

# UTS Haberfield Club

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of UTS Haberfield Club Ltd held at 06.30pm on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at the UTS Haberfield Club, 1 Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield

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Present: Professor P Booth, Chair  
Ms L Morgan-Brett, CEO  
Associate Professor P Sivabalan, Treasurer  
Ms F Thomas, Staff Member  
Ms H Monaghan, Student Director  
Dr A Black, President of the Rowing Club  
Mr V F Dowling, Elected member  
Mr J O'Brien  
Mr A Somerville  
Mr K Lucas  
Ms C De Boer  
MR P Heaslip  
Mr S Tolhurst  
Mr P Wilkinson  
Mr G Evans  
Mr J Sim  
Mr L Freeman  
Mr G Maitland  
Mr W Anthes

In attendance: Ms K A Plant, CFO  
Paul Crowley, GM  
Ms G Pearce, Deloitte  
Ms P Clayton, Minutes

Apologies: Mr R Motto  
Mr R Calimlim

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chair acknowledged the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation and their elders past and present, upon whose ancestral land the UTS Haberfield Club now stands.

## **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed the members to the AGM and thanked the members and Board directors for their time today.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

The Chair open the floor to any questions about the previous meeting minutes. There were no questions. The minutes were accepted as accurate.

#### **RESOLVED HB AGM17/1**

**That the minutes of the AGM held on 28 May 2016 be confirmed**

### **2. 2015 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The 2016 Annual Financial Report was made available to all members via the Club website. Copies of the Annual Report were available at the meeting for members to refer to.

The Chair asked for questions from the floor in relation to the Annual Financial Report. There were no questions. The Chair motioned for the report to be accepted. Graham Evans passes the motion and Ms De Boer seconded. All members in favor.

### **RESOLVED HBAGM17/2**

**That the UTS Haberfield 2016 Annual Financial Report be received.**

The Chair hands over to the GM to give his report on the previous year's activity.

GM welcomes everyone. He goes on to tell that it has been a fantastic 12 months.. The GM noted that he and the Board came together to formulate a strategy and turned the club around to produce a wonderful profit of \$130k. It was the first time the club has ever made a profit of that margin in over 10 years and the GM expressed how proud he is of the achievement, how proud of the board he is and the staff especially, working hard and tirelessly. The GM noted the new activities the Club was now running, including Trivia night on Monday, a badge draw on a Wednesday night, Friday night meat raffle has moved to Sunday afternoon due to more popularity on the Sunday and every Friday night and Sunday afternoon there is entertainment; giving back to the members what they all deserve. Along with a great club, comes great food and is the GM is hopeful that the members enjoy the great cuisine and great service, which is offered at the club. GM then prompts for questions.

A question from the members was that the entertainment from 2015 to 2016 went from \$36k to \$18k, almost half, and UTS Haberfield have far better entertainment; how does that work? GM tells the members that he has been able to source good entertainment through one of the duty managers who has great contacts in the entertainment business, securing great acts. The Jazz night is fantastic on a Friday and the club should have more people attending. GM sends a big thank you to Michael for being able to keep those costs down. Sunday afternoon is a solo act, in summer it is well received and they will continue with it. The Chair puts a motion that the members thank the staff for the great result, it was unanimously passed.

### **3. ELECTION OF ELECTED MEMBER**

The Chair explains they have an election to elect the new member of the board and that the CEO will explain all.

The CEO thanked the Chair and welcomed the members on behalf of ActivateUTS. The CEO tells the members that they have two members whom have elected themselves; Fred Dowling and Phil Wilkinson. The CEO asked that both members speak to the nomination. As the returning member Mr Dowling was asked to speak first followed by Mr Wilkinson. A secret ballot, it was explained, would then be held. The CFO would be a scrutineer and another person from the members was requested in addition to the CFO. Bill Athes nominated himself for the role of second scrutineer. The CEO asked Mr Dowling to speak first. Mr Dowling advised he was formally stepping down from the election and withdrew his nomination.

The Chair declares Mr Wilkinson elected, unopposed.

Mr Wilkinson spoke to the Board and members about his time as a UTS and Australian Rower, a member of the Club as well as his extensive business experience and how he hopes to be a valuable contributor to the Board of Directors.

The Chair formally thanked Mr Wilkinson and welcomed him to the Board.

The Chair then put a motion to thank Mr Dowling for his service. It was endorsed with acclaim.

Ms De Boer said that it was great to be able to pass on feedback about the Club to the elected member and she asked who they should now speak with? The GM replied that they should go straight to him and no need to wait for an AGM or board meeting to raise items that relate to the club and or speak with the newly appointed elected member.

**RESOLVED HBAGM17/3**

**That Phil Wilkinson be appointed the ‘Elected Member’ to the Board of the UTS Haberfield Club**

**4. TO APPOINT DELOITTE AS AUDITORS**

The Chair moved to appoint the auditors of the club and noted that that the board has recommended that Deloitte is reappointed. There were no questions raised. All in favor.

**RESOLVED HBAGM 17/4**

**That Deloitte be appointed as auditors for the UTS Haberfield Club**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair concludes the legal obligations and asks the floor if there is any ‘Other Business’ or questions they would like to ask.

A member asked how the Club was tracking. GM advises that they are currently tracking positively for the year. The CEO goes into more depth to explain that the first reforecast had been completed and they are ahead of where they were last year. They are looking to finish the year ahead of last year, slightly below what was budgeted

General question; since UTS Haberfield had been redesigned had the traffic in the pokies increased? The GM advises yes, slightly, however it was still a bit early to tell. The GM also reported that the development proposal submitted to the council for a new neon sign outside the front of the pub had been submitted. If the council does not receive any objection by 6<sup>th</sup> June, the council will decide on it and it will hopefully go ahead.

A comment was made that back in the 60’s there was parking both in front and behind the club, The CEO said they could definitely pose the question to the council.

The question from Jim; is the club locked into the type of beer which is sold, are the members able to select others. The GM explains that they have an agreement with Lion, but believes it comes up for renewal next year. The GM asked if the members had any particular beers in mind. It was suggested that members are invited along to participate in a survey to decide what beers could be considered for the Club.

The Chair closed the meeting at 18.58pm.

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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