



## **NARRE SOUTH LIONS FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.**

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### **AGM**

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**Location: Function Room at Venue 101**  
**Amberley Park Shopping Centre, Narre Warren South**  
**Time: 2:00-3.00pm. Doors will open at 1.30pm.**  
**Date: Saturday 11 October 2014**

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### **MINUTES**

**Meeting Opened:** 2.26pm

**PRESENT:** Per sign in sheets – votes (playing children) noted next to each sign in.  
Football members – 38  
Eligible netball members - 20

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting to be tabled.**

**Moved** Lane Burdett **Seconded** Connie Di Salvo

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- Life Member Nominations
- Club person of the year nomination

#### **1. FINANCIAL REPORT - FOOTBALL (Rohan Banks)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

**Moved** Julie Jenner **Seconded** Lane Burdett

#### **2. PRESIDENT - FOOTBALL (Bert Andrews)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.





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3. **VP – FOOTBALL (Mark Collard)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

4. **VP ADMIN – FOOTBALL (Nicole Andrews)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

5. **REGISTRAR – FOOTBALL (Julie Johnstone)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT - NETBALL (Nicole Atkinson)**

- Please read the attached report.

Donna Slattery asked what the \$1300 miscellaneous expense item was. Nicole Atkinson advised that it was for various items such as flowers, cards, etc. She advised that she will provide the itemized details.

**Moved**

Kylie Thomas

**Seconded**

Sabrina Gammeri

At this point Robbie MacDonald queried why no paper copies of the reports were provided at the AGM to read. Bert Andrews reiterated that the information was online so people could read it prior to the AGM, and the AGM would be quicker. We would also be saving paper. Nicole Andrews advised Robbie that Erin McLean had copies of the reports if he would like to read them.

7. **PRESIDENT – NETBALL (Roger Palmer)**

- Please read the attached report.

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8. **VP – NETBALL (Emma Tatlow)**

- Please read the attached report.

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### **9. VP ADMIN – NETBALL (Liz Palmer)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

### **10. REGISTRAR – NETBALL (Katherine Sheedy)**

- Please read the attached report.

There were no questions.

### **11. LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS - FOOTBALL**

Bert Andrews read through the nominations for Rohan Banks and Nicole Andrews as noted below:

In accordance with the Constitution the following nominations have been approved by the committee as meeting the criteria for becoming a Life Member. Please read the nominations, as they will need to be voted and passed as a Special Resolution at the AGM:

- Nomination of Rohan Banks by Jo Moyle:

*Rohan has been a valued member of the club for many years.*

*Not only has Rohan been involved with the coaching of a Team since becoming a member of NSLJFC but has also been the Treasurer of the Club for 5 years.*

*Rohan has also been pro active as a Committee Member, always having a “what can I do to help more” attitude.*

*Rohan Banks is a great example of a Club person and potential Life Member.*

*He goes about his business in a quiet manner and focuses on what’s important to see the Club grow, both on a financial and Coaching level.*

*Rohan has had a great relationship with his fellow committee members over the years and is well respected for his wise choices and input into the running of the club both on and off the field.*

33 football members voted in favour of the nomination. Congratulations!





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- Nomination of Nicole Andrews by John Rich:

*Nicole has been involved with our club since 2007 and started through the clubs Auskick centre with Bert and Jordan. Throughout their involvement with Auskick both Bert And Nic raised the numbers to its highest numbers ever and worked with the football club to ensure its Auskick members were moving through Auskick to NSLJFC as junior footballers and keeping our younger age group numbers healthy and sustainable.*

*From that point Nicole has been involved as a committee member starting on general committee and quickly moving to the clubs executive committee as VP Admin. Nobody can question the time, effort and commitment Nicole has had to our club from Auskick through to the present day. Her organisation of sub-committees, fundraising, social events and especially the clubs biggest revenue earner in the canteen have been second to none. Her football administration roles and organisation of volunteers is also a credit to her commitment and I would be very surprised if anyone at our club either past or present would not agree that Nicole Andrews is deserved of Life Membership in 2014.*

32 football members voted in favour of the nomination. Congratulations!

Mark Collard read through the nomination for Bert Andrews as noted below:

- Nomination of Bert Andrews by Erin McLean and Connie DiSalvo:

### ***NOMINEE'S SERVICE TO THE CLUB:***

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>ROLE</u></b>
2008	Auskick coach
2009	Joint Auskick Co-ordinator, Assistant Coach
2010	Auskick Co-Ordinator, NSLJFC General Committee Member, Coach
2011	NSLJFC President, Auskick Co-ordinator, Coach
2012	NSLJFC President, Assistant Coach
2013	NSLJFC President, Coach
2014	NSLJFC President (Board & Football), Coach.

*Bert's service to the club is detailed above.*

*In addition to the above Bert has also 'filled the gaps' at an executive level where vacancies have occurred. Always putting the Club first and never makes a fuss of the work ahead to be done.*

*Over the years Bert has given so much time and effort to the club, and has made a significant contribution to the culture and success of the club. He is worthy of a Life Membership as recognition of his contribution to the club.*

31 members voted in favour of the nomination. Congratulations!





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### **12. CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nicole Andrews read through the nomination of Rachael Toner. There was no need to vote on this nomination as the Committee has the power to decide and ratify the nomination.

- Nicole Andrews nominated Rachael Toner for Club Person of the year and the award was unanimously agreed by the Committee. Below is the nomination for your information.

For the past few weeks I have been thinking about all of our volunteers this season and I keep coming back to Rachael. As a rule, I wouldn't normally choose a committee member for such an award, however I think in this instance Rachael is very deserving.

This season, Rachael decided to step back onto the committee as a general committee member, and take on a fundraising co-ordinator role, however she has been assisting across the board with the running of our club the whole season. Rachael has been active in assisting with sponsorship & player sponsorship, she has team managed, done multiple club room duties each week, Match manager at Lynbrook multiple times this season, and has co-ordinated that venue very well each time, she has helped out in the strathaird canteen each time she has been available when they have needed help, she has been an active part of the apparel group, and has been a constant on Sunday nights and whenever else we have needed her to step up and take on something for us. Rachael put in an enormous effort into Bogan Bingo this season, and was able to achieve with her sub committee great success.

In my opinion a really well rounded, all rounder and its this type of person that our club needs to sustain itself in the future.

### **13. THANK YOU – FOOTBALL**

Nicole Andrews thanked Mark Johnson, who is a life member of the football club. Mark stepped in to coach the 2014 U17s team when it looked like a team would not get off the ground, let alone reach the preliminary finals. She emphasized that Mark is a true life member in that he continues to return and contribute to the success of the club. Mark was handed a gift in appreciation of his contribution to the football club.

She also thanked Connie Di Salvo for her service to the football club as an Executive Committee member, Team Manager Co-Ordinator, etc. Connie is also a life member of the football club and it is a sad day today as she has decided to step away. Connie was handed a gift in appreciation of her contribution to the football club.

Bert Andrews acknowledged John Rich and Jo Moyle for their commitment to the football club.

Bert Andrews also thanked Rohan for his input, and acknowledged that he is the longest serving treasurer of the football club (5 years). Rohan's experience and knowledge will be missed as he steps down from his Treasurer role.





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Bert congratulated Roger Palmer and the netball club on a successful season and on moving with the new Rules which commenced in March 2014.

Bert highlighted that it has been a learning curve for both clubs this season with the new Constitution. He acknowledged that there are contradictions and it will take a couple of years to iron it out. He confirmed that people in Executive positions continued with their terms after the Constitution came into effect.

Bert acknowledged Roger stepping down as President – Netball.

Bert stated that the Football & Netball club idea was a long time coming, and that the clubs are continuing to grow.

### **14. THANK YOU – NETBALL**

Roger advised that netball thank you speeches are done at the end of year presentation. He thanked the football club for its support and Mark Johnson for his advice and help in setting up the Football & Netball club. Roger stated his amazement at how the netball club has grown in numbers, from hopes of just a few teams to start with to now having in excess of 30 teams, and how this shows that the Narre South Lions is a great brand and that people want to be a part of it.

At this point Simone Miller asked if she can bring up issues with regard to membership eligibility of both the football and netball clubs.

Bert Andrews confirmed that netball committee and executive positions rolled over, and those positions would be declared vacant at the first AGM (ie today).

It is unsure if this discussion was documented but the decision for this to happen was made by the committee at the time of the inception of the idea of having a Football and Netball club.

Mark Johnson advised that the idea of a Football and Netball club was raised at a committee meeting, and voted on to ahead with, and that this was documented. He advised that a following meeting was held where the roll over was mentioned and it was voted that the netball committee would follow in the footsteps of the football committee. Minutes of the 2012 meetings will need to be reviewed.

Simone Miller questioned the Chairman of the Board in relation to limited memberships for netball.

Bert Andrews advised that we would not be discussing the Constitution at the AGM. He acknowledged that there were issues, but would not discuss Simone's nomination for President Netball.

Simone Miller requested when this would be discussed. Bert advised that she can request to meet with the Board. He also advised that if Simone was unhappy with the Board decision not to grant her nomination for President Netball, she needed to follow the grievance/complaint policy. He confirmed that the Board had followed the Constitution with regard to her nomination for President Netball.

Simone attempted to continue voicing her opinion with the Board. One football member departed the AGM in disgust. There was interjection by members on the floor. Mike McKenna stood up from the floor





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and called for a point of order. The members silenced while Mike spoke and advised that the AGM was not the appropriate place to debate the Constitution. He recommended to Simone Miller that she document any issues with the Constitution and put them to a Special Meeting. He stated that this was Constitutional Law.

Bert reiterated that Simone Miller's nomination for President Netball did not allow the board time to convene to consider her for limited membership. The Board met on the Thursday prior to the AGM, but the deadline for nominations had passed by this time.

Simone Miller then wished to discuss the eligibility of the other nomination for President Netball by Sabrina Gammeri. She claimed that the nomination was also ineligible as Sabrina's husband sat on the current committee and that they only had one child.

It was noted that if there was an Executive position which was not filled, then the Executive committee of the respective club can select a suitable candidate at a later date.

Robbie MacDonald stated that he was embarrassed at the lack of attendance at the AGM. He asserted that he considered that issues need to be addressed in General Business.

Connie Di Salvo advised that these things need to be discussed at a special meeting.

Simone Miller motioned that a Special General Meeting be held to discuss issues with the Constitution.

Jason Waters asked when is the correct forum – does it need to be a special meeting or a committee meeting.

It was advised that members can submit agenda items to the committee for discussion at a committee meeting, or they can request to attend a committee meeting.

Rohan Banks requested clarification on the issue at hand. It was confirmed that it is a question of the other nominee's eligibility to apply for the role as President Netball. The other nominee's partner is stepping down as at the date of the AGM, given that general committee positions are declared vacant at the AGM, so the nominee is therefore eligible. Simone Miller argued that the other nominee's partner should have stepped down prior to the nomination.

Julie Jenner requested clarification – if a partner steps down as at the AGM then isn't the nomination valid?

Bert Andrews moved the meeting on.

Robbie MacDonald asked for an update on the progress of the bottom oval. Bert advised that it has been re-seeded and should be ready March/April 2015. Bert advised that he would follow up the Council.

Robbie MacDonald asked about the scoreboards. Bert advised that we are awaiting permits – once granted they will then be put up. The committee has approved the purchase of digital scoreboards – a big one for the bottom oval and a small one for the top oval.





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Jo Moyle made a motion to have a Special General Meeting to clarify the Constitution. Robbie MacDonald seconded the motion.

There was discussion of the Constitution's clarity. Bert Andrews clarified that the reasons behind the wording of the Constitution were to keep the club purely as a junior club. Jo Moyle queried if the direction of the club was changing.

Bert also clarified voting rights – netball members vote on netball issues and football members vote on football issues.

It was decided that, due to the confusion surrounding the discussions had, the position of President Netball would not be declared today.

There were many conversations and opinions being spoken on the floor. It was decided that the issues with the nominations and Constitution would be discussed at a Special General Meeting on Friday 14 November 2014.

As Roger Palmer is stepping down from President Netball a VP will need to step in.

### **15. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Positions open for re-election for Football are:

Treasurer  
Registrar  
VP Football  
General Committee

Positions open for re-election for Netball are:

President  
Secretary  
VP Admin  
General Committee

### **16. HANDOVER TO 2015 COMMITTEE**

Football Executive committee for 2015 is:

President:	Bert Andrews
Secretary:	Erin McLean
VP Admin:	Nicole Andrews
Treasurer:	Vacant – football executive will find an applicant for the role
Registrar:	Julie Johnstone
VP Football:	Mark Collard
General Committee:	Robbie MacDonald, Georgia MacDonald, Melissa Sullivan







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Netball Executive committee for 2015 is:

President:	Vacant given the issues raised at the Special General Meeting
Secretary:	Mandy Stonard
VP Admin:	Alison Trotter
Treasurer:	Nicole Atkinson
Registrar:	Katherine Sheedy
VP Netball:	Emma Tatlow
General Committee:	Roger Palmer, Donna Fox, Grant Fox, Kylie Thomas, Jude Warkuss, Sabrina Gammeri, Mandy Collard, Donna Slattery.

**Meeting Closed:** 3.56pm.

