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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 20 October 2021

7:00 pm Start

Video conference

1. Welcome and apologies

In Attendance: Bede Dwyer, Frank Borg, Michael Fouracre, Serina Stretton, Jolyon Fairbairn, Deb Taylor, Darryl Drake, Marsden Auerbach, Jon Drake, Jack Fogel Watkins, Shawn Laffan

Apologies: Kim Thwaites, Paul Cooper

2. Declaration of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

3. Minutes of AGM 2020

Minutes of the meeting held in 2020 were tabled and found to be a true record of the meeting moved to be accepted by John Drake and seconded by Shawn Laffan

Marsden requested that the minutes be distributed soon after the AGM rather than waiting until the next AGM

4. Committee Reports

- President - (see attached)
Frank Borg gave his report, which focussed on the impact of COVID-19 on club activities.
- Treasurer – (see financial statements attached)
Michael Fouracre presented the 2020/2020 financial report. The Club is in a strong financial position. Randwick Council's initiative to not charge ground fees during the lock down period was very welcome.
- Secretary – (see attached)
Serina Stretton provided her report. Financial membership decreased because of COVID-19. For 2022, we will focus on reinvigorating membership and the come and try program

5. Office Bearer Elections for Committee

All offices were declared vacant and nominations for the committee were received. The following office bearers were nominated and elected unopposed

President – Frank Borg

Treasurer – Michael Fouracre

Secretary – Serina Stretton

There were 5 nominations for ordinary membership: John Drake, Deb Taylor, Jolyon Fairbairn, Shawn Laffan, and Jack Fogel Watkins.



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An anonymous vote using the Zoom poll feature was undertaken and Deb Taylor, Joylon Fairbairn, Shawn Laffan, and Jack Fogel Watkins were elected by majority vote.

6. Club Re-Opening

The Club will re-open to members October 24 and to members and non-members October 31. From October to November, non-members will be required to book so that we can control numbers

Shooting will commence under the COVID-19 safety plan: sign in on arrival, disinfect hands, 2 persons per target (or 4 if family/cohabiting); vaccination is required

Once restrictions are eased in December, we will relook at the need to book and number of shooters per target in accordance with State and Local government guidelines.

7. Other business

Attendees discussed topics for the forthcoming ordinary meetings: equipment upgrade, the merits of conducting workshops for members (eg, 2 per year) on technical aspects of archery including arrow making and tuning, City of Sydney and club competitions.

Frank Borg
President
Date:

Serina Stretton
Secretary
Date:

President's Report for AGM 2021

Welcome to our 2021 AGM

Covid-19 continues impact the way we have had to operate with our membership and with the archery community in general. Fortunately, we were able to shoot to the end 2020 and beginning of this year's summer and part way through the winter season. However, since June all community-based sports was prohibited as a consequence of the more contagious Delta form of the Covid virus and the greater Sydney lockdown. Fortunately, now that we have reached 80% double vaccination, we will be this resuming this Sunday 25 October. I will have more to say about this later.

Last year I covered the following items, many of which I can update.

- Biannual Elections
- Facilities and Storage issues
- Constitution Upgrade
- Community Service Role
- Financial position and capabilities for more productive use.
- Responsibilities under various archery and risk management policies
- Use of social media
- City of Sydney
- Regular monthly shooting program.

1. Committee Elections

We again have reached that time for our biannual Committee elections.

- Let me first thank all those on the current committee who have provided the support and work over the past 2 years to carry the Club through, despite the trials and tribulations of this pandemic. We owe a special thanks to Serina, our club secretary, who has been the backbone of the club and kept all the sticky wheels turning over. Thanks to Mike our treasurer, Deb and Jolyon for their invaluable assistance over the last 2 years. Also, a thanks to Anthony for his assistance over the last 2 years and who will not be nominating this time.
- Happily, most of our current executive and committee members have offered to renominate for their current positions. We have also 5 additional nominations for the 4 non-executive committee members and as such we will be taking a vote on selecting 4 to join our committee. Serina will guide us through the voting methodology.

2. Facilities and Storage issues

- Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our NSW Community Sports grants application to upgrade our aging targets. We did retire 2 of the original 20yr plus targets and replaced them with square targets more suitable for our rolling targets. We do plan upgrade the remaining old targets. The new executive will have to consider this as part of their ongoing stewardship of the Club.
- Council has allocated money for additional signage to be installed at the gate's entrance identifying our club. I have had a preliminary onsite meeting to discuss options. We await their final offering. We also purchased 2 tear drop banners following on from suggestions put forward at last year's AGM. These have proved popular amongst members and casual archers.
- Darryl's rolling targets have proved very successful and has made our job setting up and closing the member's range at the end of the day a whole lot easier. Thanks again Darryl.

3. Constitution Upgrade

- We have successfully updated our Constitution which was formally submitted to ASIC for ratification and is available on our webpage.

4. Community Service Role

- The Club was granted the status an Active Kids Provider. Unfortunately, there were no applications, not helped with the ongoing disruptions and limitations on participation rates.

Our status has lapsed, but perhaps this can be reactivated when circumstances permit. Covid-19 has seriously affected our Come-N-Try program. The incoming Committee plans to meet in November to address this and other club requirements in order to reinvigorate the Come-N-Try program and the club's other activities.

5. Financial position and capabilities for more productive use.

- Covid-19 has greatly impacted the club's ability to conduct our beginners' course and Come-N-Try sessions. Mike will provide details on the club's financial situation for the financial year 2020-2021. We have had to rely on fees from club members and for a limited time from non-members which barely covered our ground hire fees. Fortunately, RCC has provided a grant for last year's lockdown and waived fees for this summer/winter season lockdown period. I am currently in discussions with the council's booking department to sort out final fees for this winter season.

6. Responsibilities under various archery and risk management policies.

- Covid-19 has required us to progressively submit Covid-19 Safety Plans and supporting Risk Management Schedules to Randwick Council. I have updated our Covid Safety plan and forwarded it onto Council for their records. We will be posting this on our webpage. We will be looking into a booking system to manage our attendance numbers in accordance with the NSW Health social distancing restrictions. Serina will have something to say about this. Fortunately, we have a lot of the covid protocols in place to meet our obligations under the NSW Health requirements.

7. Use of social media

- Thanks to the efforts of Serina and Deb, our use of social media has greatly improved the way and effectiveness of our communication processes with our members and the community.
- Again, a special thanks to Serina and Bede Dwyer for resolving the issue with the Club's web page going off line for a time.

8. City of Sydney

Due to the restrictions from Covid, no competitions were run this year. Sadly, the club will not be conducting the COS for the 2nd year in a row. We will be submitting one for next year.

9. Regular monthly shooting program.

Despite our best intentions, this program was also impacted by Covid. However, we did manage to conduct a couple of these sessions over the time. They proved very popular with the members and again thanks to Serina and Anthony for coordinating the Archer's Diary and running of these events. We plan to continue to conduct these competitions.

Secretary Report

1.

	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Financial Members	109	93	102	74		
Member transfers	5 2 – Liverpool 3 - SOPA	9 5 – Liverpool 2 – SOPA 1 – St George 1 - Delta	2 1 - Liverpool 2 from other clubs	2 (Bondi, Illawarra)		

Financial membership decreased this year, primarily because of restrictions placed on shooting. Over the past 2 weeks, we have seen members renew their membership, which is encouraging. However, the focus for this coming year is to strengthen our membership and reinvigorate our Come and Try Program.

We will be commencing come and try on a booking basis and are trialling TryBooking, a free booking app for the month of November so that we can control attendance numbers in accordance with our COVID safety plan

All other activities were minimal this year because of the lockdown restrictions. Once we are sure that restrictions will be minimal, we will look to restart our competition program and workshop series that had been planned.

We will hold 4 ordinary meetings per year, with the first to commence at the end of November to focus on club equipment

Club Secretary

Financial Statements