



Sydney University Football Club

THE BIRTHPLACE OF AUSTRALIAN RUGBY

SUFC PRESIDENT
David Lyons
GENERAL MANAGER
Nathan Charles

Minutes

Meeting title: SUFC 160th Annual General Meeting
Date: 6 December 2022
Time: 6:00pm
Location: KPMG, Level 38, Tower 3, Barangaroo, Sydney NSW 2000
Chair: President, David Lyons

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- David Lyons (DL) noted that the required quorum was present and declared the 160th Annual General Meeting open.
- DL welcomed everyone and reflected on the year that was, a great year on and off the field and noted how the Club is in a strong position moving forward.
- DL noted how well the Club has come out of covid – because of the support from volunteers, supporters and members.
- DL acknowledged those in the room, which is made up of sponsors, volunteers, supporters, parents, past player's, and members and thanked everyone for their support.
- DL mentioned how important the Friends and Foundation members are, in particular how paramount they have been to the Club over the past two years. DL thanked the Friends and Foundation and noted that due to their support the Club is in a strong financial position.
- DL noted that the Foundation AGM could not take place immediately before SUFC's AGM, as David Mortimer could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. APOLOGIES

- The following people were noted as apologies for the AGM;

Angus Stuart	Hugh Frazer	Paul Dearlove
Christine Cameron	Ian Cameron	Phil Tuck
David Hopper	Jock McCormack	Ray Dearlove
David Haigh	Lee Goddard	
David Mortimer	Michael Edwards	

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3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM

It was agreed that the minutes of the 159th Annual General Meeting are an accurate account of the meeting. Doug Wood carried.

4. PRESENTATION OF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

- DL acknowledged the hard work of those who collated the report. Kirsty Stevens, Craig Fear for his extensive array of statistics, as well as Jack Farrer and Angus Wilson for their efforts with the financial statements.
- DL referred to his President's report and noted that after two years of Covid related disruptions, the Club remained united and with a lot to celebrate.
 - All teams qualified for the finals.
 - Again, won the Club Championship (our 25th in history).
 - Four teams claimed the Minor Premiership with both 4th Grade and 1st Grade going on to win Premierships.
- DL acknowledged the efforts of all involved in the rugby program throughout the year and noted that we are a Club who is laying a foundation for all players to have the best rugby opportunities possible. In particular, he praised the efforts of Sean Hedger, Nick Ryan and first grade captain, Jack McCalman.
- In 2022 we had the following representatives:
 - 16 International representatives (9 Wallaroos & 7 Wallabies)
 - 3 players represented the Australian 7's men's team (who won their first ever world series)
 - 8 players represented the Wallabies
 - 4 players in the Junior Wallabies squad
- DL mentioned that SUFC remain the only club to employ a full time Director of Women's rugby and Juniors Development and acknowledged Claudia Bell who built on the great success of Chris Delooze. DL thanked Claudia for her hard work as she has now moved on to High Performance Pathways Manager at the Western Force.
- DL acknowledged Claudia and Sydney Uni Juniors President Adam Dunn for their great programs involving a wide range of children in a number several communities. Some highlights include Try Rugby Days – registering over 200 kids in the area, SUFC Juniors entered a team into every age group during the XVs State Championships, winning the U18 girls XVs State Championships title and continued engagement with Central West to run rugby programs in the area.
- DL acknowledged the continued support of Sydney University and the University colleges and thanked them for their efforts. DL acknowledged the outgoing St Andrew's Principal Wayne Erickson for his enduring support for over 15 years.

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- DL thanked the Club sponsors and mentioned their loyalty for sticking by the Club. DL made special note to our Major Sponsors, Buildcorp, who we celebrated 31 years of partnership with this year. Their support is unmatched by anyone in this country and thanked them for everything they do for SUFC.
- DL acknowledged that the Club isn't just a pathway for players but for staff too, and in 2022 we saw two of the fulltime staff move on to higher honours. DL thanked Kirsty Stevens and Jack Farrer for everything they have done during their time at the Club. DL made special mentioned to outgoing Events and Marketing Manager Kirsty Stevens, who has been an integral part of the Club over the last six years. DL noted that Kirsty will leave a legacy that will last a lifetime. DL congratulated them and wished them many successes for their future endeavors.

5. PRESENTATION OF 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

- Angus Wilson (AW) presented the financials for 2022.
- AW acknowledged the efforts of the SUSF staff for their assistance with the financials.
- AW also acknowledge the efforts of Jack Farrer who has been instrumental in pulling the finances together at year end.
- AW mentioned that it was the first year of using a new financial system and it provided the board greater transparency to monitor and measure the financial position of the Club.
- AW mentioned that at the start of the year SUFC had set high ambitions with regards to financials around sponsorship, match day, and the rugby program as it was the first full playing season since 2019.
- AW acknowledged a significant increase in fundraising activities income, due to a combination of the 2021 Finals Lunch being held in December 2021 (2022 financial year) and numerous other Club functions being held in 2022 that were not held in prior year due to covid and the 2021 season concluding at midpoint of season.
- AW mentioned that Home Gate & Sponsorship income also increased due to both increased sponsorship drive in 2022 and increased number of home games played with the completion of season, unlike prior season.
- With regards to the expenses, AW notes that these largely revolve around the Rugby Operations, due to completion of full season of activities in connection to medical program (physio, doctor's, strapping tape), a return to full professional coaching and support staff, and increased investment in SUFC Women's and Junior's programs.
- AW noted that Fundraising Activities expenditure was up due to combination of 2021 Finals Lunch held in December 2021 (2022 financial year) due to covid, and the return of many other Club functions this season.
- AW acknowledged that with the carry forward of net positive retained surpluses from prior years, the Club remains debt free and is in a sound financial position.
- In closing, AW informs the room that the Club is carrying a surplus of \$38,188.

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6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022

- Nominations were received in accordance with the SUFC constitution for the following positions:
 - President – David Lyons
 - Vice Presidents – Jude Bolton, James Dorney, Kathryn Moynihan, Andrew McNee and Angus Wilson
 - Committee Members – Dr Mark Schembri, Ray Hudd

All nominations were accepted and carried by Andrew Wennerbom.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- DL welcomed Nathan Charles who has been appointed as GM. Nathan was the standout candidate and his understanding of the Club, his leadership and commercial understanding. Standout candidate and person. opportunity for players, and this can be measured with them signing professional contracts.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

- With no further discussions, DL thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 6.37pm

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