

AGM 27-11-2019 MINUTES DRAFT - FOR WEBSITE Celtic Club inc. Annual General Meeting for the 2018-2019 Financial Year

Date: 27th November 2019

Time: 2.38pm

Venue: 42A Courtney St, North Melbourne VIC 3051

Attendees: [*Under 78.2 of the Club's Rules, this information is restricted for purposes of digital copies*]

Patrick Moloughney was in attendance as a guest

Chair: President Brian Shanahan

Minute Taker: Secretary Conrad Corry to take minutes

Apologies:

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Proxies:

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INTRODUCTION TO AGM:

Chair welcomed members and guest

Vale Deceased Members

We wish to acknowledge our deceased members and have a moment of silence in their Honour:

Leo La Fontaine

Henry Singleton

Terence O'Loughlin

Ronald Adams

We pass on our condolences to their friends and family. We thank them for their many years of support for the Celtic Club.

The Meeting observed several minutes of silence

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION: Presentation and formal acceptance, or adjustments, of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting [AGM] of 18th November 2018.

(It was acceptable to the previous minute taker to change material where minutes referred to 's. 30 (3)' and instead should be: 's 100'. The Club Rules in place since 2014 on this were

unfortunately incorrectly written and so this was transferred to the previous Agenda and thus the Minutes). **Note: Club Rules should read: ‘that the Statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 100 of the Act be received’**

Moved: Conrad Corry (present at the previous AGM)

Seconded: Val Noone (present at the previous AGM)

For: 76 proxies + 60 floor

Against: 41 proxies

Abstain: 8 floor

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Note: Veronica O’Sullivan commented that there ought to be more details included in the minutes of the AGM. This was noted by the Secretary, who replied that the material contained in the previous AGM’s minutes is what is legally required and thus sufficient.

Matters Arising from Minutes:

➤ NIL

ORDINARY BUSINESS OF MEETING

Reports:

- That the Committee reports on the activities of the Association during the financial year 2018/2019 be received.
- That the Statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 100 of the Act be received.
- That the Report of the Returning Officer be received.

Note: Kerrie Easton had a question regarding what she alleged were accounting discrepancies between Membership numbers and membership dues which was noted.

MOTION: That the reports be accepted

Moved: Peter Gavin

Seconded: Val Noone

For: 86 proxies + 62 floor

Against: 40 proxies

Abstain: 0

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Appointments:

MOTION: That Vincent Morfuni Q.C. be appointed as the Returning Officer.

Moved: Peter Hudson

Seconded: Peter Gavin

For: 93 proxies + 62 floor

Against: 39 proxies + 5 floor

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

MOTION: That Andrew Fisher FCA from the Banks Group be appointed as Auditor.

Moved: Maurice Moore

Seconded: Peter Gavin

For: 82 proxies + 62 floor

Against: 39 proxies + 4 floor

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

MOTION: That Peter Gavin be appointed the Chairperson of the Cultural and Heritage Sub-committee.

Moved: Phillip Moore

Seconded: Con Nolan

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

MOTION: That Phillip Moore be appointed the Chairperson of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Sub-committee.

Moved: Conrad Corry

Seconded: Peter Hudson

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

MOTION: That Conrad Corry be appointed the Chairperson of the Membership, Benefits and Privileges Sub-committee.

Moved: Helene McNamara

Seconded: Graham Anderson

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Club Fees For 2020/2021:

The Committee recommends that the membership fees for 2020/21 remain at the current level (no increase):

The current level is:

Full Members – Pre November 2017 \$30

Full Members – Post November 2017 \$50

Social Members \$20

Club Joining Fee \$75

Moved: Brad Green

Seconded: Peter Hudson

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

To consider any valid item of special general business of which proper notice has been given under Rule 33.3:

Four valid items of Special General Business were received:

Item 1) MOTION: That the Committee of Management appoint an independent forensic accountant to investigate the financial transactions 2016 – 2019 and report to the members directly at their individual registered postal or email addresses:

- a) what the financial position of the club is and;
- b) what the sale proceeds have been expended on so far and;
- c) which individuals have been responsible for such expenditure and;
- d) what the extent of financial gain or loss there has been to the club

Moved: Kerrie Easton

Seconded: Brad Green

For: 47 proxies + 27 floor = **74**

Against: 74 proxies + 37 floor = **111**

Abstain: 4 proxies

MOTION LOST

Item 2) MOTION: That the President inform members of the progress of the Club's plans for our premises within the new building particularly:

- a) The promised 4th level rooftop garden
- b) The separate ground floor club entrance and
- c) When members will have an opportunity to indicate what they would like to see in our new premises

Moved: Kerrie Easton

Seconded: Peter Donnellan

For: 35 proxies + ALL present on floor

Against: 30 proxies

Abstain: 3 proxies

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Item 3) MOTION: That the President clarify precisely what he was still negotiating with Beulah about as late as 21st June 2019, some three years after members were informed that the sale and re-entry contract was signed sealed and set in stone.

Moved: Kerrie Easton

Seconded: Peter Donnellan

For: 29 proxies + ALL present on floor

Against: 35 proxies

Abstain: 3 proxies

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Item 4) MOTION: That members be allowed to access the members' list as provided in Rule 78

M: Kerrie Easton

S: Conrad Corry

For: 44 proxies + ALL present on floor

Against: 14 proxies

Abstain: 10 proxies

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Appointment of a Life Membership:

The Committee unanimously recommends to the Members that Seamus Moloughney, former Club President, be appointed as a Life Member of the Celtic Club. The meeting invited Seamus to make a speech to members

MOTION: That Seamus Moloughney be made a Life Member of the Celtic Club

Moved: Helene McNamara

Seconded: Conrad Corry

CARRIED BY CLEAR MAJORITY

The O’Sullivan Award:

The presentation of the Dr. Michael O’Sullivan Award for 2019 to Eugene O’Rourke and Graeme Anderson.

Helene McNamara presented Eugene O’Rourke and Graeme Anderson with their Award Speech by Eugene O’Rourke

Correspondence and Questions:

Three Members have separately made requests that a number of questions, and a comment, be circulated at the Annual General Meeting.

President gave information of what is happening with the Queen St Building site and Beulah International

Michael O’Meara:

- Questions regarding monies being removed
- Annual report should show more detail breakdown of expenditure
- the breakdown of expenditure should be distributed to members
- Mr O’Meara suggested that being with ME Bank is problematic despite the strong financial position of ME Bank
- The Meeting had agreement that the breakdown of expenditure be provided to members

Following questions from the floor regarding the Annual Accounts as presented in the Annual Report, it was agreed by consensus that the President will go back to the accountants and then provide a response to Members as to the make-up and breakdown of major expenses in the Annual Accounts.

President closed Annual General Meeting at 5.18 pm