

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 5

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: 7.30 pm Tuesday
5 March 1991.
Clubrooms.

1. ATTENDANCE.

1.1 Present :

John Stewart, John Ferguson, Stan Hogben, Graham Lewis, Trevor Hogben, Chris Reece, Tony Bailey, Val Bailey, Michael Gorlay, Michael Trevorah, Dirk Bevan, Darren Brookes, Kim Brookes, Peter Paturzo, Sam Jamieson, Andrew Payne, Jeff Strange. (17).

1.2 Apologies :

Betty Hogben, Greame Ainscough, Robyn Hogben, Maureen Phillips, John McHarry. (5).

2. MINUTES AGM No 4.

Moved John Stewart; Seconded Graham Lewis:

That the minutes as tabled be accepted.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS.

3.1 Board - Dirk Bevan.

In addition to the written report tabled and attached Dirk made the following points;

explained the outlined of the committee structure of the Club and the purpose of the Board for the new members present. He made a particular comment that all attendees were active contributors through the Summer and Winter Committees.

He also mentioned that the last year had been particularly quiet for the Board due to the tight financial situation of the Club.

Notable achievements during the year included

. grass terrace in front of the pavilion. \$400 funded by the Board and manual effort by Kevin Howe, Mr Howe, Mark Phillips, Roz and Peter Paturzo.

. drainage improvements of No 1 diamond.

. cycle and walking track in front of pavilion.

MCC now expects the seasons fees for ground rental, light and gas (about \$4000) before the season starts.

MCC advise that they will be sealing the main car park this year. Cost is likely to be in the order of \$160,000.

MCC will replace/redesign the spouting (\$9000) to avoid further damage to the garden beds and the new cycle/walking track.

Summer's poor senior playing performance (presently in Division 3) is of serious concern and major improvement will be the top priority in 91/92. Division 1 status and a high level of ABL representation is essential for the Club to succeed in the long term. Dirk stated that the Board will be expecting the Summer to produce a clear strategy for discussion by the end of April 91.

The VPBL Queens Birthday Championship will be held at Cheltenham in 91 and it is essential that a permanent backnet is erected before the series. Stan Hogben undertook to get some prices for the work. Dirk Bevan is the coordinator for the weekend. Proceeds from the weekend are expected to largely offset the costs.

The possibility of a third diamond for Winter and drainage for No 2 were also raised and referred to the Board for further consideration.

A playground area next to the pavilion was also mentioned as a way of improving spectators facilities.

It was noted that the MCC will be developing major Rugby and softball facilities in the area and this work will impact available funds from the Council.

3.2 WINTER.

Written Report tabled by Dirk Beven, President of the Winter Committee. (Attached).

3.3 SUMMER.

Written report tabled by Chris Reece, President of the Summer Committee. (Attached).

3.4 FINANCIAL.

The written report and books provided by John McHarry were passed to Sam Jamieson to Audit and prepare a consolidated statement covering the complete Club's financial situation.

John McHarry had apologised to the Chairman for his absence which was unavoidable due to heavy business commitments and advised that he would be unable to continue as a member of the Board.

Meeting accepted his inability to continue with regret and asked that John be thanked for his high quality service and contributions.

Dirk Beven undertook to provide all members in attendance with a copy of the final financial statement within a few weeks.

Noted that the Summer has now cleared their deficit from the previous year and has doubled the repayments for their share of the pavilion loan.

Noted that the MCC rates and charges are now required before the season commences (about \$4000 per season.)

Moved: Stan Hogben

Seconded: Chris Reece

That the reports as presented be accepted. CARRIED

Election of Office Bearers.

Board

The following people were nominated and elected unopposed to the Board for 1991/92. CARRIED.

Chairman	Dirk Bevan	(M: Jeff Strange) (S: Brad Lark)
Deputy Chairman	Stan Hogben	(M: John Ferguson) (S: Dirk Bevan)
Secretary	John Ferguson	(M: Jeff Strange) (S: Brad Lark)
Treasurer	Bruce Fitzgerald	(M: Dirk Bevan) (S: John Ferguson)
Member	Graeme Ainscough	(M: Graham Lewis) (S: John Ferguson)
Member	Chris Reece	(M: Jeff Strange) (S: Brad Lark)

Bruce Fitzgerald's acceptance is subject to a review of the treasurers duties to ensure he has the time to fulfill the role.

5. AUDITOR:

Sam Jamieson accepted the role of Honorary Auditor.

Subscriptions.

Moved : John Stewart Seconded : John McHarry

That the setting of annual membership subscriptions be referred to the Board. CARRIED.

6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP. -- SAM JAMIESON

A summary of Sam's service is attacheed.

Moved : Trevor Hogben, Seconded : John Stewart

That life membership be conferred on Sam Jamieson in recognition of outstanding service as an administrator and player of over 400 winter senior games. A formal presentation to be arranged at an appropriate function. (Sam becomes the Club's 45th life member.) CARRIED.

7. General Business.

7.1 Life Membership Medalions; Board to clarify status and ensure all active members are provided with their medalion.

7.2 Honour Boards; General feeling was that Life Members, President/ Secretary/ Treasurer and Club Coach should be listed. It was suggested that other office bearers should be listed in an official register.

Stan Hogben undertook to advise on layouts.

Suggestion made for Board to co opt long standing members to assist. Jim Upfill and Kel Roberts were mentioned.

7.3 Naming of Facilities; Board was asked to prepare a paper covering the options for a general meeting.

7.4 Trophy Cabinet;

Moved: Michael Trevorah Seconded: Grahem Lewis.

That the Club draw up plans for a suitable cabinet to be located in the north / west corner. CARRIED

KHRC has given approval provided the cabinet fits in with the general standard of the hall.

7.5 Telephone; To be raised out of reach of minors.

7.6 Board to look in to extending to full licence. (Stan Hogben to follow up).

7.7 Board to clarify and promulgate membership rules for discussion.

7.8 Board extended an open invitation to members to attend meetings if they wished to contribute ideas or suggestions. Contact the Chairman or Secretary for meeting dates.

7.9 Noted that the Summer Section has established a perpetual TEE BALL trophy in recognition of the work Mareen Phillips did in establishing the centre.

7.10 Noted that no significant progress has been made towards establishing the Kingston Health Sports Club as a separate legal entity. This matter is to be followed up by the Board.

MEETING CLOSED:

Rustlers

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CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL - SAMUEL JAMIESON

Samuel Jamieson has been nominated for life membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc. for his outstanding service as a key administrator and as a player with over 400 senior games of winter baseball in all teams from VBA A Grade to DBA D Grade. Sam also coached senior teams on 4 occasions between 1979-1983.

Sam joined the Prahran B.C. in 1964 and at his peak was a very capable outfielder and strong hitter. He had played his way into the top level of Victorian Baseball in the late 1960's before moving to the Melbourne University B.C. Club briefly in 1971/72.

He returned to Cheltenham in 1973 and became the Treasurer of the Club in 1974 and has held executive positions with the Winter Section and/or the Board for the past 18 years. The positions Sam has held are detailed below.

The politics and variable qualities of office bearers in amateur clubs can cause many difficulties in establishing and sustaining a sound administrative framework and Sam's very professional and high quality commitments in this area have been a critical factor in ensuring that the Club has been developed and run on a sound financial basis.

He undertook much of the work required to incorporate the Club and made major contributions during the difficult summer/winter transition period and the many years that the Club struggled to find a permanent home.

Samuel Jamieson's nomination for life membership has been made by the Winter Committee and is endorsed by the Board of Management.

Positions Held.

Cheltenham-Prahran / Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club

1974 Treasurer
1975 Treasurer
1976 Committee Member, Honorary Auditor
1977 Committee Member, Honorary Auditor

Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club (Winter Committee)

1978 Committee Member, Honorary Auditor
1979 Committee Member, Honorary Auditor, Coach DBA B Grade
1980 Treasurer, Social Committee Member
1981 Treasurer, Social Committee Member, Coach DBA C North Grade
1982 Social Committee Treasurer, Honorary Auditor, Coach DBA C South

Cheltenham Baseball Winter Club

1983 Honorary Auditor, Coach DBA B Grade
1984 Committee Member, Honorary Auditor
1985 President, Honorary Auditor

Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc.

1986 Treasurer, Public Officer
Winter President, Winter Secretary, Honorary Winter Auditor
1987 Treasurer, Winter President, Public Officer
1988 President, Public Officer, Honorary Winter Auditor
1989 Public Officer, Honorary Auditor, Honorary Winter Auditor
1990 Public Officer, Honorary Auditor, Honorary Winter Auditor

CHAIRMANS REPORT 1990/91.

The past year has been one of quite achievement and continued consolidation.

April 1990 saw the commencement of stage 1 of the drainage to the No 1 Diamond. The drainage was so effective that it permitted the use of the top diamond for the whole winter season. The works were supplemented with works by our own members and the diamond is now of an acceptable standard.

November 1990 brought the terrace effect at the entrance of the Club. The new path which leads from our clubrooms to the Centre Dandenong Road car park has stopped all the dust and the unsightly erosion we have been affected by for the past 3 years. I will take this opportunity to thank a few specific people for their effort in the landscaping. Thanks - Peter and Roz Perturzo, Kevin Howe, Mark Phillips, and Roz Perturzo's father for the outstanding effort and professionalism shown in the project.

Peter Perturzo, Roz Perturzo and myself also paved the front of the canteen to further enhance the area.

April 1991 should see the Council seal and drain the car park. The amount allocated by the Council will be in excess of \$160,000 for the task.

A letter has recently been sent to the Council asking that the guttering at the front of the Club rooms be converted back to standard spouting. This will ensure the prosperity of the plants and grass which have been carefully nurtured over the past few months.

ON THE FIELD.

The Winter Season had another successful year, the final number of premierships were few, but the general outcome of the junior and senior teams was one of continued development.

1991 should be again a prosperous year with the signing of David Clarkson as Club Coach.

The Summer Season started well but the firsts faulted in several key games and ended in Division 3 after the November grading review. The team regrouped well and went on to win the Division 3 Flag, 4 - 3 against Blackburn. The Reserves lost their Grand Final 3 - 1 to Port Melbourne.

My thought regarding our key objective is still as for previous years "we must not compromise from striving for a Division 1 berth in the not too distant future".

The Juniors have again been outstanding in our lower age groups. We must ensure that our junior learning curves are not stagnated.

PROPOSED FUTURE PROJECTS.

1. Full backnet for No 2 diamnd by April 1991.
2. Initiation of talks for a third diamond.
3. Drainage of diamond no 2.
4. Childrens recreation and barbeque area next to change rooms.

I thank the members of the Board for their support during the year.

DIRK BEVAN

CHAIRMAN

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret and sadness that we record the passing of our friend and longtime club member, FRANK BABIDGE (JNR). Frank was an outstanding Clubman and player for well over 35 years and his friendship and input will be sorely missed.

As a player Frank was a very competitive right hand pitcher with a big breaking curve ball. He first played senior baseball as a ring in at 8 and subsequently played in all grades for the Club from A Grade to our Veterans teams. Frank was voted MVP for the DBA C Grade in 1976 and 1981.

Frank was an active committeeman and he was a foundation member of the Board when the Club was incorporated in January 1986. He was personally responsible for the many of the facilities we now enjoy. Some of his more recent efforts include the seats in the dugouts, the shelving and lime bin in the store room. He also assisted with the plans for draining the diamond and threw the first session of batting practice in the batting tunnel.

Frank was elected a life Member of the Club in 1982.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Maureen and all the Babidge Family.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The Chairman, Presidents of the Summer and Winter Sections wish to thank the following for their assistance throughout the year:-

- The Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers, City of Moorabbin.
- The Kingstonheath Reserve Advisory Committee
(Chairman - Councillor Ron Brownlees).
- The ground staff at the Kingstonheath Reserve.
- To all donors for their financial support.
- To all Social Committee members.
- To all parents who assisted with transport.
- To all those members who opened their homes for Club functions.
- To all the wives/husbands for their tolerance and support of
the baseball fanatic in the family.

SUMMER REPORT 1990/91

The season started with major changes in the administration and new coaches in all senior grades. Greg Brown took over as Club Coach and Manager of the Firts, John Carlile - Reserves, Brad Lark - Thirds and Dean Smith - Fourths.

The Firsts had a difficult season following our failure to achieve Division 2 status at the November 1990 grading review and it is to their credit that they re grouped and came back to win the Division 3 Premiership 4- 3 against Blackburn and take the Club Championship with the help of the Reserves. The Reserves finished the season well clear on top of their ladder and were a little unlucky to lose their Grand Final 1-3 to Port Melbourne.

Our Thirds playing in Division 4 had a very successful season and reached the finals to finish third overall. The Fourths playing in the Division 2 Thirds competition also had a successful season and only missed the finals by a game.

The Under 18's had a tough year playing against the top teams in the state and finished in the middle of the field.

The Under 16's did not perform as well as we would have hoped and much more effort will be needed next season.

Two Under 14 teams played this season and achieved some fine results, both teams played in the Friday night competition and eventually played off for the Flag. The Under 14 Allstars also made the Grand Final to finish runners up to Waverley.

The Club ran an inter club Under 12 centre in which we fielded 4 teams. All played well, with 3 of the teams reaching the finals. The Centre Championship was won by a Cheltenham team. The Allstars acquitted themselves well, missing a finals berth by only 1 game and being a relatively young side should find it is their turn next year. The overall performances and development of the players in these teams is a credit to the coaches. The organisation of the centre was first class thanks to Peter Paturzo.

We hosted the Junior U12 Baseball tournament for the first time and the day was a major success even though our team finished fourth.

Tee Ball was again a major success story. We increased to 7 teams and all played extremely well and look like turning out to be fine junior baseballers in the near future. Cheltenham hosted the State Championship and won it for the third year in a row. The performance on the field on that day was outstanding and the work by David Coppens is providing an excellent fondation in the development of skills and teamwork.

Fund Raising. The Club is in a strong financial position due largely to the dedicated efforts of our Bingo and canteen workers.

-Bingo:

Under the very capable management of Maureen Phillips the Club continued running the thursday afternoon session and since january 1991 has taken over a wednesday evening session which is being run for our junior section.

-Canteen:

Through the efforts of Tony Bailey and Wendy Johnson in particular, the profits from the canteen and bar are going to make a major contribution towards our commitments this season. The level of service has been outstanding.

The Future:

Club loyalty must remain paramount as we need to retain our existing members and recruit strongly to improve our playing strength. All our efforts must now be focussed on regaining a place in the Division 2 after the November Review and a rapid promotion to Division to Division 1 the following year.

CHRIS REECE

PRESIDENT - SUMMER

WINTER REPORT 1990

1990 What a year! We welcomed Dan McConnon as Club Coach, fielded two A Grade Teams plus three of senior teams and four junior teams, including our first Tee Ball side.

From the selection of teams we earned three premierships and the Club Championship.

My thanks go to our Coaches, Dean Smith (Tee Ball Premiership), Chris Reece (12), John DeGregorio (D Grade), Paul Stanford (C Grade) and John Carlile who had his job cut out by being the supplier of reserves to both A Grade teams.

To the premiership coaches , Dean Smith, Gary Hicks, and Paul Stanford, I hope that the joy at that very special moment is something that you will always remember.

Our Social Committee worked hard and efficiently again this year and my congratulations for your efforts which gave us many enjoyable nights through the season. (Oliva Reid, Lyn Chippindal, Simon Edgeworth, Samantha Johnson, and Michael Ducksbury.)

Wendy Johnson, Keith Johnson and Joe Peterson must be thanked for the oozing professionalism and dedication with which they ran the bar and canteen again this year,

The General Committee ran efficiently all year I would like to thank and compliment the members on their efforts.

We must not forget our sponsors whose donations are a major factor in helping us make ends meet. I implore you to use these firms who are listed in our Club newsletters and remember to let it be known you are a Rustler.

I congratulate you all on your efforts through the year and wish you a safe and happy summer.

DIRK BEVAN

PRESIDENT WINTER

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1977 D.B.A.
1980/81 V.B.A. Division 2
1981/82 V.B.A. Division 2
1982/83 V.B.A. Division 2
1983 D.B.A.
1988 D.B.A.
1989 D.B.A.
1990 D.B.A.
1990/91 V.B.A. Division 3

PREMIERSHIPS

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

A GRADE 1934, 35, 36, 38, 39, 47, 69/70 (Summer).
A RESERVES 1963.
A THIRDS 1935.

DIVISION 2 1982/83.
DIV.2 RES. 1980/81, 81/82, 82/83, 89/90.
DIV.2 THIRDS 1980/81, 87/88

DIVISION 3 1990/91.

UNDER 18 1989/90.
UNDER 17 1969, 80/81, 84/85.
UNDER 15 1984/85. (State Champions)
UNDER 14 1989/90, 90/91.

UNDER 13 1974, 1982/83, 83/84, 85/86, 86/87, 87/88 (x3)
UNDER 12 1988/89 (State Champions), 1990/91 (State Champions)

TEE BALL 1988/89,(State Champions), 1989/90 (State Champions)
1990/91,(State Champions).

DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

A GRADE 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 73/74 (Twilight)
1987, 89.
A RESERVES 1987.
B GRADE 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89.
C GRADE 1975, 76, 80, 82, 87, 90.
D GRADE 1989.

UNDER 18 1990.
UNDER 17 1969, 73, 76.
UNDER 13 1988.

TEE BALL 1990.
