

## **WDRFC Ltd Annual General Meeting**

**Held at 65 Sylvan Road, Toowong**

**6.30 pm Friday 30 November 2012**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Scott Allen, Sipa Aupaau, Carl Berry, Graham Brown, Tony Buckley, David Campbell, Wayne Carter, Lyn Crowley, Trevor Davies, Alexandra Feltham, Tim Geary, Ross Harrison, Scott Harrison, Will Harrison, Tony Hawkins, John Hurwood, Peter Stuart Maclean, Dean Marsh, Philip Mooney, Anthony Ott, Michael Ott, Jody Parker, Stan Pilecki, Greg Shaw, Harry Shaw, Jo Staples, Michael Stevens, Phil Stoneham, Carl Turner, Tim Young

**Apologies:** Col Archer, Felicity Bennetts, Lindsay Colwill, Cullum Hughes, Merv Jarvis, Ron Leth, Joe Nowak, Denis Riley, John Ryan, Russ Shields, Ken Swenson

#### **Opening**

President Tony Buckley welcomed all to the meeting, thanked all attendees for coming and proceeded through the previously circulated Agenda.

#### **1. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 2 December 2011 were tabled.

Proposed for acceptance by Phil Stoneham

Seconded by John Hurwood

#### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

#### **3. President's Report (copy attached)**

The report was read to the meeting.

Proposed for acceptance by Trevor Davies

Seconded by Tim Young

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (copy attached)**

The report was read to the meeting.

Proposed for acceptance by Alexandra Feltham

Seconded by Stan Pilecki

#### **5. Adoption of 30 September 2012 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements as at 30 September 2012 were tabled.

Proposed for acceptance by Alexandra Feltham

Seconded by Stan Pilecki

**6. Appointment of 2013 Auditor**

It was proposed that Pilot Partners continue as the club Auditor for 2013.

Proposed for acceptance by Scott Harrison

Seconded by Phil Stoneham

**7. Election of Office Bearers**

The 9 nominations for the 9 available positions were accepted:

- President: Tony Buckley
- Treasurer: Scott Harrison
- Directors: Graham Brown
- Alexandra Feltham
- Tony Hawkins
- John Hurwood
- Michael Ott
- Greg Shaw
- Tim Young

It was agreed that the draft Minutes of this meeting and the attendant reports be circulated to members and also placed on the Wests Bulldogs Rugby website.

**8. Life member**

It was proposed by Tony Buckley and passed unanimously that Tony Hawkins be appointed a life member of the club. Tony, in thanking those assembled for the honour, said he was honoured to join the illustrious company of the life members present and that it was the pinnacle of his association with Wests.

Lyn Crowley then spoke on behalf of those assembled in saying he was both astounded and horrified at the amount of work Tony has contributed in and to the club and that while others have served as well and in his 50 year time at the club, he has seen commitment from many, Tony joined the ranks of those exceptional life members that the club has who give above and beyond.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm with indication by Tony Buckley that it was very good day at Wests with the future looking bright.

Signed as a true copy by President – Tony Buckley

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(Date)



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## **President's Report 2012**

Over the last three years, Wests Juniors and Seniors have been working together to amalgamate the two clubs into a one path club. I am happy to say this has now effectively been achieved and in place for next season. The benefits for both clubs on and off the field will be very significant and the future of the Wests Bulldogs Rugby will go from strength to strength.

I am also pleased to say that with the help of the QRU Flood Grant, State and Local Government contributions, we have been able to get our playing surfaces up to and maintain a standard that is the equal of any similar ground in Brisbane. I believe with both the Juniors and Seniors now working cohesively together, our fields will always be kept at this high standard.

The appointment of Phil Mooney as Head Coach this year has lifted our playing standard to another level. Our goal was to have Phil improve our rugby culture and have the club moving forward, not only on the field but off it as well. I cannot thank Phil enough for his help and commitment to his role at the Kennel. I would also like to thank all the coaches and volunteers who put their time and effort into making Wests the club that it is.

As a club we fielded a record number of teams and players in our Senior ranks but lacked numbers in our Colts area. We didn't set any records when it came to making finals but I believe it will not be far away when the Bulldogs will be back on top.

Again we saw our club finish the season financially in the black for the second year running, I am happy to thank Scott Harrison for his great work, not only this year but also over the time he has been on the board at Wests as Treasurer. If the club can keep its high standard going in the front office I believe Wests can be one of the best managed Rugby clubs on and off the field making the club's future very bright.

I would also like to thank all our major sponsors. To Sedgman, who came on board this year and for the next two years. To Sci-Fleet, for all their help over the last few years and in future. To Hutchinson Builders and all the other generous businesses who have chosen to associate themselves with Wests.

Again, thanks must go to the QRU and our fellow clubs for making the season a success. I see the future of Wests being very bright, with the amalgamation of the two clubs. I feel we are achieving a club that has a family environment which will only do well for our future growth.

Tony Buckley  
30.11.12



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## **Treasurer's Report 2012**

For the financial year ended 30 September 2012, the Club has booked a profit of \$74,943. After adding back depreciation, a cash surplus of \$81,554 has been recorded. A year of further financial consolidation has built a solid foundation moving forward.

The Club will enter 2013 as an amalgamated entity and will benefit from natural economies of scale. Strict financial management control and fiscal planning will continue to provide financial comfort and surety to all stakeholders. The 2013 Budget has been tabled and adopted and will again provide for a cash surplus result.

As in 2012, the Club has a Balance Sheet with nil debt, other than the regular quarterly GST and PAYG obligations. At 30 September, cash at bank totalled \$114,477, giving the Club the luxury of entering the off-season and preparing for the 2013 season, without the need to utilise an overdraft facility.

Revenue increased by \$95,664, predominately due to Donations received by the Junior Club to contribute towards the field upgrades and the transferring of surplus funds on dissolution. Grant income also increased by \$48,177 in relation to the State Government Sport & Recreation Grant received. This revenue was matched by a subsequent increase in Employee Benefits.

The amalgamated Club topped the list of player enrolments in Qld at the commencement of the 2012 playing season with 426. This transferred through to Membership Income with an increase in fees collected of \$21,610. A very big thank you to Tony Hawkins for his relentless work in collections.

On a negative note, budgeted Function Income was not met. The Board is implementing a plan to remedy this in future years. The 2013 sponsorship program is also high on the list of priorities.

This year saw a program of cost-shifting from the QRU to the ARU with Grant Income of \$56,000 being received. The introduction of a 3 Tiered Premier Rugby Program initiated by the ARU is now linked to a Club's off-field and on-field performance and infrastructure. We understand that only two Clubs received the highest Tier 1 status, with Wests just on the cusp. The Club has in place a strategy to obtain Tier 1 status in the near future.

Finally, the Club Auditor, Pilot Partners has audited the 30 September 2012 Financial Statements and an unqualified Audit Report has been issued. I would personally like to thank Daniel Gill and Emma Dolphin for their audit services.

Scott Harrison  
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