

NEWCASTLE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Record of Meeting



MEETING TITLE:	2022 Annual General Meeting (92nd)		
MEETING LOCATION:	Softball Clubrooms, Stevenson Ave, Mayfield.	MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, 22 Nov 2022
		MEETING START:	19:09
		MEETING END:	20:36
CHAIRPERSON:	Duane Harrison	RECORDED BY:	Maxine Poole
ATTENDEES:	Duane Harrison <i>Chairman</i> John Mossop <i>Life Member/Boomerangs</i> Maxine Poole <i>Secretary</i> Phil Davies <i>Life Member/White Sox</i> Scott Foster <i>Treasurer</i> Kim Crosby <i>Storm</i> Ian Hook <i>NBA/Life Member</i> Ray Crosby <i>Storm</i> Brian Sullivan <i>NBA</i> Andrew Gorrick <i>Toronto</i> Travers Searle <i>NBA</i> Joshua Van Eynde <i>Toronto</i> Jason Picot <i>NBA</i> Ann Voigt <i>Boomerangs</i> John Wingrove <i>Life Member</i> Virginia <i>Boomerangs</i> Kim Hook <i>Belmont</i> Petherbridge Tony Cavanagh <i>Lake Camels</i> Megan Gleeson <i>Boomerangs</i> Dan Gleeson <i>Boomerangs</i>		
APOLOGIES:	Andrew Gardner, Paul Ireland, Stephen Pack, Bill Marshall, John Lambkin, Michael Campbell, Fiona Hinton-Rodgers, Megan Doudle		

AGENDA:	
1	Receive and approve the Minutes of the 91st AGM
2	Adoption of the 2022 92nd Annual Report
3	Receive reports from Directors on the activities of NBA in 2022
4	Conduct the election of Directors
5	Election of Life Members
6	Discuss the 2022 competition in general

1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM 2021 AGM

John Mossop moved that they were an accurate record. **Seconded** - Kim Crosby

2 ADOPTION OF 92ND ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to Andrew Gardner for his time and effort composing the report.

3 DIRECTOR REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Duane welcomed the Life Members and club representatives present. It was the wet weather that threw us a "curve ball" this season. Thank you to the committee, club officials, umpires and players for being flexible and showing support.

The representative season went well with both our A & B teams winning the Country Championships, the Senior men's comp is becoming a strong competition. The women's team also went well but just lacked enough pitching. The Little League team won the State Championship and went through to Nationals, with our Junior and Senior League teams and U18's being competitive.

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Congratulations to Belmont club winning the club championships and to all the Grand Final winners.

Also thank you to Belmont club for hosting the Major League grand final day on such short notice.

Duane would like to acknowledge John Wingrove who has stood down from the position of our Country delegate. John has been involved in both the Newcastle and Country Associations for many years taking on numerous roles. Ian hook will replace John as our delegate.

3.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT / TREASURER'S REPORT

Please see Annual report.

There was a small loss in the Junior account as we didn't collect any Junior team entries due to wet season.

Still funds to be deposited into the Senior account.

4 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected Directors - Ian Hook and Travers Searle were up for election.

Maxine received nominations from both Ian and Travers.

Both were re-elected as Directors on the NBA Board.

Dr Andrew Gardner has stepped down from Board due to work commitments.

It was noted that the NBA Board intends to elect Fiona Hinton-Rodgers and Michael Campbell as independent directors onto the Board.

Executive positions will remain the same as in 2022.

5 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

TC. Pointed out that the process of Electing Life members needs to be addressed as it wasn't on the AGM Agenda and as a club-delegate, he would like direction from his club regarding election of Life Members prior to an AGM.

DH: NBA like to keep a surprise for the inductees, however it was decided that the process will be looked into for future years.

The NBA Board nominated the following persons for Life Membership in recognition to their service to baseball in the Newcastle Association.

- Scott Foster
- Ross Picot
- Shane Barclay

Whilst a vote was undertaken for the election of Life Members, it was identified that the Constitution only permits up to 2 persons elected as Life Membership per year.

Hence the vote was considered invalid.

After further discussion, it was agreed that that the NBA Board would review options for a Special General Meeting in the future to permit the one-off induction of additional Life Members.

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6 GENERAL BUSINESS

JW. John informed that he has suggested for Senior Country Championship to be played over 2 weekends. A-division one weekend, B-division the next. Currently, there are too many teams and not enough fields.

John also informed he has proposed Clubs approach the Association and request the Association offers interest free loans to clubs that struggled with no canteen revenue during the season of washouts and covid. The intent is to reduce the risk of losing clubs due to financial struggles through no fault of their own, and proposed this be discussed at Presidents meeting.

RC. There are many sports grants out there available to clubs to help financially. These are not difficult to apply for.

JVE. Toronto are working with LMCC for lighting to be installed at their ground. Toronto requested the Board be able to speak in favour of the acquisition (Board agreed to write a letter of support if requested)

Toronto are still having problems with BNSW over the refunding of Active kids vouchers from 2019.

SF. The Office of Children's Guardian is carrying out strict auditing of WWCC compliancy.

Clubs must have a clear register of all coaches, etc that are working with children under 18. This is up to each individual club to have own current register of WWCC numbers and check for expired certificates.

NBA Secretary. Could clubs send in their list of Office bearers after their AGM's including MPIO officer names and certificate.

PD. Phil thanked the Board for their efforts this season working under difficult conditions, to be commended for their flexibility with ground usage to allow the maximum amount of games.

Boomerangs Club sent in a list of points they would like raised.

- Updated DH rule
- Swapping Major League to Saturday
- Mercy rule / runs across plate
- More NBA support for Junior coaches, rule summary
- Dedicated NBA person at each ML game.
- Club fee component to come through GameDay.
- Ending of timed game
- Public listing of gradings
- Minimum number of fresh players for each game
- By-law breaches
- NBA minutes made public.

Further discussions to be had at our Season Review meeting, however NBA acknowledged sanitised minutes can be put on the website for access convenience and also Junior Rule communication could be improved following a difficult year for the organisation.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm