Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association Inc

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49th Annual General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday the 8th April, 2025.

(Meeting to be recorded)

1. Chairman:

1.1 Meeting Opened at 9.14pm by President Claire Blackford. Claire welcomes and thanks everyone present for attending

2. Attendance:

2.1 Members: Claire Blackford, Dean Burridge, Rosa Payne, Andrew O'Neill, Adam Skilbeck, Andy Kersten, Angela Dean, Belinda Burke, Brad Carr, Campbell Anderson, Chris Walsh, Danny Matheson, Danny Tabone, Dean Kane, Don McIvor, Donna Hunt, Dylan Goddwin, Frank Marino, Graeme Stoneman, Hayden Jones, Jamee Van Gelderen, Jane Kolakowski, Jason Galea, Jay Langstaff, Joel Tracey, John Casey, Julio Marino, Kade Stritch, Katie Leech, Kenny Krieger, Luke Pallot, Matthew Anderson, Michael Stellini, Mick Lubowski, Neil Stuckey, Paul Pike, Paul Stevenson, Ralph Rao, Rick Merlo, Rick Stray, Rod Chapman, Ron Kingsley, Scott Kersten, Shane Vogt, Stven Halliday, Tom Gill, Trey Merlo, Zach Campbell.

Visitors: Anthony Divito, Adrian Kearns

3. Quorum:

3.1 Quorum met with 49 members in attendance of the 132 members of the Association (15% of 132 = 19.80 members).

Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution 17.2** *The quorum for a General Meeting is the presence of fifteen percent (15%) of the members entitled to vote under these rules.*

4. Apologies:

4.1 Matt Sawyer; Alfie Young

5. Correspondence:

5.1 Letter from Andrew O'Neill – Letter from Andrew O'Neill tending his resignation from the committee – letter attached

5.2 Letter from Matt Sawyer – Letter from Matt Sawyer tending his resignation from the committee – letter attached

Correspondence has been moved to General Business

6. Previous Minutes:

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.1 *to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since then.*

6.1 48th Annual General Meeting 9th Apr, 2024

6.2 1st Special General Meeting 9th Apr, 2024

6.3 2nd Special General Meeting 11th Jul, 2024

6.4 3rd Special General Meeting 24th Oct, 2024

6.5 4th Special General Meeting 19th Nov, 2024

Copies of all these minutes have been up on the website for the last 3 weeks. All members have had opportunity to read them at their leisure.

No Business Arising from the previous meetings minutes.

Moved: Scott Kersten
2nd: Matt Anderson

Accepted

7. Around the Committee:

7.1 **Presidents Report: Claire Blackford**

President Claire Blackford prepared a report – see attached – in short, she would like to thank the committee for their help & support during the past 2 years as president of the league, it's been challenging but rewarding. Thank you to all members of the association for their support and making the year an enjoyable one.

No Business Arising

7.2 **Vice Presidents Report: Andrew O'Neill**

Vice President Andrew congratulates Claire on her past 2 years as president. She has done a great job with the issues that have come up during this past year.
A lot of work goes into committee and a lot of work goes on in the background. Members need to remember to respect the people on the committee – we have lives and work outside of pool. We are not available 24/7. Please remember that and be kind and considerate to the people on the committee.

Andrew has also said that he has officially resigned from the committee. He has been on and off (mostly on) the committee for the last 15-20 years and it's time that other members in the league think about trying to help with the committee. He thanked the current committee for their support over the years. Thank you too all.
Shane Vogt at this point mentioned that the current committee have done an amazing job over the last 3 years.

No Business Arising

7.3 **Treasurers Report:**

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.2 *to receive and consider the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year*

7.3.1 Insert the report from Burra

Business Arising:

- Country Cup – the extra $2,000.00 we made from hosting the Country Cup, we won't have next season because we won't be hosting it. A point to remember when looking at the financials.
- Sponsorship is proving to be more difficult to get, it will impact the league in the coming years.
- Daniel Tabone asked if Melina bath was still sponsoring the league – yes, she is but there are now requirements that need to be met to receive her sponsorship. The requirements have changed since Daniel was part of the committee.
- Another point to make is that the impact of changing the match fees has lessened income to the league by approximately $2,016.00 this past year.
- Belinda Bourke asked about Country Cup shirts – she was informed that the league supply new shirts to new players and to players requesting a new one

Treasurer Dean Burridge also informed members that he is stepping down from the treasurer's position after 4 years. He thanked the committee for their assistance during his time and said it had been a good 4 years of work.

Moved & Accepted

Moved: Jamee Van Geldren
2nd: Belinda Bourke

7.4 **Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report as Matt Sawyer was not present

No Business Arising

7.5 **Scorers Report:**

Scorer Jamee Van Geldren:

Premiers for the past winter competition were Rack n' Roll with player of the grand final going to Matt Sawyer. Ken Kreiger won the player of the year for 2024/25. Jason Galea won the Rising Star award for 2024/25. Scotch Doubles competition winners were Rick merlo & Ralph Rao.

Suze Allan won the Ladies Singles tournament and Shane Vogt was the winner of the LVEBA Open Singles tournament.
For the Summer competition we held 2 groups of finals – Group A & Group B.
Group A champions were Sports Bar and Grouip B champions were Churchill Pub.
Player of the finals for Group A was Luke Porter and for Group B it was Neil Stuckey.
Ken Kreiger once again took out player of the Summer season.

No Business Arising:

7.6 **Publicity Members Report:**
Nothing to report as Alfie Young was not present.

7.7 **Ordinary Member Report:**
Ordinary Member Rosa Payne had nothing to report but wanted to say thanks to everyone one the committee for their time and support during the past season.

No Business Arising

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.4 *to elect Officers of the Association and the Ordinary Members (if any) of the committee;*

8. Election of Office Bearers: (2-year *alternating* positions)

8.1 **President:** 1 Nomination - Dean Burridge (2-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Rosa Payne

2 Nomination - Scott Kersten (2-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Daniel Tabone
Sec: Ken Krieger

Votes: Dean Burridge – 24, Scott Kersten – 22

Dean Burridge elected President.

8.2 **Vice President:** 1 Nomination - Claire Blackford (1-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Dean Burridge
Sec: Andrew O'Neill

2 Nomination - Graeme Stoneman (1-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Rowan Kasper Young

Graeme Stoneman withdrew his nomination, Claire Blackford becomes Vice President

8.3 **Treasurer:** 1 Nomination - Angela Dean (2-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Rosa Payne

2 Nomination - Tom Gill (2-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Graeme Stoneman

Tom Gill withdrew his nomination, Angela Dean becomes Treasurer

8.4 **Secretary:** 1 Nomination - Rosa Payne (1-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Dean Burridge

2 Nomination - Belinda Burke (1-year position)
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Paul Pike

Votes: Rosa Payne – 21, Belinda Burke – 22

Belinda Burke elected as Secretary

9. Election of Ordinary Members: (Optional 1 year position)

9.1 **Scorer:** 1 Nomination - Matt Anderson
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Andrew O'Neill

2 Nomination - Jamee van Gelderen
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Rowan Casper Young

3 Nomination - Paul Pike
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Jay Langstaff

Votes: Matt Anderson – 10, Jamee Van Geldren – 13, Paul Pike – 16

Paul Pike elected as Scorer

9.2 **Publicity Member:** 1 Nomination - Kade Strich
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Andrew O'Neill

2 Nomination - Rick Merlo
Accepted

Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Belinda Burke

Votes: Kade Strich – 16, Rick Merlo – 24

Rick Merlo voted as Publicity Officer

9.3 **Events Member:** 1 Nomination - Adam Skillbeck
Accepted
Moved: Claire Blackford
Sec: Rosa Payne

2 Nomination - Rod Chapman
Accepted
Moved: Scott Kersten
Sec: Dayne Foster

3 Nomination - Rick Stray
Accepted
Moved: Belinda Burke
Sec: Scott Kersten

Rod Chapman and Rick Stray withdrew, Adam Skillbeck becomes Events member

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.5 *to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and annual affiliate subscription.*

10. Annual Subscription Fees:

10.1 Pool Victoria Affiliation
10.1.1 Registration Fee $9

10.2 LVEBA Annual Subscription:
10.2.1 Registration Fee $5

10.3 LVEBA Match Fees (set by Committee)
10.3.1 Team Match Fees $20 ($5 per player)

All members present agreed to keep the Annual Subscription fees the same as the previous year.

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.5 The Annual General Meeting may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

11. Special Business:

11.1 Pool Victoria Report: Claire spoke about there have been some changes that are happening – listen to recording – discussed at length……. still grey areas, will need to find out more information.

11.2 Country Cup: Orbost 2025.

11.3 Winter Competition 2025.

11.3.1 Teams & Venues.

11.3.2 Groupings & Ranking Average.

11.3.3 Calendar Year: Start Date, Rounds & Finals.

11.3.4 Scorebooks.

11.4 Any other business.

12. Around the floor:

Andrew O'Neill – the pool iron at Turks is not working – he removed it – and has given it to Rory Hare to take a look at it to test it.

Danny Matheson – congrats to the new committee

Daniel Tabone – who is going to be the next life member?
This was discussed at length by members present.
Decided to be moved to next Annual General Meeting
Paul Pike has mentioned that this may need a special general meeting.
Killer also have requested that a special meeting should be held for this.

Jason Galea – has asked when the $50.00 country cup reimbursement payment came into effect.
He asked if it can it be changed?
This was discussed at length by members present.
Decided that it is not something that can be changed here and it can de discussed through a motion at the next Annual General Meeting.

Ken Kreiger – Ken spoke about the country cup selection committee – he spoke of how he didn't get a vote in for country cup selection and stated that the selection criteria had changed for this meeting.
Ken was informed that the committee need to approve of the selections before the teams are announced.
This was discussed at length by members present.
He just wanted to say that his voice wasn't heard during the subcommittee meetings??

Paul Pike – thanks for selecting me as scorer

Scott Kersten – talked about growth of the league. Suggested that the committee open up Facebook page to comments.

Shane Vogt – presentation was beautiful, thanks to the committee for organising a great night.

Trey Merlo – has asked if the tables at the Morwell RSL could get looked at because they were "crappy"

No more business.

13. Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at 10.51pm!