

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**25 November 2019**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Attendance:**

P Woods (Illawarra), B Wheway (UOW), S Tresidder (Rugby Chairman), A Thomas (Shamrocks), B Roodenrys (Life member), M Freund (Bowral), W Cusack (Juniors), R Old (Camden), J Masters (Illawarra), P Leiner (Life member), A Webb (Treasurer), B Moran (Shellharbour), C Meller (Kiama), D Black (Camden), G Murphy (Shoalhaven)

#### **2. Apologies:**

D Crofts (in Perth for work), H Cole (Junior Chairman), J Martin (Life member)

Minutes of AGM of 2018 are a true and correct record approved B Wheway and seconded D Black - passed.

#### **3. No business arising**

#### **4. Receipt of Reports**

- 4.1. Reports of the Chairman of Rugby, Junior Chairman, Seniors Representative, Junior Representative and Financials had been circulated and they were adopted.
- 4.2. Chairman briefly spoke to his report and pointed out that we made a loss at the Grand Final due to the NRC Game. The disappointment that the Chairman of Australian Rugby did not acknowledge Illawarra Rugby.
- 4.3. However with that the good news is that on 6 March 2020 a Super 14s Game between the Waratahs and Chiefs is to be played at WIN Stadium and there have been a number of meetings held in relation to the game and they are progressing very well.
- 4.4. Wayne Cusack spoke in relation to the Junior Report. In short it has been an up and down season for the Juniors, the competition for 2020 is ready in plan form. Harvey Cole has taken on the Junior Chairman role. The challenges for the Juniors in 2019 is that a number of children wanted to play in Sydney but wanted to play for Illawarra and a firm role was set that you must play in the Illawarra competitions to be eligible for representative teams.
- 4.5. 48 players achieved a higher representative honour which is tremendous. We did not go as well in the Carnivals as we did in 2018.
- 4.6. A very good support for the girls competition which was run on a Friday night like a Gala and was very successful especially in the first section of the competition when there was day light saving and the weather was good. As the weather deteriorated and day light saving ended proved a bit difficult in relation to numbers. However at the beginning of the season over 120 girls participated.

- 4.7. Dion Miller spoke on the Junior Representative Program, it has now kicked off on Sunday 24 November 2019 and they had very good numbers. All rugby people are invited to attend for the next 3 Sundays. The numbers are better than last year.
- 4.8. Andrew Webb spoke to the financial reports. The clothing expense is far too high and this must be tightened up for the 2020 season and there are a number of recommendations having been put to the Board which will be discussed in the first Board meeting of December 2019. The numbers at the Grand Final were up but there were a great number who had free tickets which were issued by the NRC organisation.
- 4.9. Moved by Andrew Webb and seconded Steve Tresidder that all reports be accepted.

## **5. Election**

Vice President – John Masters

Directors – Tom Ellicott, Mark Freund

Treasurer – Andrew Webb

Kelly & Partners were nominated and elected as Auditors for the 2020 Season.

## **6. No Special Business**

## **7. Matters to consider**

Mark Freund from Bowral explained that the building at Bowral is to be completed by 23 March 2020. The steel is going up this week. The handover date has been set for that date in March 2020. The building will be a 240 seat function centre and one of the big items that is to be worked on is the air conditioning that must be provided.

Finally, a thank you expressed by life member Bert Roodenrys for Peter Woods contribution to Rugby.

## **8. Attachments**

- 8.1. Financial Report
- 8.2. Andrew Webb ...