

REVISED MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 23RD
SEPTEMBER 2021.

Meeting opened: 8pm

Present: David Hughes, Geoff McIlvenna, Pam Hughes, Margaret Bate, Ken Numa, Rickey Cole, Dianne Numa, Pam Dahlstrom, Graeme Dahlstrom, Mary McShanag, Daryl McShanag, Theo Gessas, Keven Paterson, Rochelle McShanag, Theresa Waara, Joy McCoy, Tamara Dudley, Darren Dudley, Ben Robertson, Clara Robertson, Lauren Broderick, Nicole McGrotty, Anthony Dionas, Toni Ilczynski, Kirk Graham, Samantha Bettiol, Damian Lehmann, Rino Zancan, Andrew Damm, Leo Felicissimo, Tristan Daff, Richard Hawke, Alicia Allen, Jacqueline Numa, Crystal Afitu, Lance Afitu, Lou Politini, Lucas Numa, Kate Lee, Bradley Lee, Kerry Ruston, Alina Freestone, Daniel Fahry, Peter Eddy,

Apologies: Patrick Martino, John D'Amore, Tony Curcio, Bev Hardiman, Jennifer Henderson,

David thanked everyone for their attendance and asked everyone to put their microphones on mute. David also advised Peter Eddy from Basketball Victoria was in attendance and would speak tonight.

Pam Dahlstrom read – At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Whittlesea City basketball Association held Tuesday 31st August 2021 the following motion was passed unanimously.

A Special General meeting of the Whittlesea City Basketball Association Inc. (WCBA) be called on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 8pm to table and vote on the proposed changes to WCBA's Rules & Regulations. The motion was Moved by Geoff McIlvenna and seconded by Ken Numa. Proposal to be sent out to members 2nd September 2021.

Geoff McIlvenna advised that every member had received a letter from David Hughes on the 14th September 2021 to explain the reasoning behind the Executive of the WCBA's desire to change from our current Constitution.

David asked if anyone wanted to speak –

Darren Dudley – President KPYC – said he had been President KPYC, coach for over 18 years firmly believes that the old constitution was more inclusive – the one being voted on takes away representation from clubs – Presidents Associations wants more information – Vote a firm no.

Anthony Dionas – President Mill Park Rebelz – agrees with Darren Dudley – can't see club input or vote – need to work together – Vote no.

Rino Zancan – President Cougars - Rino feels it's a bit unfair to clubs and is against it as it is put.

Alicia Allen – President Boomers – strongly believes key stake holders should have a vote.

Richard Hawke – President Lalor Lions – Feels that proposal presented doesn't give clubs a right to vote.

Lauren Broderick – President Referees Association – has concerns and would be interested where the Referee's Association stands.

Mary McShanag – If people want a say become a member, couldn't get some clubs to put a member forward – Referees come under SSV.

Should read Dianne Numa not Tammy Dudley – KPYC – had sent a letter forward with her concerns – over last 3 years it has been hard to get members on JDC – whole time Pam H ran JDC no problems – of late Exec Comm couldn't make a decision.

Kirk Graham – President South Morang – clubs want financial members to have a say.

David - Need to point out current constitution –

- Junior Domestic Committee consists of a minimum of 3 people and it is up to them if they increase or decrease.
- The new proposed Constitution allows Executive to form committees – no mention of SDC which hasn't had numbers for years or Championship Committee – want to govern whole Association not just one committee but need document in place –
- If not put in place then process will stop – take on board conversations and want to make constitution workable.

Peter Eddy – thanked everyone for attending.

- Peter gave us a brief outline of his position at BV and Ballarat as well as being on Council in Ballarat
- Peter has been working with our Association and Moreland since last year
- His work with BV as senior development officer has seen a real under support of basketball in the north west.
- Peter has seen a strong passion from our Association – got involved with workshop organized by Peter – extra programs have come from workshop
- Worked closely with Julie from City of Whittlesea as well close to staff at Lalor secondary college where there are 4 courts to be built.
- Long term projects will see 6 courts built at Mernda
- Lots of work going on at the moment with BV looking at lease agreement with SSV
- WCBA's Current constitution doesn't exist pre 2012 – now Model Rules
- Recommend encourage revised constitution in line with model rules
- In model rules membership can be rejected
- Workshop – get constitution to stage of being compliant
- Model Rules will hold if we stay with old constitution
- Need to look at Constitution change, governance organization structure & strategic plan
- Model Rules allows board to make Committees – delegate authority to sub committee
- Members want organized structure – plan 3 years – members want to play in Whittlesea
- BV should have presented Model Rules in 2012
- Strategic plan fundamental to future management of stadiums
- Encouraged everyone to work together.
- Lots of positives – keep faith – bright future if involved and committed to Whittlesea
- Good idea to include senior players
- Unable to answer questions

Anthony Dionas – thanked Peter for his input and asked for a strategic workshop.

David Hughes – Thanked everyone for input

- Everyone's input was taken on board – some was disregarded – some points made no sense

- Starting point – start and progress – stay committed to Association.

Due to not everyone being able to be seen Pam D read out names and member either said yes if for the motion or no if against the motion.

Financial Members in attendance 43 - 21 voted to support new constitution and 22 voted against new constitution – Motion defeated.

Peter Eddy – Model Rules are now in force – no more advantageous – doesn't solve issues raised tonight – Sub Committee shouldn't be included in drafts.

Rino Zancan – said no animosity – need better lines of communication best option Association – concern kids playing elsewhere.

Keven Paterson – thanked for information which brought everything into light – some listened.

Damian Lehmann – Workshop and strategic plan – discussion with stake holders needs to be done together – opportunity for everyone to be involved.

Anthony – mentioned if anything wanted done – had to do Zoom meeting.

David – asked Peter to join Presidents bi monthly meeting to be held Monday 11th October 2021.

Alicia – all here for same reason and head in same direction – clubs want a say and this constitution doesn't give that.

Clara – where do we access Model Rules – Peter Eddy to send through to Pam D tomorrow to be sent out to all members.

David thanked Peter Eddy for his input and closed meeting at 9.19pm.