



## Minutes

### Annual General Meeting - Sunday 24th March 2024 at 10.30am

#### **ITEM 1. Chairman open meeting.**

David Collins opened the AGM at 10.30am and welcomed all present.

#### **Item 2. APOLOGIES:**

Ryan O'Connor  
Jason Johnson  
Gary Grainger  
Sue Anderson  
Iain Findlay  
Graeme Schultz  
Mark Fraser

#### **Item 3. CONDOLENCES:**

One minute's silence was observed in recognition of the passing of the following members since the last AGM. Neville Gay, Brian Crowe, Stephen Beaumont, John Kilby, Ken Timms, Barry Colliver

#### **Item 4. MINUTES OF 70th AGM:**

The minutes of the 70th AGM were circulated to all members as part of the Notice of AGM papers. No questions or comments were received prior to or at the AGM.

It was moved B Besanko and seconded David Friend that the minutes be accepted. Carried

#### **Item 5. REPORTS:**

##### **Treasurer**

##### **Report to AGM for the year ended 31 December 2023**

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The financial statements that were sent to members with the papers for this Annual General Meeting, have been reviewed by Kay Gulenc, a Chartered Accountant and Director with Sovereign Taxation Pty Ltd. That review report is included as part of the financial statements.

For the year, we returned a surplus of \$45,037, which compares to a surplus of \$29,228 for the previous year. Total income for the year was \$155,524, which is an increase of \$51,527 or more than 49% on the previous year. Expenses totaled \$116,892, which is \$41,066 more than in 2022. The main reason for the significant increase in income was the receipt of funds from the Western Australia Past Players who ran a most successful function in the lead up to

when the Bombers played the West Coast Eagles in Perth. This function also took place in 2021 and through some good work by Mark Harvey, it was discovered there was another amount in the books of the Essendon Football Club resulting from this same function in an earlier year, which we have also brought to account in 2023. Our main item of increase in the expenditure was an agreed contribution by the Association towards the refurbishing of the newly named Barry Capuano Room. Our interest income also showed a significant increase from several recent years, due to the increase in interest rates which took place during the year.

For the first time since I took on the position of Treasurer three years ago, the Association has made a contribution to the Past Players Foundation Trust. We will continue to contribute to the Essendon Football Club Foundation Trust, being the body that attends to the needs of past Players in future years, as the needs arise.

Net Assets as shown in the Balance Sheet are \$216,318, which compares to \$171,281 in the previous year. That confirms the continuing sound financial status of this Association, which has been achieved as a result of sound financial controls over a very long period of time.

Moved: G Leyden

Seconded: K Andrews

Carried

**President:**

David reported as follows:

- Another very good year for our Association.
- Sound financial position.
- Very successful functions since last AGM
  - DRC Lunch “How to win a Premiership”
  - DRC Cocktail Party
  - Annual Dinner
  - 2024 DRC Golf day
  - EFCPPOA Life Members function
  - Opening of the Barry Capuano Room
  - EPPOCH monthly coffee catch ups at Windy Hill
- The great work of our Admin Assistant (Jane Lee) in producing such high quality Newsletters and her other excellent administrative work including on our Face Book and Instagram social media accounts.
- EFC Past Player profiles including photographs where available now available on the EFCPPOA Website. Still more work to be done with EFC
- EFCPPOA memorabilia Display Cabinet to be installed in EFC Hall of Fame as part of the full refurbishment of the Glory and Fame museum at the “The Hangar”.
- Excellent working relationship with the EFC Board and Administration. Working well together.
- Excellent work by Barry Besanko on his work with the AFL, AFPA and CPPA regarding CTE/Concussions injuries.

- Committee recommendation to remove annual membership subscriptions from Full EFCPPOA members.

David thanked all members of the Committee for their loyalty and contributions to the work of the Association during 2023.

He also noted the great work of DRC Committee members namely, Kevin Dale, Barbara Cullen OAM, Glenn Shepherd, John Della and Susie Norton.

David thanked all members who had made the effort to attend this AGM.

Report: Moved :B Besanko                      Seconded: B Capuano                      Carried

### **Secretary:**

Charlie Italia advised that the Association was fully compliant with all legal requirements for an Incorporated Association. Our annual subscription has been paid and our Annual Report made to Consumer Affairs VIC. Committee meetings during 2021-2022 have been held as required and preparation for the AGM was in accord with official requirements. Nominations for the 2022 Committee had been made as required by our Constitution.

### Debut Jumpers

Now known as Recognition jumpers. Presented to 9 players during the year, which is a good result.

### Barry Capuano Room

Whilst it too way more time to commence and complete, the result speaks for it's itself. The official opening was a success and Barry and his family were extremely happy. Room is shared with the Essendonians and we have scheduled interstate games for our association to watch the game on the large TV.

### Past Players Room- The Hangar

Completed and decorated with memorabilia.  
Great room to watch training at especially with the access to the third level balcony.

### Tours of The Hangar

From time to time have conducted tours of the entire Hangar facility for past players and their families. It takes about an hour and those whom have been through are expressed.  
Happy to conduct as many as requested.

### SA Past Players Group

Have instigated a Past Players representation at Adelaide, similar to what we have in Perth. Headed up and driven by Andrew Underwood. We have extended invitations to 23 past players over there for round 6 V Adelaide this year. Outcome to be advised.

Report: Moved: G Leydin                      Seconded: B Besanko                      Carried

### **Item 5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024**

David advised the following Committee members had chosen to seek re-nomination for the Committee for 2024. Two additional nominations received by Sue Anderson and Iain Findlay. Mark Fraser advised that he was not re-nominating for 2024.

### **2024 Committee;**

David Collins (President)  
Darryl Gerlach (Vice President)  
Charlie Italia (Secretary)  
Ken Gilbertson (Treasurer)  
Barry Besanko (Committee)  
Gary Grainger (Committee)  
Graham Leydin (Committee)  
Jason Johnson (Committee)  
Ryan O'Connor (Committee)  
Sue Anderson (Committee)  
Iain Findlay (Committee)

Moved: Barry Besanko      Seconded: Barry Capuano      Carried

### **Item 6. FORMAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

- **Appointment of Auditor      Sovereign Financial Pty Ltd**

David Collins proposed that Kaye Gulenc from Sovereign Taxation be engaged to review our accounts again this year.

Moved: Graham Leyden      Seconded: Kevin Andrews      Carried

### **Item 7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Annual Membership Subscriptions**

David advised that payment of EFCPPOA membership subscriptions was covered by Section 12 of the Constitution and that any changes to the fee(s) must be approved at the AGM. He further advised that the issue of membership fees had been discussed at a number of Committee meetings in 2023. A motion to remove the annual cost of memberships was approved at the Committee meeting held on 19 February 2024. Main reasons for this were as follows:

- Strong financial position of the EFCPPOA
- Significant reduction in the work by the Treasurer
- Issuing of notices
- Collection of payments
- Follow up on non-payments
- Administration of accounts

There was some discussion at the AGM on this issue. Ultimately, the following motion was put forward and approved by those present.

*“That from 2024, membership of the EFCPPOA be free of charge to all full members and associate members that are not DRC members. Further, that the \$50 pa payment by EFC currently listed players continue to be collected. This arrangement will be further considered in the future. The current membership payment for DRC members will continue as is”.*

NB. There are still some administrative matters to be followed up on this but the end result is that there will be no subscriptions payable by Full and Associate Members.

Moved: Barry Capuano    Seconded: Barry Besanko    Carried

- **Life Memberships**    No nominations for this year
  
- **Honorariums**        Normally \$500 each to President, Secretary and Treasurer. It was proposed by the members present that amount should be increased to \$750 each.

Moved: Kevin Andrews    Seconded : Barry Besanko    Carried

**Other items as notified**

- **Barry Besanko - CTE Update**  
Barry gave a verbal summary of his involvement and progress with the AFLPA and all of the other Club’s Past Players Associations in regards to CTE (Concussion protocol and intended legal proceedings pending).
  
- **Barry Capuano;**  
Barry raised the matter of the Barry Capuano Room at Windy Hill. He expressed his gratitude and happiness for the Essendon Football Club and our Association of naming this room after himself and what an honor it is for him, Anna and his family.

David thanked all present for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 11.45 am  
Minute Taker Charlie Italia

Signed..... Date.....  
(President)