



WESTON MOLONGLO FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of the 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 28th November 2019 RAIDERS WESTON CLUB, 1 LIARDET STREET WESTON, ACT

Present: Paul Simpson, Valeri Rojas, Samantha Ning, Lisa Garner, Jeanette Simpson, Richard Jalland, Jane Racancoj, Kath Temple, Richard Wright, Chris Brown, Fran Sankey, Chris Webb.

Apologies: Rodger Maconachie.

1946 Hrs: Meeting opens.

President Kath Temple welcomes all and thanks all for their commitment. Updates all on season highlights.

Kath recognised Jane and Sam (Miniroo registers/coordinators). Kath passed vote of thanks for Chris Burroughs for 2019 Junior Chair.

Presidents Report:

2019 President's Report

Hi everyone, another season of fabulous football, making new friends and having fun doing what we all love, has come to an end. I have no doubt that there have been some special memories made along the way.

Here's a few exciting things that have happened in 2019:

- ACT Sports and Recreation refurbished our weary, 35 year old pavilion into not only a fresh and functional facility but a beautiful community hub for everyone. The magnificent artwork (which was created by Indigenous artist Kristie Peters) depicts our club being at the foot of the Brindabella Ranges, with hand prints of local school children. The meeting place circle is our community, with the huge magpies looking out over everyone. It brings a sense of belonging and pride to our club, and so many people have commented on how wonderful it is. We sincerely thank ACT Sportsgrounds for their effort, financial contribution and thoughtfulness with this project.
- WMFC was granted a National Premier League Division 2 (NPL2) licence by Capital Football in this new competition, and fielded both a 1st grade and U20s team (which both have done very well in their first season).
- A new Boys Core Skills Program was introduced for U10-U14s in preseason, which over 100 players attended. This ran on alternate days to the well-established Girls Development Program.

- WMFC were approached and happy to assist local organisation Noah's Ark, in providing equipment for their "Step into Soccer" program. This partnership came about due to one of Noah's Ark staff members, Duncan McLean, being a WMFC player.
- In April, WMFC were one of the host venues for the Lightning Tournament, in conjunction with Woden Valley Soccer Club and Woden Weston FC. This event has grown substantially over the last 5 years and our grounds held all the small sided games from U8 to U11 (14 fields in total). All our grounds were used, with both Canberra and interstate teams competing in the tournament. Thanks to both NPL2 teams for assisting with running the day.
- Capital Football requested that WMFC be one of the host venues for this year's Kanga Cup tournament for 4 days. Our referee coordinator, Virginia Henderson and WMFC Club Registrar/Vice President, Lisa Garner, ran operations very successfully. The Waramanga Scouts were able to raise some funds by selling sweets and treats; our sponsors The Meating Room ran the canteen and Here's the Coffee were also on hand to make the experience at our home grounds a great one for all visitors!
- We have also welcomed two Junior Development coaches - Nick Isaacson and Jimmy Gordon - who both have assisted U10 & U11 teams with their core skills during the season. Due to Nick's connections, two other highly qualified coaches (Ali and Phil) have assisted with these programs.
- WMFC has seen a number of new players join us this year especially in the senior ranks, which has grown to 19 teams! A healthy position to be in for our many juniors coming through the club. We welcome everyone who chooses WMFC as their club of choice.
- At the end of the 2018 season, WMFC was awarded the Senior State League Club Championship trophy. This is based on a points system of how many teams make the finals series - I believe we are on track to retain this award in 2019!! Stay tuned.

On top of all that, this year has also been about change, challenges and how we deal with these through our commitment and club culture.

CHANGE & CHALLENGES (the perfect storm):

In 2019, we saw the introduction of a new FFA registration system called PlayFootball, which presented clubs with issues when capturing and manipulating information to use. There were some 'easy fixes' however most clubs had problems and the system administrators have been given feedback so that hopefully it will be more user friendly for both clubs and members in the future.

At the same time, ACT Sportsgrounds brought online their new booking system. This affected both clubs and our governing body, with field allocations for both junior and senior competitions sometimes overlapping. WMFC have worked with both administrations to sort issues on a regular basis and we hope that next year will be smoother sailing for club volunteers.

With any organisation, there can be a change of people in roles. Capital Football had a large turnover of staff in 2019, who were dealing with all these issues, as well as some WMFC volunteers in various positions. Everyone has given a firm commitment to their respective roles, worked together to problem solve as best they can and shown resilience, while on a steep curve of acquiring knowledge.

Therefore while this year was a bit bumpy at times, we all got through it with the help and understanding from each other.

COMMITMENT & CLUB CULTURE (#OurClubOurCommunity – not just a hashtag):

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of community sporting clubs” - we have all heard this phrase many times but do we know what it really means?

Firstly, there are different levels of volunteering in a club and any contribution of people's time is both important and greatly appreciated.

With WMFC being one of the biggest clubs in the ACT, it takes a huge effort by EVERYONE to do their part - set up, pack down, canteen and bbq duty; coaching and managing plus all Committee and operational positions.

Secondly, no volunteers in WMFC are paid and many of us put in hundreds of hours each season. There is a volunteer/coaching discount on the following year's registration for those taking up identified positions however there will be some extra positions offered next year so that the “many hands make light work” motto can ease the workload.

WMFC has a very positive, collaborative and welcoming club culture with strong values of Pride, Integrity & Respect. We help each other when we're short of players, or having to share field space for training (which is at an all-time premium). We lend support and cheer for anyone in the black & white “magpie” jersey as we are football family.

Weston Molonglo FC is a strong community club that continues to grow.

THE FUTURE:

WMFC is now 48 years young and with the level of growth we have experienced steadily in the last 5 years, we need to look at its future and sustainability.

An updated Strategic Plan will be drafted over the summer, to give a solid direction for the next 3-5 years, taking into consideration:

- our business model,
- level of resources,
- sponsorship and grants,
- a new coaching structure to support development,
- further resourcing of the Junior development programs,
- a new development program for the Miniroos,
- a strengthening of the pathway for Juniors into the Senior grades,
- more facilities requirements and;
- a continued focus on coach education, to meet the FFA 2020 target of coach qualifications.

We look forward to this new phase that will also see our 50th birthday in 2021.

SINCERE THANKS (together we can achieve so much - Helen Keller):

I'd like to thank our volunteers who willingly give up their time to make a difference.....for whatever your contribution!

To all the coaches who willingly put up their hand to take a team for the 16 week season (and them some) – thank you for making a difference!

To the team managers who support these coaches – thank you for making a difference!

Special thanks to the members of the Executive Committee who have worked all year: Lisa Garner, Jeanette Simpson, Chris Burroughs, Paul Simpson, David Hakaraia, Chris Webb, Richard Jalland, Rodger Maconachie and Richard Wright.

Also sincere thanks to our wonderful Minirooms Coordinators Jane & Sam who managed the huge task of nearly 700 players into teams!!

Finally heartfelt thanks our canteen managers - Holly and Ella - who stepped up and have done a sterling job, showing the commitment of our next generation coming through the club.

So folks, I hope you all enjoy the warmer months ahead. Our AGM will be sometime in November and I encourage you to come along to hear about the future of the club. We will email all WMFC members with the details once confirmed.

Thanks for being a part of the WMFC community.

Yours in Football,

Kath Temple

WMFC President

Secretary Report : Thanks to committee for assistance over the season

Treasurers Report: Interim Report of Financials tabled. The Final report due in a couple of weeks once the auditor has completed their comments and recommendations. The below Balance Sheet (which was sent to us by the Auditor) indicates that the club is in a strong financial position.

Balance Sheet

Weston Molonglo Football Club As at 30 September 2019

	30 Sep 2019	30 Sep 2018	30 Sep 2017
Assets			
Bank			
WMFC Cheque Account	140,342	26,710	85,811
WMFC Saver Account	117,563	117,157	116,549
Total Bank	257,905	143,866	202,360
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand - Canteen	800	951	951
Inventory (Merchandise Stock on Hand)	15,237	15,237	15,237
Trade Debtors	31,487	29,143	29,355
Total Current Assets	47,524	45,331	45,543
Fixed Assets			
Equipment Accum Dep'n	(2,120)	(1,755)	(1,390)
Equipment at Cost	7,300	7,300	7,300
Less Prov'n for Doubtful Debts	(112)	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	5,068	5,545	5,910
Total Assets	310,496	194,742	253,813
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	90,453	2,036	-
GST	936	8,105	14,423
Rounding	18	18	18
Total Current Liabilities	91,407	10,158	14,441
Total Liabilities	91,407	10,158	14,441
Net Assets	219,090	184,584	239,372
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	34,505	(54,787)	81,040
Retained Earnings	184,584	239,372	158,331
Total Equity	219,090	184,584	239,372

Things to note : once we receive the FINAL Audited Financial Statements, we will be:

- * Calling an Special General Meeting (SGM) to have the Financial Statements accepted by the WMFC membership
- * Then Submitting them to the Office of the ACT Auditor-General.
 - Members at the AGM accepted the financials as presented in the minutes. Proposed by Chris Brown. Seconded by Fran Sankey. All present agree.

Senior Chair : Senior Report

Men's

NPL2 – First grade and U20s

8 State League

4 Masters

33 players

125 players

85 players

Women's

6 State League

(Under 18) 29 players

(19-34yo) 34 players

(Over 35) 36 players

20 teams

341 players

The fields at Waramanga were overflowing at mid-week training as we welcomed two new teams to the club for a total of 20 women's and men's teams. This included entering teams in the National Premier League competition for the first time since 2002. I wish to thank our sponsors Meating Room, Geared Software, Taylor & Knowles Bespoke Building, CA Decks and Photox – Canberra Photography Services for your support this year. Our sponsors help cushion the increasing costs of facilities and equipment, especially for our many players studying at college and university, to continue their commitment to the club as they move from junior to senior competitions.

Our first year returning to the National Premier League in the second division has brought some new competition with the regional teams from Southern Tablelands United and Wagga City Wanderers meaning some extra travel time to the away fixtures. I could see how the two NPL2 teams bonded early in the season to become a squad and develop as a unit throughout the season. The First grade team narrowly missed a finals berth but they were at all finals to support the U20s and the other State League finalists.

The opportunity for teams to feel part of a squad was extended throughout the State Leagues and Masters competitions with about 30% of registered players stepping up for other teams as required during the season. We also welcomed last year's U16 Girls Div 1 Magpies who felt they were ready to move up to State League this year. They certainly rose to the challenge of State League, also playing in the Kanga Cup and Cowra tournaments. When not involved in their own Sunday competitions they also played in the U16 and U18 Girls teams on Saturdays.

Although it is not always about winning, it certainly feels great when you win. I congratulate the Men's Div 5 team for doing the double, winning the League and your Grand Final.

Congratulations to the following teams for your consistency throughout the season to become League Champions:

Masters Division 2

Men's Division 3 Reserves.

Congratulations to the following teams who also made finals:

NPL2 Under 20's

Men's Division 1

Men's Division 4 Reserves - Magpies

Women's Division 6 (WINOS)

Men's Masters Division 1.

Finally it was grand to watch and congratulate the Men's Division 1 Reserves and Women's Division 3 teams win your Grand Finals.

Volunteers

Thank you to the coaches and managers of each team committing many hours to enable most of the players in your team to "concentrate on their football by just turning up to play with- the more committed players to train as well". I wonder how many players recognise the amount of time the coaches put in to preparing training sessions according to the FFA curriculum. I thank you and hope I was able to provide sufficient support to you during the year.

Lisa Garner, thank you for the field bookings and training field allocations along with Chris Webb. Jeanette Simpson and Lisa Garner for ensuring everyone was registered and paid their fees (including payment plans and coach and student discounts). Rodger Maconachie and his U16 team for line marking. A huge thank you to Richard Jalland for equipment and grounds management. Kath Temple for coordinating the women's teams and to all the players in the women's teams who fulfilled their assigned net duty far too many times compared to other clubs, I thank you. Finally, Chris Webb for providing advice and guidance when liaising with Capital Football.

If you combine all this effort, I estimate our men's and women's volunteers commit 2,000 hours during the year doing the extra tasks off the field. At \$20 per hour, for 298 players that would add another \$130 to your registration fees. I hope all players remember to thank the people who "give their time and efforts for everyone to enjoy their football". Enjoy your football during summer. I look forward to seeing you on the pitch again in 2019.

David Hakaraia
Chair of the senior

Member protection report: One issue arose during the 2019 season. Richard Wright dealt with it. No further action requested or required.

No nominations for Life member nominations.

All positions declared vacant and election of Office Bearers for 2020:

President- nominations **David Hakaraia**, seconded by Chris Webb- motion carried

Vice President- **Richard Jalland** nominated , seconded by Lisa Garner, carried by all. Chris Webb nominated by Lisa Garner , seconded Fran Sankey, carried by all.

Secretary/ Public Officer- **Lisa Garner** nominated, seconded Richard Jalland, motion carried

Treasurer- Jeanette Simpson nominated by Kath Temple, Seconded by Chris Brown, carried by all

Member Protection Information Officer- NO NOMINATIONS

Junior Chair- NO NOMINATIONS

Senior Chair- Kath Temple Nominated by Lisa Garner, seconded by Fran Sankey , carried by all

Registrars- OPERATIONAL - Sam Ning and Jane Racancoj agree to Minirooms Registrars (U6-U9). Stephanie Maxwell to be approached by Kath for Registrar position (U10-U18 plus Seniors).

Meeting closes 2125 Date: 20191128