income' and 'expenditure.' For context, the 2020 season resulted in

1. No income last year
2. Expenses were only for essentials
 - Audit Fees \$1.4k
 - Insurance \$2k
 - Building Depreciation \$5.8k
 - Electricity \$1.1k
 - Licence & Permit fees \$4.3k
 - Maintenance \$0.5k
 - Gear Purchase \$0.7k
 - Drinks/Catering prior to COVID \$0.7k
 - Total 'expenditure' \$16.5k
3. Accounting financials has a deficit far higher than the actual impact to our cashflow and finances
 - Overall current and total assets very similar to previous years (drop of less than \$300)
 - Net cash and cash equivalent also similar
 - No outstanding loans
 - Healthy financial position, despite no season
 - Money we planned to have available for 2020 season we plan to have available for 2021 season

Acceptance of Annual Report

Presented by: Josh Colman

Comments: The acceptance of the provided 2020 VAFAUA Annual Report was put to the group

- Moved Anthony Simpson
- Seconded by Hannah Bailes
- Passed unanimously – motion carried

Acceptance of Financial Report

Presented by: Josh Colman

Comments: The acceptance of the provided 2020 VAFAUA Financial Report was put to the group

- Moved by Adrian Damen
- Seconded by James McCartney
- Passed unanimously – motion carried

Plans for 2021

Presented by: Josh Colman

Comments: Main items

Tribunal

- VAFA decision to change to Tuesday Nights made without consultation with the UA.
- Consequently, it no longer aligns with our training nights.
- We are seeking to create a joint agreement/understanding between HQ and the UA, that umpires will not be expected to appear at tribunal in person.

Pay Process

- Pay was late due to the fact that the new offshore based accountant was unfamiliar with how to perform payments.
- Item has since been resolved, all members have since been paid
- Payments will now continue fortnightly, due to a new agreement struck with HQ.

Change Rooms

- The “away change rooms” in the HQ building have not been cleaned in recent weeks
- Umpires have commented on dirtiness of facilities upon arrival for Monday/Wednesday training
- We are forcing key stakeholders to stick to cleaning agreement

Keeping our foot in the door

- After training meals, drinks and functions, to be conducted in the new HQ building
- We will be strengthening our presence in the cabinets purchased by a previous committee
- Electrical safety check to be conducted on the building, in addition to forcing the council’s hand in getting the water switched back on
- Council indicated that the water disconnection may have been due to work on nearby ponds/wetland regeneration.

Sponsorship deals for the future

- Sponsorship has been difficult to obtain for all sporting clubs as a result of COVID-19
- We are establishing a sponsorship sub-committee, to assist in accruing long term sponsorship deals

- Focus will be on security and certainty. Sponsorship deals of several years preferred to high paying on year deals.

Securing our next pay deal

- Pay deal for 2021 and 2022 secured
- Seeking to achieve a deal for 2022 to 2025 by the end of this season
- Particular attention will be on payment rates for women's matches as the competition continues to grow.

General Business

Presented by: Josh Colman

Comments:

Mental Health

- Currently, UA Committee has trained CPR/First Aid personnel, but no qualified mental health person
- UA Committee keen to place renewed focus on mental health
- Dedicated point of contact to be established

Women's footy pay

- HQ women's development group has floated suggestion of pay parity
- Proposal is one we'd support, but clubs are unlikely to be willing to pay increased affiliation fees.
- Current deal takes into account the reduced match time, and the fact that it is on par with under 18 match payments
- Women's pay will be prominent talking point in future pay discussions.

Recruitment and Retention questions

- HQ primarily responsible for recruitment, UA for retaining/providing value to members
- HQ, Coaches and UA are set to meet next week to discuss long term strategies

Poker Nights and Social Amenities

- UA hasn't secured keys/formal agreement for use of the new HQ building
- It is extremely unlikely that poker nights would feature in the new building, due to concerns around storage, and unwillingness of other key stakeholders to allow non-UA events in the building.
- Confirmation on all such matters to be confirmed once formal agreement struck.

Next Meeting

Presented by: Patrick Mathews

Comments:

- Next AGM provisionally scheduled for Wednesday, the 27th of April, 2022
- Next Monthly Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, the 26th of May, 2022

Meeting Closed at 8:01 PM