



Newtown Breakaways Football Club Inc

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Annual General Meeting Sat 6 February 2021 / Salisbury Hotel, Stanmore

Minutes

1. Welcome & acknowledgements (incl Indigenous)

President asked the Secretary to Chair the meeting. The Secretary welcomed the attendees and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Gadigal Land of the Eora nation and paid respects on behalf of the NBFC to Elders past, present and emerging and any indigenous persons at the meeting.

2. Attendance/Apologies/Minutes [5 mins]

- **Attendees:** Alex Hearne, Allison Smith, Andrew Wood, Chavvauhn Calver, Clare MacRae, Florentina Pergoleto, Ingrid McLanders, John Murtagh, Jimmy Matire, Jordan Whiting, Kat Bampos, Katie Willgoose, Lauren O'Brien, Lauren Foy, Madeline Wilmot, Matt Foster, Naomi Mason, Nicholas Beggs, Paul Mitsigeorgis, Paul Love. Paulette Anderson, Peter Tregilgas, Sacha Gratton, Sarah Edkins, Sid Hartog, Tanya De Almeida, Tiffany Chen, Zoe McClure, Zoe Sitas.
- **Apologies & Proxies:** the following apologies were received and nominations for Proxies

Name	Proxy Delegate
Rosie Graham	Ingrid McLanders
Charline Woods	Ingrid Mc Landers
Kristie Fox	Ingrid McLanders
Liz Bova	Ingrid McLanders
Verna Leigh	Ingrid McLanders
Yves Silveira	John Murtagh
John Vaughan-Williams	Peter Tregilgas
Kate Argent	Peter Tregilgas
Clare Barcham	Sarah Edkins
Clare Mees	Sarah Edkins
Ivy Ng	Tiff Chen
Elly Greene	Tiff Chen
Riley Dennis	Tiff Chen
Jill Thomas	Tiff Chen
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- **Minutes of AGM (22 Feb 2020):** Minutes circulated via Web site
 - **MOTION:** That Minute of NBFC AGM 22Feb2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Gratton/Anderson - CARRIED

3. Executive reports:

- Presidents Report - State of the Club & Directions (Ingrid McLanders)
 - Full Copy available – Annual Report
 - Highlights included:
 - Coaches – Thanks to Head Coach Darren McLanders & Men’s Coach Paul Love and Women’s D3 – Allison Smith. Expressed concern for Stephen Maxwell who was appointed Head Coach but need to return to Ireland due to ill health.
 - Women’s Teams – despite disappointment on the loss of Premier Div successfully generated two competitive Teams WD1 & WD3
 - Men’s Teams – welcomed and acknowledged for successfully integrating into the club. Congratulations for inaugural year Premiership and 3 of the AFL Sydney Zone B&F Award (1,2&5)
 - Noted – 2021 is the 20th Year since the establishment of the NBFC.
 - Thanked the Board for service & acknowledged retiring members including Paulette Anderson & Kritie Fox (Club Registrar – 11 years of service), plus Brendan Wilson, Abby Dixon.
 - The Meeting carried a vote of thanks to Ingrid and awarded her a small gratuity
- Treasurers Report – Treasurer
 - Full Copy available – Annual Report
 - The Finance Reports was tabled and positive performance noted
 - Recommendations from the Treasurer were noted for further action
- Secretary/Public Officer Report [2 Mins] - Secretary
 - Full Copy available – Annual Report
 - Incorporated Association Annual Return to be forwarded to Dept Fair Trading
 - Secretary discussed the importance of the relationship with Inner West Council (IWC) and noted that key projects remain to be undertaken – Mahoney Facilities Upgraded. Henson Park committed by Council for Feature Home Game Events including Pride Round
 - Sponsorship partners Salisbury Hotel were acknowledged for their high level of engagement & contribution. Further the Rainbow Swans were acknowledged for the unique parentship support for the Pride Game Guernsey’s
 - Secretary encouraged the new Board to look broader for new sponsor partners especially for the Indigenous Round Guernsey’s
- **MOTION: That Executive Reports be accepted: McLanders/Gratton - CARRIED**

4. Constitution Amendment

The Board of the NBFC unanimously passed a resolution to amend the Constitution at their meeting Wed 20 Jan 2021 and recommends the Club support the proposed amendment.

Item 14.1 Board Composition

NEW Item

(b) The Board shall comprise of a Minimum of 50% Women and/or Non- Binary Members

PURPOSE: The Board following consultation with members and the strategic planning meeting in Dec 2020 considered that in recognition of the history of the club being originated by women that it was important to promote gender equity as a key platform for the NBFC as the club into the future management of the Club.

The AGM discussed the motion openly and the Board responded to questions including:

- whether the amendment was required – response: future proofing to ensure the origins of the club are maintained
- why not 50% men & non-binary – response: maintain the equity of women and to incorporate inclusion

- **MOTION: That the AGM accept the Constitution Amendment as proposed: 2020 Board – CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY**

5. Nomination & Election of Board/Committee

- The AGM thanked the retiring Board Members with acclamation
- Confirmation of Board/Committee/ Appointment of Office Bearers

The following members nominated for the Board and Executive positions:

Position	Name
President	Tiffany Chen
Vice President	Sarah Edkins
Treasurer	Alexandra Hearne
Secretary/PO	Peter Tregilgas
Board Member	Zoe McClure
Board Member	Rosie Graham
Board Member	Chavvaughn Calver
Board Member	Nick Beggs
Board Member	Matthew Foster
Board Member	Naomi Mason
Board Member	Yves Silveira
Board Member	John Vaughan William
Board Member	John Murtagh

It was noted that the Board make-up was consistent with new Constitutional Amendment: 7 Women/6 Men

- **MOTION: That the AGM accept the Nominations and elect the 2021 Board – CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY**

5. Fees & Registration

The 2020 Board recommends the following Registration fees for 2021

- New Players (Incl Guernsey, Shorts, Socks & Polo) - \$400
- Returning Players - \$350
- All players eligible for \$50 refund if Club Participation Points are complete

Discussion regarding Registration fees included:

- NBFC have remained unchanged for 3 Seasons (excl 40% Discount 2020 COVID)
- Low cost in comparison to other Clubs & include gear
- Registration as % of total income declining due to increased Fundraising/Sponsorship
- Proposal to establish – Pay it Forward Player Trust for financially disadvantaged members and consider periodic payment management system.

- **MOTION**: That the AGM accept the Board Recommendation for 2021 Registration Fees Constitution Amendment as proposed: 2020 Board – CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

6. General Discussion - Club Directions, Planning & Engagement

The Secretary provided a brief summary of the key actions from the Strategic Planning session in December incl preparing an accessible 1 page Strategic Plan for all members to embrace. The Strategic Plan reinforced the core values:
Committed/Competitive/Inclusive.

The meeting was opened for discussion & canvassed the following:

- The Newtown Brand & Project
- Recruitment strategies & promotion
- Members thanked the Club for its progressive, welcoming and inclusive focus

6. Close

- 4:00pm
- The Breakaways Club Song was sung

NOTE: New Board me briefly following to schedule regular meeting times and consider any current priority actions.

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Annual Report Follows ...



Newtown Breakaways Football Club Incorporated

AGM / Annual Report

3pm Sat 6 February 2021

Salisbury Hotel, Stanmore

Presidents Reports (Ingrid McLanders)

- **The Football Environment**

- AFL Sydney advised in late 2019 of AFL decision to not include Breakaways in 2020 Women's Premier Division and appointing – Manly, North Shore and Paramatta
 - The NBFC managed several concessions from the AFL including a Grants and support
 - Club was gutted – but resolved from adversity comes strength and to focus via a strategic plan

- **Strategic Plan Implemented**

- Managing recovery & future focus
 - 1st disappointment for women – loss of friends & key players to traditional rivals
 - Acknowledgement that Coaching and on field performance needed re-focus
 - Appointed International Former Gaelic Coach (Stephen Maxwell) but within 6 weeks due to ill health had to return to Ireland for treatment (reports of health are good)
 - The Committee elevated Breakaways stalwart Darren McLanders takes the reign as Club Head Coach and Women's Football following loss of Stephen
 - Women maintained two competitive teams Div1 & Div 3
 - Looking very strong for 2021 – player retention
- Breakaways embraced the future
 - Introducing the First Breakaways Men's team - Welcomed & what a year!
 - Extraordinary interest
 - 90 Expressions of interest
 - 67 Registered
 - History
 - Pre-season Trial game 6 March (Camden) before the Covid
 - 1st game (Post Covid) 18 July - Henson
 - 1 Loss for the year
 - Matched the Breakaways Women inaugural year in 2002 – **Premiers**
 - Now – only need to strap 4 in row together
 - 3 of the top 5 Players in AFL Sydney Div Player Award – 1/2 & 5. Special mention to Tom Tulett – Winner of the AFL Sydney Div Player Award.
- Newtown Breakaways Building the Brand
 - 3 Games – Feature Rounds held Henson Park
 - **AFL Pre-season Women's AFLX Challenge**
 - 15 March – Last day before the Covid Lockdown
 - 9 Clubs – 13 Teams participated
 - IWC Mayor in attendance
 - On again – 21 March 2021
 - **Pride Round –**
 - Coincide - 1st Home Games – Post Covid (18 July)
 - Attended by Anthony Albanese, Jenny Leong
 - **2021 – Future Feature Games Home**
 - Pride in partnership with IWC & Newtown Jets – June (more - TBA)

- **Newtown Breakaways Looking forward**
 - 2021 will celebrate 20 Years (Established 2002)
 - Established by Women – and it is essential to maintain the equity focus
 - Members encouraged to support the Constitutional Amendments to ensure the future of women’s management of the club

- **Thanks to the Sponsor(s)**
 - Acknowledge – Salisbury
 - Cash & In-kind support like no other
 - Special mention to Ged Dore & Trish Larkin and the staff team of the Salisbury

- **Thanks to the Board**
 - Acknowledge retiring members
 - Brendan Wilson, Abby Dixon, Allison Smith, Paulette Anderson, Kristy Fox & myself Ingrid McLanders
 - Special Mention – Paulette Anderson for her role as Canteen Volunteer
 - Special Mention – Kristy. Fox (11 Years of service – Club Registrar)

 - Acknowledge & Thank to the Incoming Board – very pleasing engagement
 - Multiple new Board members & an array of skills

- **Thanks to the Coaches**
 - Club Head Coach and Women’s Football Acknowledge retiring members
 - Darren McLanders
 - Women’s Div 3
 - Allison Smith
 - Head of Men’s Football
 - Paul Love
 - Special Mention – Trainer Crew
 - Yves Silveria (Yves Physio) & his Physio Team
 - Jimmy Matire – 1st Aid & Trainer

- **Finally - Thanks to Players**
 - Core of the Club
 - Welcome new Players

Finance Report – AGM 2021	
TO:	AGM
FROM:	Treasurer, Allison Smith

NEWTOWN BREAKAWAYS - AGM - FEBRUARY 2021					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	
EXPENSES					
Competition	-\$ 4,570.00	-\$19,876.40	-\$34,769.56	-\$9,589.70	Includes: AFL fees
Club Costs	-\$55,785.53	-\$36,609.67	-\$23,458.61	-\$17,347.30	Includes: Coaching, Umpires, Uniforms, Ground Hire, Insurance, Physios, Storage
Fundraising	-\$14,898.71	-\$11,551.97	-\$5,561.00	-\$3,612.28	Includes: Canteen, BBQs, Merch, AFLX
Social Events	-\$ 6,029.00	-\$4,696.95	-\$12,522.88	-\$7,668.08	Includes: EOST, Presentation Night, AFL9s
Sub Total	-\$81,283.24	-\$72,734.99	-\$76,312.05	-\$38,217.36	
INCOME					
Competition	\$ -	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$527.50	Includes: AFL returns
Club Costs	\$37,860.62	\$29,720.00	\$29,724.61	\$20,739.27	Includes: Rego
Fundraising	\$43,452.54	\$38,523.34	\$23,945.00	\$23,679.20	Includes: Canteen, Meat Tray, Sponsorship, AFLX
Social Events	\$ 5,168.93	\$3,090.53	\$8,950.00	\$8,160.00	Includes: EOST, Presentation Night, AFL9s
Sub Total	\$86,482.09	\$71,333.87	\$62,869.61	\$53,105.97	
Summary					
Income	\$86,482.09	\$71,333.87	\$62,869.61	\$53,105.97	
Less Expenditure	-\$81,283.24	-\$72,734.99	-\$76,312.05	-\$38,217.36	
Total	\$ 5,198.85	-\$1,401.12	-\$13,442.44	\$14,888.61	
Balance Sheet					
Opening Balance	\$45,208.47	\$46,609.59	\$52,236.85	\$37,348.24	
+/- Cash Movemen	\$ 5,198.85	-\$1,401.12	-\$13,442.44	\$14,888.61	
Net Assets	\$50,407.32	\$45,208.47	\$38,794.41	\$52,236.85	

Notes to the report:

- Financial performance was strong and yielded a surplus of \$5,198 - particularly pleasing due to the uncertainties of Covid-19 and the disrupted season.
- Registration continued to rise despite the 40% discount provided due to the shortened season. This can be attributed the inclusion of the men's registrations for the first time.
- Fundraising including Sponsorship continue to rise and it is important to acknowledge the Salisbury Hotel for both their cash, in-kind and incentive-based contributions (weekly raffle).

Recommendations

- As earned income (fundraising, merchandise etc) have outstripped Rego (Club Income) for two consecutive years it is recommended that the Registration Fees for Players remain low and unchanged for a full year:
 - 1st Time Registrations (incl Guernsey, Shorts, socks & polo) - \$400
 - Returning players - \$350
- Accounting system – the NBFC requires a review of the accounting system to accommodate the full range of transaction and classifications required for meaningful finance reports.

Allison Smith/NBFC Treasurer 2020