

VDCA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

In Attendance:

26 members of the VDCA

Commenced:

Mark Goodall welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes were read by Mark Goodall and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Phil Glen and seconded by Lenore Davis. The motion was carried.

President's Address: Mark noted that it was a great season with a lot of great cricket played at numerous levels. In the face of fewer teams, the quality of weekend cricket was very high, but at the cost of diminished participation. Mark congratulated the midweek league on another very successful season.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: No matters arising.

Reports:

- 1) **Junior Cricket:** John Wenman presented a detailed report outlining the status of junior cricket in Victoria. He especially thanked those who have spent so much time volunteering in the Saturday morning program: Head Coach Tony Cordle, Jim Wenman, Denys Steele and John Wenman. Parents again were very complimentary about the care, attention and encouragement their children were receiving. He noted two of the highlights of the season: an exhibition match on the final day of VISAS and the trip to Vancouver at the end of August. The midweek Colts, coached by David Haussmann and John Wenman, continue to improve and have several players that have improved dramatically. John thanked St. Michaels University School for their generosity in making their facilities available for the junior programs.
- 2) **Grounds Report:** Simon Heslop absent - no report was presented. Mark Goodall mentioned that he is in contact with the city regarding the damaged mat at Beacon Hill, and he expects to work out a solution to this shortly. Howard Martin noted that the Beacon Hill grounds looked and played beautifully this year and that the parks staff should be congratulated on the tremendous improvement over last year.
- 3) **Midweek League Report:** No report – the Midweek League AGM is on October 20th.
- 4) **Trustee's Report:** Brian Tetlow was absent, and did not submit a report. He indicated his willingness to continue to serve as trustee.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Duncan Hollows presented a balance sheet and reviewed some of the figures. He then presented an income statement. We generated \$20,530.55 and

spent \$23,025.85. A few items of revenue and expenditure have not yet been included, but it's pretty clear that we're short of money.

- a) **Discussion:** Mark Goodall began by noting what it costs to put the game on the field and what we actually pay to play. We are grossly underpaying to play cricket in Victoria. So, we need to do something about the money coming in. It appears that the current yearly cost to put cricket on is about \$18,000. Dues are covering about \$8,000. This shortfall needs to be met and we can't count on fundraising.
- b) Mike Skene noted that fundraising and interest to support the game should be generated at the club level, not the league level.
- c) Lenore Davis wondered how many players were registered and maybe the cost could be divided that way.
- d) Dave Gladders wondered why players don't pay a fee (\$20) when they register. That could at least cover the cost of player insurance.
- e) Phil Glen moved that a members administration and insurance fee of \$25 be assessed to register any player playing a match in the VDCA. Seconded by Paul Wilson. Carried unanimously.
- f) Club Dues: Currently the six weekend teams pay \$1000 each and the Midweek League pays the equivalent of two teams (\$2000) for 14 teams. Motion: Dave Gladders moved that club dues for the 2009 season be set at \$1500 for weekend teams and \$400 for midweek teams. Seconded by Peter Richardson. Discussion: Gurmit Sandhu felt that the club dues should be based on division of the total cost at a 2:1 ratio. In other words, if the season costs \$15,000, midweek is responsible for \$5000 divided among however many teams it has, and the weekend league is responsible for \$10,000 divided among however many teams it has. Call the questions – In favour 25, opposed 0, abstained 1.
- g) Duncan noted that we have investments in mortgages and at this time it is probably wise to reinvest them. Phil Glen moved that the current mortgage investments be moved to a more secure investment at this time. Seconded by Duncan Hollows. Carried.

Election of Officers:

Peter Richardson took the chair and led this portion of the meeting.

- 1) President: The nominating committee has not been able to supply a name and there were no nominations from the floor. Mark cannot remain as president, but will continue to fill the position temporarily until a new president can be found.
 - 2) Second Vice President: John Wenman's two year term has come to an end but he has kindly offered to let his name stand for another term. No other nominations came from the floor. John Wenman was elected by acclamation.
 - 3) Secretary: Rick Fletcher's two year term has come to an end and the nominating committee put forward the name of Adam Erickson. No other nominations came from the floor. Adam Erickson was elected by acclamation.
 - 4) Honorary President Ron Heaps and Vice President Tony Fathers.
- Peter Richardson turned the meeting back over to the Mark Goodall.

Announcements:

The Awards Banquet will be held on October 25th, 6:30 p.m. at the Strathcona Hotel. Tickets are \$30 each and just as last year, teams are responsible for six tickets each. Please return trophies from last year as soon as possible. Carico will be back!

Next AGM: October 21, 2009

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by David Norrish – 9:24 p.m.