



Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club Inc.

(Formerly the Waverley Panthers)

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Waverley Park Hawks AGM Wednesday 6th November 2024 7.30pm Columbia Park Club Rooms

Chairperson - Michelle McCluskey
Secretary - De'arne Whitfield

Attendees - Aaron Green, Adrienne Cochrane, Amy Hipwell, Belinda Hayes, Bill Valavanis, De'arne Whitfield, Dani Wokulski, David Huggins, Emily Splatt, Glen Cochrane, Katarina Heath, Kristine Bowey, Matt Bowey, Michelle McCluskey, Mick Mastromanno, Paul Rice, Ryan Hammond, Shane McCluskey,

Apologies - Sharon Adams, Liz Phibbs, Felicity Regan

Confirmation of previous Minutes - Proposed resolution put that the minutes from the previous Waverley Park Hawks AGM in 2023 be accepted

Moved: Katarina Heath

Seconded: Adrienne Cochrane

Passed: unanimous

Minutes of 2024 AGM

- The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Michelle McCluskey.
- The 2024 AGM presentation was presented via slide show with all those attending receiving printed copies.
- Michelle McCluskey presented the Agenda for the evening, 2024 Club Highlights, including a video slideshow and the club survey results.
- Bill Valavanis presented the 2024 Financial results.

Questions and suggestions arising from the financial results.

S: *Shane McCluskey suggested a year on year view comparison of income such as canteen / bar to see where improvements have been made*

or where we may need to review particular expenses. Unanimous agreement that this should be included in financial reports and next year's AGM.

Q: Shane McCluskey asked what percentage of fundraising we attributed to funding fees as opposed to equipment or other Club amenities. Bill advised that at this point we have no specific structure on fund allocation. Funds are allocated currently on a case by case basis. Paul Rice advised that we are in the process of working through a new strategy and one of the pieces will be looking at financials and commercial modelling to better inform the committee on these decisions and transparency on budget setting and goals.

Q: Ryan Hammond asked as to whether the Free Registration offer for new players had assisted in recruitment in 2024. De'arne Whitfield and Adrienne Cochrane confirmed that it had encouraged 14 new girls players and although we didn't have the specific numbers available we went from one under 9 boys team to two Under 9 boys teams and a full Under 8's team for the first time in a number of years. There was a general consensus that this strategy had worked and we need to work on ensuring we retain these players as full fee paying players.

Q: Glen Cochrane asked if we would follow a similar strategy in 2025. Michelle McCluskey agreed the club will fund new club players in 2025. New club players registering will only have to pay the \$58 SMJFL fee in Under 8 - Under 11 in hope of attracting more boys and girls in the lower age groups.

S: Glen Cochrane suggested that as fees for Boys and Girls have now aligned and are on parity, we should now report as "Player Fees" and differentiate. Unanimous agreement from all those in attendance.

- Michelle McCluskey moved that the 2025 Fee Structure, \$245 for early Bird and \$290 for standard be approved.

Passed: Unanimous

- Michelle McCluskey presented the new Sponsorship levels. A small increase on 2024 fees with the introduction of a new Platinum sponsorship level.
- De'arne Whitfield presented the new Committee Structure and the need for a change to the club constitution.
- De'arne Whitfield moved that the new Committee Structure would change to.

"The officers elect shall be: President, Vice President Football Operations, Vice President Club Administration, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of 6 other committee members."

Passed: Unanimous

- Michelle McCluskey as Club President and in accordance with the Club Constitution declared all Office Bearers and committee positions Vacant.
- De'arne Whitfield stepped in as interim chair and called for nominations for all Committee and Club Roles.
- The following people were elected unanimously to a committee and/or club role;

Committee

Vice President Football Operations - Mick Mastromanno - **Renominated**

Secretary - De'arne Whitfield - **Renominated**

Treasurer - Bill Valavanis - **Renominated**

Girls Coordinator - Adrienne Cochrane - **Renominated**

Boys Coordinator - Dominic Sano - **New Nomination**

Events Coordinator - Dani Wokulski - **New Nomination**

Registrar - Felicity Regan - **New Nomination**

Sponsorship Coordinator - Sharon Adams - **New Nomination**

Club Roles

Child Safety Officers - Kelly Baxter and Kristine Bowey - **New Nominations**

Club Statistician - Amy Hipwell - **New Nomination**

Coaching Coordinator - Glen Cochrane - **New Nomination**

Grants Coordinator - Katarina Heath - **Renominated**

Incident Officers - Amy Hipwell and Ryan Hammond - **New Nomination**

Medals & Trophies Coordinator - Belinda Hayes - **Renominated**

Merchandise Coordinator - Felicity Regan - **New Nomination**

Newsletter Coordinator - Fiona Lowry - **New Nomination**

Social Media Coordinator - Belinda Symons Wray - **Renominated**

Team Manager Coordinator - Adrienne Cochrane - **New Nomination**

Trainer and First Aid Coordinator - Paul Rice - **New Nomination**

Website Scoreboard and Tech Coordinator - Aaron Green - **New Nomination**

Year Book Coordinator - Sharon Adams - **Renominated**

Aaron Green has agreed to continue in the Auskick Coordinator role until a successor is appointed.

Committee Resignations

President - Michelle McCluskey - **Resigned**

Grounds and Equipment Officer - Paul Rice - **Resigned**

Team Manager Coordinator - Liz Phibbs - **Resigned**

CSO - Renae Charman - **Resigned**

- All present were asked to reach out to members to fill vacant committee and club roles as soon as possible.

Vacant Roles

President
 Vice President Club Administration
 After Match Coordinator
 Canteen Manager
 Grounds and Equipment Officer

- In addition to 2025 Committee positions, the following Club Role nominees have been elected this evening to join the committee.

Child Safety Officers - Kelly Baxter and Kristine Bowey
 Club Statistician & Incident officer - Amy Hipwell
 Grants Coordinator - Katarina Heath
 Medals & Trophies Coordinator - Belinda Hayes
 Website, Scoreboard & Tech Coordinator - Aaron Green

General Business:

- A. *David Huggins commented that the decision to have two U18 boys senior teams this year with one Div 1 team was a great experience. He observed that there were boys that aspired each week to play Div 1 and those that self selected to stay in the lower level. The strategy had challenges at times, however was overall a very positive move and thanked all those involved in creating this opportunity.*
- B. *Belinda Hayes commented that there is still some work to be done to refine the process and grading with two teams per age group and that the U14 and U18 boys teams experience two different scenarios. It was agreed that Glen Cochrane would seek further feedback from David Huggins and report back to the footy operational committee.*
- C. *Shane McCluskey queried the survey responses seeking more visibility of committee members, stating that committee members are at every function and event. De'arne Whitfield advised her understanding was that although we might be there we might not be visible or identifiable. Glen Cochrane suggested that at aftermath a committee member could give a quick overview of themselves, their role and why they volunteered. All those in attendance agreed this was a great idea for 2025.*

D. Michelle McCluskey suggested that each age group that hosts After Match is responsible for allocating a spokesperson for the group to host the awards / milestones, whether that be a player, team official, parent or sibling it would be seen as a new face and provide a different skillset for those willing to volunteer for that role. All those in attendance agree this was a great idea to implement in 2025.

- The outgoing committee was thanked for all their contributions to the club and the incoming committee congratulated on their elections. Michelle McCluskey was thanked for her contribution to the club and committee, particularly in her role as Club President for the last two years.
- Meeting Closed 9.02pm