



**NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB**  
**131<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**19 July 2024 at 7:30pm**  
**At Norths Cammeray**

**Invited:** Management Committee, Life Members, Vice Presidents, Members.

**Apologies:** Cameron Herbert, Rob Lavery, Michael Lloyd, Dale Quartey, Kathy Campbell, James Campbell.

**Members present:** Patrick Lindsay, Sarah Berman, Adam Wayling, Ashley Perrott, Simon Jagot, Sarah Gibbons, Christopher Savage, Karl Riseborough, Tony Johnson, Sol Balbi, Chris Lloyd, David Rodgie, James Aitken, Mac Jenkins, Harry Davis, Tim Reynolds, Robert Aitken, Jimmy Greenslade, Callum Hill, Jack Feilen, Doug Cole, Alex MacGill.

**Welcome:** Hannah Barnes (CNSW) and Andrew Falk (SCA).

Start time: 7:40pm

**1. Welcome address** – completed by President Patrick Lindsay

- Lindsay welcomed all members and guests to the 131<sup>st</sup> AGM of the North Sydney District Cricket Club.
- Special welcome to Cricket NSW Chief Governance and Integrity Officer, Hannah Barnes and SCA Committee of Management member, Andrew Falk.
- Lindsay motioned that the prior year's AGM minutes (shared in hard copy) are carried. Secretary Sarah Berman seconded the motion.

**2. Management Committee Annual Report** – tabled by Patrick Lindsay

- Lindsay noted that a copy of the Annual Report is available on the club website (on the Club Administration page), and proposed its adoption by the Members, seconded by Ash Perrott.

**3. Statement of Income and Expenditure** – Adam Wayling

- Copies of the club's financial statements were available to Members at the meeting in hard copy and the financial statements were adopted (motion seconded by Sarah Berman).
- Wayling outlined that we continue to maintain a healthy position, in particular through growth of membership in the women's section and strengthening existing relationships.
- We made a \$12k profit, reversing losses of previous years, allowing the opportunity to invest including in new clothing contract (and therefore all clothing being replaced), as is anticipated ahead of the new



season. Revenue is down due to one-off grants in FY23 not repeated this year, and the strong result is driven by a reduction in costs.

- On the revenue side, we are indebted to UTS and our sponsors, including Norths Collective. Smaller initiatives such as matchday canteens and the Good for Cricket Raffle also provide important contributions. Our partnership with the junior club brings revenue through development squads and academies - thanks are due to coaches and players.
- Our major costs remain grounds and coaching.
- We have a healthy balance sheet and a strong cash position, which will help to drive on-field success.

4. **CNSW Address** – Hannah Barnes (Chief Governance and Integrity Officer, Cricket NSW)

- Barnes highlighted that there were a lot of people in the room who make a huge contribution to the club and to cricket and thanked them on behalf of CNSW. She acknowledged Patrick Lindsay's tenure as President, Andrew Falk and the SCA Committee of Management.
- CNSW has been at Cricket Central for almost 2 years, and works are in progress to build a new community building and a community oval, expected to be online by the end of 2025. WBBL, Marsh One-Day Cup and Sheffield Shield matches were all held there last season and CNSW is very happy with the wicket.
- CNSW's current focus is on getting more 5-12 year-olds playing cricket, and last year saw a 30% / 13,000 increase including 4,000 girls.
- On-field performance in 2023-24 was better than last despite no titles being won. NSW hosted two finals, the performance of the Sydney Sixers men improved and there were positive changes to coaching and selection panel for Blues. However, Thunder men and Sixers women were disappointing. NSW won 3 of 4 underage national championships, and was well represented at senior representative levels.
- Attendance targets were met attendance targets, but CNSW sees an opportunity to increase Thunder attendances through appealing to multi-cultural communities in Western Sydney.
- CNSW is proposing constitutional changes to include a 40% gender diversity requirement at CNSW Board level.
- CNSW is financially on course to meet its breakeven budget for the current year. The organisation has been reshaped, including a smaller executive team. The executive team has two new roles designed to support clubs – Darren Goodger (Premier and Country Cricket) and Hannah (Governance and Integrity).
- CNSW will see no increase in CA funding but will receive 4% next year. A 3% increase to club grants has been budgeted for despite the lack of increase in funding from CA, for which Lindsay offered thanks on behalf of the club.
- CNSW is seeking to continue to grow junior participation, improve performance year on year and increase revenue outside of CA grants.



## **5. SCA Address** – Andrew Falk (SCA Committee of Management)

- Falk opened by congratulating the club on its season, in particular the PGs and Women's Second Grade Premierships. He noted that our PGs were "hot", having seen them in action when "whopping" Gordon in the conference semi, and expressed confidence that we would see these players' performances coming through men's higher grades in future years.
- Falk noted that ground availability is always an issue, but the standard of grounds is improving all the time, and highlighted the popularity of Frogbox live streams, in particular for Green Shield (whose finals had up to 700 live viewers). He thanked the club for its commitment to live streaming.
- In 2023-24, the SCA Code of Conduct commissioner Considered a record 80 Code of Conduct breaches, whose penalties ranged from a reprimand to an 8-match ban. 22 offences were recorded in Men's First Grade alone, 9 captains were reported and there were 14 repeat offenders. Guidelines for penalties were introduced last November and for the coming season the administration will be handed over to the Integrity Unit who will have their own Commissioners and Judiciary panel. This will improve independence and ensure these matters are handled by specialists.
- Falk noted that the new Men's T20 format and timetable in 2023-24 was generally considered successful and will be repeated. He also outlined changes to Men's Premier Cricket which have been agreed by the SCA Committee of Management for 2024-25.
- Roy Formica has retired after 19 years at CNSW and 10 years as Premier Cricket Manager. He has been replaced by Sean Mantle, who will look after Men's and Women's Premier Cricket. Shires competition administration, which previously sat with Sean, will move into Community Cricket area.
- On behalf of the SCA Committee of Management, Falk thanked UTS North Sydney for its cooperation and support, and looked forward to another productive engagement in coming season. He also expressed appreciation for all volunteers, coaches, managers and officials.
- Falk was asked questions in relation to Premier Cricket scores in Sunday newspapers and why some limited-overs competitions had Sixers/Thunder conferences in previous seasons and some did not.

## **6. Constitutional Amendments** – tabled by Sarah Berman

- Berman summarised amendments which have been proposed to the Constitution, in particular to the provisions in relation to disciplining of members. Experience during 2023-24 highlighted some challenges with the existing drafting, and amendments were also proposed to align better with CNSW's model constitution for clubs.
- Members had been provided in advance with clean and tracked change versions of the proposed revised Constitution, as well as explanatory notes in relation to the amendments to the disciplinary provisions, and these were also provided in hard copy to those present.



- The amendments have already been reviewed by CNSW and approved by the CNSW Board, as is required for any changes to the Constitution.
- Berman acknowledged the work of Cameron Herbert in developing, drafting and consulting on the amendments.
- Berman proposed a motion to accept the amendments, seconded by Patrick Lindsay. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Election of Office Bearers

- **President** – The Secretary reported that Ashley Perrott was the only nominee for the position of President and therefore elected unopposed.
- **Senior Vice President** – The President reported that Robert Lavery was the only nominee for the position of Senior Vice President and therefore elected unopposed.
- **Honorary Secretary** – The President reported that Sarah Berman was the only nominee for the position of Secretary and therefore elected unopposed.
- **Honorary Treasurer** – The President reported that Adam Wayling was the only nominee for the position of Treasurer and therefore elected unopposed.
- **Assistant Honorary Treasurer** – The President reported that Alexander MacGill was the only nominee for the position of Assistant Treasurer and therefore elected unopposed.
- **Assistant Honorary Secretary** – The President reported that Cameron Herbert was the only nominee for the position of Assistant Secretary and therefore elected unopposed.
- Berman welcomed MacGill to the Committee and the Executive.

## 8. Election of Delegates

- The Secretary reported that three (3) nominations had been received for the three Delegate to the SCA roles and one (1) nomination for the role of Delegate to Cricket NSW and as such were elected unopposed.
- The SCA nominations were as follows;
  - Ashley Perrott
  - Patrick Lindsay
  - Sarah Berman (women's section representative)
- The CNSW nomination was as follows;
  - Ashley Perrott
- Berman thanked Kathy Campbell for several years' service as a SCA delegate.

## 9. Election of up to 8 General Committee Members

- The Secretary reported that six (6) nominations had been received for the General Committee Members and as such were elected unopposed. Those individuals were as follows;



- Kathy Campbell
- Bernadette Robson
- Callum Hill
- Jimmy Greenslade
- Dale Quartey
- Michael Lloyd
- In addition, Chloe Blackwell nominated herself as a General Committee Member during the meeting and was also elected unopposed.
- Berman congratulated and welcomed Robson, Hill, Greenslade and Blackwell as new committee members. Berman also paid tribute to departing committee members Simon Jagot, Evy McKay and Anushka Dongre.

#### **10. Election of the Grading Committees**

- **Men's** - The Secretary reported that Craig Tomko was the only nominee for the two Grading Committee roles and Nic Bills had been nominated by the Management Committee. As such, Tomko and Bills were elected unopposed.
- **Women's** - The Secretary reported that Bernadette Robson was the only nominee for the two Grading Committee roles and Michelle Goszko had been nominated by the Management Committee. As such, Robson and Goszko were elected unopposed.

#### **11. Election of Auditor**

- Upon confirmation that current Auditor, Mark Scott of Scott CA, was willing to remain as club Auditor, it was determined to elect the firm of Scott Chartered Accountants to act as the NSDCC's Auditor.

#### **12. Election of Vice President**

- The Secretary explained that the Management Committee was proposing one (1) Vice President be elected, namely Michael Law. Law is the President of Roseville District Cricket Club and Berman noted that, in respect to our relationship with Roseville, it is appropriate that he be confirmed as a Vice President. This reciprocates our President's appointment as a Vice President for Roseville District Cricket Club.
- The motion was proposed by Patrick Lindsay and seconded by Berman, and carried unanimously.

#### **13. Closing Remarks – Ashley Perrott**

- Perrott remarked that it is a privilege to be elected to lead a club which has been serving the community and the game of cricket for nearly 170 years.
- He thanked Lindsay for his tireless effort as President for three years, and several years as Secretary before that. This involved a lot of work, much of which was unseen to most, and the club owes him a huge



debt of gratitude. The last 12 months have been challenging, which took a toll, but Perrott noted that it was pleasing that Lindsay wishes to continue on the Committee.

- Perrott highlighted that we have a really good group of members to take the club forward – the club is a community and a family of people who spend a lot of time together on and off the field. The club about more than winning cricket matches – bonds we can form for life, for example the Women's Second Grade and PGs squads have created life-long friendships and memories. We want to be winning but also feeling like we are part of something.
- Perrott promised the Members that the decisions made by the Committee will be with intentions to drive the club forward, and he looks forward to pre-season and the season ahead.,

The meeting closed at 8:27pm