



MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
18 MARCH 2010

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7.47 pm when a quorum was reached.

1. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies.

Dr. Simon Costello, President, in the Chair,
Peter Selleck (General Secretary),
Stephen Longley (Treasurer).

J. Gray; M. Embling, I.H. Munro; R. Hanna; T Girdwood; H El-Fahkri; J. Meagher; R. Girdwood.

Apologies had been received from:

S. Meade; B. Costello; A. Costello; B. Angel; A. Donald; A. McInerney; A. Salter; M. Thomas

Proxies, who are counted as attendees for the first time due to changes approved at the 2008 AGM:

M. Maltman; T. Standish; S. Lovison; K. Loxsley; W. Girdwood; B. Angel; A. Salter; M. Robin; G. Williams;
T. Hutchins; D. McAloon; G. McLachlan

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19th March 2009.

The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting had been circulated and were tabled by the General Secretary, Peter Selleck.

The alterations to the rules regarding the attendance at Special General Meetings by proxy, together with alterations to financial items (cheque signing privileges), were highlighted by the President.

A discussion, instigated by R. Hanna, revealed that there are no subscriptions payable to MUS by the players.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: I. Munro; **Seconded:** R. Girdwood. Carried.

3. 2009 Annual Report.

The 2009 Annual Report, together with audited accounts, was tabled by the General Secretary.

The President addressed the following items:

- A solid year; Blues in finals; Blacks Reserves in finals
- New Chairmen for 2010 – Blacks: J. Gray; Blues A. McInerney
- Congratulations to Life Members A. Donald and G. deCrespigny
- Another win at AUG
- Thanks to Peter Selleck for improvement in procedural areas, in particular MUS
- Te abandonment of the Pavilion project with the alternative of a cricket and football pavilion on the existing footprint

- Invited comment from R. Girdwood who advised that a new user group formed for this Pavilion with a consultant James Corbett as facilitator. Positive signs.
- The accounts had been satisfactorily audited and the Treasurer advised that he had no issues with the accounts

Peter Selleck presented a mini balance sheet of corporate governance:

Positive: Liquor Licence; Membership; Insurance; MUSA compliance; Continued 'outbreak of peace'.

Negative: 50% waste in administrative effort due to duplication and rework; in some ways caught in a time warp; the Old Geelong u/19 issue and the effort to regularize that with MUS; the cancellation of the Oktoberfest and Big Day Out due to issues relating to the Liquor Licence and the University's guidelines.

Motion: That the 2009 Annual Report and audited accounts be accepted.

Proposed: S Costello; **Seconded:** P Selleck Carried

Motion: That Peter Selleck be formally thanked for his efforts over the past two years as General Secretary and his involvement in a 'second stint' since 2003.

Proposed: R. Girdwood; **Seconded:** I. Munro Carried

Peter Selleck indicated his appreciation of the thought behind this motion.

4. Election of Officers

It was reported by the President that nominations had been received as follows:

President:	S Costello
Gen Secretary:	A Donald
Treasurer	S Longley
Officers:	R. Hanna S Meade

As the nominations did not exceed the positions available, the nominees were duly elected. The Board has the power to appoint up to 10 Officers.

J Gray and A McInerney (or nominees) are ex-officio members of the Board.

Peter Selleck, the outgoing General Secretary, was asked to complete and publish the minutes, including on the website.

5. Pavilion function guidelines.

Simon Costello reported on the issue of Pavilion functions:

- There are RSA and University guidelines to be adhered to.
- S. Meade and A. Donald working up acceptable guidelines
- P. Selleck, the instigator of the issue, indicated that he was not advocating a ban despite 1600 licensed premises being available in the City of Melbourne. Rather, the Pavilion can no longer be regarded as the 'shed on the farm'. As licensed premises, the Pavilion faces the same issues as premises in Chapel or King Streets and management of functions will need to be conducted accordingly especially given the adverse publicity that may be brought on the University should issues occur.

6. Items of Special Business.

There were no items raised.

7. Any other Business.

Foundation

- S. Costello reported that the MUS are working on the establishment of a foundation and that Paul Sheahan's services had been engaged, working in the MUS area with Director, Tim Lee
- Possibility of a \$ for \$ match by the University for a limited time
- Purpose and Administration (e.g. Scholarships) have to be defined
- Discussion ensued on the 'Sydney University Rugby Model'
- In response to a question from I. Munro, it was identified that Sheahan's appointment was by the University, not MUS

Pavilion

- General discussion ensued with items including the current footprint, the smaller Pavilion on the opposite side of the Oval; the relocation or otherwise of the machine sheds; %5.5M had been allocated to the abandoned project and this does not automatically carry over; \$1M bequest remains allocated to the newest Pavilion
- The foundation, referred to above, should not be used for infrastructure projects

There being no further business, The President announced that refreshments were now available and declared the meeting closed at 8.17 pm, whereupon attendees availed themselves of the product on offer.



Peter Selleck
General Secretary