



SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MINUTES

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 7:00 PM – 8:00PM

Sandringham Basketball Association

**Board Attendance:** Phil McFarlane (President), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), Anne-Maree Nunan (Secretary), Alberto Bertacchi (Treasurer), Dean Cartwright, Jason Shugg, Michelle Scalzi, Caroline Tuohey (8)

**Life Member Attendance:** Steven Lunardon, Michael Burke, Judy Barlow, Mark Mitchell, Andrew Stavropoulos, Terry Walsh (6)

**Member Clubs:** Lisa Mouncer (President – Bullits), Richard Hordejuk (President - Beaumaris Sharks), Talar Wadeson (President – Mordy Flyers), Monique Perry (President – Moorabbin Tigers), Jodi Campbell (Secretary – Moorabbin Tigers), Russell Witney (President – Wolves), David Young (President – AG Giants), Kristy Mwaba (President – Mentone Mustangs), Troy Kodoos (Secretary – Parkdale Pacers), Paul Breen (President – Eagles) (10)

**Playing Member Attendance:** Nil

**General Attendance:** Craig Weir (CEO), Sophie Smirniotis, Emma Jarman, Sandra Hilford, Justin Hilford, Bruce Mitchell (6)

**Total Attendance:** 30

**Apologies:** Kristy Mwaba (President – Mentone Mustangs), Erin Peters (Administrator – St Leonards Basketball Club), Ian Leckie (Life Member), Louise Graham (Life Member), Andrew Maloney (Life Member), Belinda Wagner (OMBC)

**Chairperson** – Phil McFarlane (President)

**Meeting Opened** – 7:02pm

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1. **Welcome** – Chairperson called the meeting to order.



The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Constitution there must be a quorum of 5 members present before the meeting could proceed. 14 members were noted as present at the commencement of the meeting.

The Chairperson declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting could proceed.

The Chairperson confirmed the AGM process followed constitutional requirements – the notice of the AGM was issued with 21 days' notice, and Agenda was published with 7 days' notice.

## **2. Ordinary Business (*in accordance with s12 (3) of the Constitution*).**

### **2.1. Confirm Minutes of Previous AGM:**

The Chairperson noted that only Members present at the 2023 AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 could move and second the minutes of that meeting.

There were no questions about the minutes.

The Chairperson asked that the minutes of the 2023 AGM 2 October 2023 be moved and seconded.

**Moved** – Lisa Mouncer (President - Bullits), **Seconded** – Judy Barlow (Life Member).  
**Carried unanimously** by show of hands.

### **2.2. Board Reports:**

The President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were tabled at the meeting (included in the SBA Annual Report distributed on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024). The President, Secretary and Treasurer summarised the relevant reports and called for any questions.

Financial position is strong with the plan to invest in capital projects over the next 3-5 years including completing the new courts, commercial ventilation for the original courts, increasing seating for court 1 and court flooring. Financial reporting was streamlined and improved this year into profit centres.



Gerrik Gratz, Vice President spoke on the SBA's strategy for the next three years that is building on the foundations delivered in the 2022-2024 strategy over. The strategy has been socialised with key stakeholders and feedback incorporated. The next phase is to share the strategy with Club Presidents and Life Members to obtain feedback with the aim to finalise before Christmas.

Risk management and governance activities was reviewed by Conscious Governance in October 2023. This health check is done every two years and feedback is being worked through and incorporated to improve. Child Safety Officers will be introduced into the Association and Clubs this year.

**Questions** – no questions were received.

The Chairperson asked that the President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports be moved and seconded.

**Moved** – Michale Burke (Life Member) **Seconded** – Andrew Stavropoulos (Life Member) **Carried unanimously** by a show of hands.

### 2.3. Appointment of an Auditor for 2024/25 financial year:

The Chairperson asked that Tudor & Company Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as the Associations Auditor's for the 2024/25 financial year.

**Moved** – Michael Burke (Life Member), **Seconded** – Richard Hordejuk (President – Beaumaris Sharks) **Carried unanimously** by a show of hands.

### 2.4. Election of Directors of the Association:

In accordance with Section 23.3 of the Constitution:

*"Each Director of the Association shall hold office for a period of three (3) years. When a person's term of office has come to an end he or she will relinquish the position at the end of the next annual general meeting three years after the date of his or her election. This person is eligible for re-election."*

Due to the resignation of Natalie Hughes earlier in the year the Board appointed Alberto Bertacchi to fill the casual vacancy. In accordance with Section 23.5:



*“In the event of a casual vacancy on the Board, the Board may appoint another person to the vacant office and the person appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of the appointment”.*

In addition the Board co-opted Caroline Tuohey as a non-voting Director this year. In accordance with Section 23.7 of the Constitution:

*“The Board may co-opt up to two (2) other persons to become non-voting Directors of the Board for a period which will not exceed the time to the next Annual General Meeting”.*

Therefore, in accordance with the Constitution four (4) Directors are required to relinquish their positions at this AGM. The following Directors are required to stand down at this AGM:

- Anne-Maree Nunan – served 3 year term
- Gerrik Gratx – served 3 year term
- Alberto Bertacchi – filling a casual vacancy
- Caroline Tuohey – co-opted to board as a non-voting director.

In accordance with Section 24.1 the Secretary has received three (3) nominations for the three (3) Director vacancies.

The bios of the nominees are contained in the AGM Agenda published on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

All constitutional conditions have been met.

The Nominees are:

- a. Gerrik Gratz – seeking re-election
- b. Alberto Bertacchi – filling a casual vacancy
- c. Caroline Tuohey – non-voting director

As there are only three (3) nominees for three (3) positions, in accordance with Section 24.4 a ballot is not required and the nominees are deemed elected.



### 3. Other Business:

#### 3.1 Vote for Life Membership for Bruce Mitchell and Sandra Hilford

A nomination for life membership for Bruce Mitchell was submitted by Steven Lunardon and seconded by Scott Harvey.

A nomination for life membership for Sandra Hilford was submitted by Michael Burke and seconded by Andrew Stavropoulos.

Michelle Scalzi ran the review process as detailed in the Life Membership Criteria policy. An Awards committee, comprising Michelle Scalzi (Board Member), Phil McFarlane (Board Member), Caroline Tuohey (Board Member), Craig Weir (CEO), Terry Walsh (Life Member), Michael Burke (Life Member), Andrew Stavropoulos (Life Member) and Paul Breen (President, Eagles), convened to confirm the eligibility criteria of 'direct and exceptional contribution' to the SBA and made a recommendation to the Board to endorse the nominations.

The SBA Board unanimously endorsed the nominations of Bruce Mitchell and Sandra Hilford for life membership.

Steven Lunardon spoke to the nomination of Bruce Mitchell. Bruce has a long history with the SBA including establishing and managing the Cheltenham Panthers in 1983 until its last game in 1994, refereeing for around 10 years, was Secretary of the SBA from 1988-91, coordinated the Sabres club newsletter from 1987 -1995 which was written and distributed weekly, and was a sports media contributor for over 30 years.

The Chairperson asked for a show of hands regarding the election of Bruce Mitchell as a Life Member, noting a 75% majority of eligible votes was required. The vote was **carried unanimously** by a show of hands.

Bruce was present to receive his Life Membership award. He is very proud to be a Life Member and spoke with fond memories of his long involvement in the SBA.

Michael Burke spoke to the nomination of Sandra Hilford for life membership. Sandra has been actively involved in the SBA taking on many voluntary roles since she was a girl helping her father, club founder Basil Cervi. Sandra was a foundation player and played for nearly 40 years, a voluntary referee, and has coached domestic and representative basketball for 25 years. Her almost continuous involvement for over 50 years with the SBA in many roles too extensive to list has been significant.



The Chairperson asked for a show of hands regarding the election of Sandra Hilford as a Life Member, noting a 75% majority of eligible votes was required. The vote was **carried unanimously** by a show of hands.

Sandra spoke and thanked her nominators and everyone for the support of her life membership. Sandra expressed her sincere appreciation of her nomination and shared that it was an honour and great privilege to be named as a life member alongside her father.

The Board warmly congratulated Bruce and Sandra on their Life Memberships.

#### **4. Close:**

The meeting was declared closed at 7.47pm.

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**1. Meeting of New Directors and Board:**

Following the AGM the Board met in accordance with Section 23(8) of the Constitution to vote on officer bearers and roles. The following was unanimously agreed:

<b>President</b>	Phil McFarlane
<b>Vice President</b>	Gerrik Gratz
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alberto Bertacchi
<b>Director</b>	Dean Cartwright
<b>Director</b>	Jason Shugg
<b>Director</b>	Michelle Scalzi
<b>Director</b>	Caroline Tuohey

The President will perform the role of Secretary for the interim until the role is filled.

End.