



# Brunswick Zebras Football Club

## Annual General Meeting 2019 Minutes

*7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 @ 12.15 pm @ Balfe Park, John Street, Brunswick*

**Present:** Carlo Carli, Kevin Thomas, Rob Barrese, Sean Farrell, Daniel Roca, Matthew Thomas, Robyn Thomas, Mirela Matthews, Stefan Lazarevic, Carole Fabian, Dylan Dalla Via, Isabelle Legge, Donna Staples, Kelly Turdgen, Andy Rottmann, Cbdah Cunningham, Carolyn Buick, Emily Tayles, Polat Siva, Marnie Gibson, Bert Rolevink, Supreeth Naik, Niall Adey, Paul Morrison, Julie Bright, Tam Harding, Frank Albane, Jane Castles, Alfredo Brockmann, Ian Sutcliff, Jason Tabarias, oliver Kowald, David Colosimo, Warwick Peel, Abdulkarim Algarni, Abohulaziz Almalouri, Karla Lopez, Chris Fayers, Jenni Pattinson, Suzi Young, Travis Ghaden, Aleessandra Silvani, Cinzia Perfili, Selena Popps, Joe Fernandez, Karin Fernandez, Peter Munro, Daniela Vaskoski, Zana Vaskoski, Jane Haldon, Danielle Munro, Maxine Saavedra, Andy Parker, Lovely Goldar, Leila Marzouk, Imogen Caruso, Gary Bricante, Robert Mulovski, Vladimir Naumovski, Alan Barker, Sam Ditty, Ian Lumsden, Bharati Joshi, Raj Sharma, Anita Barker, Toni Morgan, Bob Stafford, Justin Byrne, Steve Cabai, Fiona Lopez, Joe Woodward, Lee Glasspool, Tung Pham, Tee Pham, Luke Flood, Randy Saheed, Whitney Crabb, Leigh Treeweed, Rachel Young, Tony Maruzza, Heide Braithwaite

**Chair:** Carlo Carli

Carlo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Robert Colla, Bridget McPherson, Julijana Todorovic, Gavan Hunter, David Scammel

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018** - as tabled

*Motion: That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved Kevin Thomas, Seconded Daniel Roca. Carried.*

**Annual Report for the 2019 year** – as tabled.

Carlo Carli briefly highlighted activities over the previous year, as shown in the Annual Report.

Brunswick Zebras have had a strong year, especially fielding four senior men and four senior women's teams, all being competitive. Our Senior State League Women 3 Team claimed the 2019 Championship, now moving to Division 2. The State League 4 Men's Reserves team finished the year in second place, our Metro Men's 4 Team finished third. It was noted that the 2020 year will be a difficult year for both the Women's and State League 4 Men's teams under the new restructure recently advised to us.

Once again, we have undertaken various forms of physical infrastructure, such as new lighting for Sumner Park. We aim to undertake something like this each year.

In 2020, we are hoping to begin the refurbishment of Sumner Park, noting that Moreland Council are providing \$360,000 in funds, with Brunswick Zebras providing a substantial amount as well. It is



hoped that the State Government will also contribute with their Women's and Girls' Sports Funding. It is anticipated that we will have four new change rooms to the right of the current clubrooms, with the clubrooms being refurbished with the assistance of the Banko Group. An architect has been appointed with draft plans being presented. It is hoped this will all take place in the second half of 2020.

It was noted that we are currently facing a large adult membership intake which is highlighting the need for a bigger demand with social facilities.

We are also involved in running school programs in a couple of the local schools to increase junior female participation, it is hoped that our junior girl's membership will increase as a result of these programs.

The club's finances are running in the black, which helps improve facilities for our club.

Brunswick Zebras was awarded a Restricted Liquor Licence during the end of the year (previously a temporary licence for each weekend) to provide for the senior games and functions at Sumner Park. Opposition from local residents has been appropriately addressed as required.

It was noted that we also need to advertise for junior boys' teams, there is hopefully a demand for an Under 14 boys' team, negotiations are currently underway to ensure that this will happen. Ideally, we would like to have a junior team at each of the age levels, for both boys and girls, something that we need assistance from parents with.

Carlo also highlighted the number of teams within Moreland within close proximity to Brunswick Zebras, especially NPL teams. Kevin advised all of what has happened historically, noting that we have had a large junior component of the club until recent years. Various issues were discussed to improve the disengagement of smaller/younger kids. It was suggested that we have the senior players come along to assist with the idea of "being part of a bigger club", not just a stand-alone team.

The issue of the lack of a canteen at Ryder was also addressed, perhaps having a roster of a bbq would assist in the feeling of goodwill for teams playing at Ryder, once again, noting that we need volunteers to assist with this.

*Motion: That the Annual Report be accepted. Moved Mirela Matthews, Seconded Rob Barrese. Carried.*

**Financial Report for the 2018 - 2019 year** – as tabled- Rob Barrese presented the report.

The report will be available on our website shortly.

Rob advised that our cash flow has improved, for 2019, the balance was \$168,000, highlighting some of the different expenses, for example, our uniform costs were down on the previous year.

The total income was \$232,000, down on the previous year's figure of \$271,000, mostly due to a lower team revenue (i.e. fewer junior teams).

Rob thanked Robyn Thomas for her assistance throughout the year, explaining the Brunswick Zebras administrative process to those in attendance.



It was noted that there is clarification needed regarding the distribution of membership fees into each category.

It was noted that as a community club, we do not plan to make a lot of money but to break even plus a bit more which enables the club to contribute to bigger things, such as the re-development of Sumner Park.

*Motion that the Financial Report be accepted. Moved Mirela Matthews, Seconded Sean Farrell. Carried.*

## **Other Business**

### [Appointment and Acceptance of Auditor](#)

It was agreed that King and Whittle will be the auditor for Brunswick Zebras for 2019.

*Motion that the Financial Report be accepted. Moved Kevin thomas, Seconded Daniel Roca. Carried.*

### [Presentation of Trophy and Medals to State League 3 Senior Women.](#)

The Football Victoria Trophy was presented to the State League 3 Senior Women.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.