



# Comets Baseball Club Inc

ABN 54 350 175 228

## Minutes from General meeting held at Comets Baseball Club, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- Executive:** Nick Bernath (Vice President - Chair), Alex Johnston (Treasurer), Michael Sant (Secretary), Craig Nancarrow (Jnr Secretary)
- Present:** Simone Johnston, Matthew Wood, Graham Grigg, Brandon Knezevic, Jason Boseley, Blake Parker
- Apologies:** Barton Peeters (President), Frank Bishopp, Phill Boseley, Laura Croxson, John Back, Trevor Geldenhuis, Peter Munro, Lorraine Hall

Meeting commenced at 7:34pm.

### 1. Acceptance of previous minutes and matters arising

Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 were accepted – moved Graham Grigg seconded Alex Johnston

### Matters arising from minutes:

#### **Awning:**

Carried over – nothing further from Council

### 2. Executive Reports

#### **President:**

The President apologised for not being able to attend and provided the following report:

Congratulations to the juniors teams who played finals, JL2 and LL3. A great effort and many thanks to the coaches, volunteers and supporters who got them there.

Many thanks to the coaches volunteers and supporters from all teams. Without you there would be no baseball for the kids to enjoy.

Congratulations to all the senior teams who made it the finals and the 3rd grade gold team who finished the season as runners up.

Special mentions to the Comets connections in the 1st grade grand final of Mike Turner, Pete Munro and Joel Peeters. Hopefully next summer we'll have a Comets 1st grade team to support.

Last Wednesday we held a Coaches meeting looking at the just completed junior season and planning for not just the next summer season but looking at the development and retention of players well into the future. It was a very positive and productive evening and we look forward to implementing the plans proposed on the night.

#### **Vice President:**

Nick extended a congratulations and commiserations to both Comets teams who represented the club in grand finals in the past summer season.



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And followed on from that with a congratulations to the entire club both juniors and seniors for what was a successful summer season. With junior teams showing progression and a high number of our senior teams making finals.

We now turn our attention to winter and what is looking like a fair and even graded competition so far. Good luck to all teams and hopefully all can build on the form shown from the previous seasons.

## **Treasurer:**

Not much to report on this month.

The major financial occurrences for February are:-

- Total income from the Canteen / Bar for February was \$6,941.30. The total expenses for the Canteen / Bar for February were \$5,888.75. There for the Canteen / Bar returned a profit of \$1,052.55.
- The Shire Return and Earn brought in \$122 in February, and I would like to thank Dru getting up early to ensure the purple bins are out on collection day.
- As mentioned in last months report, the uniform cupboard was in the process of being restocked, thanks to Julie Little. In February, the club invested \$4,831.50 on uniforms.

So far for March, the Canteen has only had 2 days of trading, the first junior semi finals and the Tball Gala Day. The First Junior Semi Final saw the canteen turnover \$665 which is a fantastic effort considering the first game were 2 away teams in St. George & Arncliffe Scots and the second game was Comets V St. George. The Tball Gala Day saw the canteen turnover \$642 I'm sure Simone will talk about the importance of the BBQ.

In addition we have received \$12,554 from Winter Registrations.

Expenses so far for March include a further \$1,500 for uniforms, a couple of Coaching Fees reimbursements and \$1,000 (???) for canteen supplies preparing for the upcoming Presentation Night and Winter Comp.

## **Jnr Secretary:**

Craig congratulated the two Junior teams that made it into the finals, with JL2 finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and LL Minors 3 finishing as runners-up.

## **Secretary:**

Michael advised that he had attended a council inspection of the premises with a number of issues being discussed with the council, including:

- Graffiti in toilets
- Cleaning schedule
- Installing Mesh Screens on toilet windows
- Repairs to steps from patio to back grass
- Repairs to gate from council tractor accident
- Repairs to front boom gate
- Illegal dumping in back field
- Removal of Ausgrid tree lopping waste
- Cutting back trees in right field



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The only concern raised by council was the position of the tea towel holder near sink resulting in tea towels obstructing access to the fire extinguisher.

The Executive Reports were approved – Moved Graham Grigg seconded Jason Boseley.

### 3. Association Reports

**CSJBA:**

Noted that we needed to nominate Mike Turner for the rules committee (DONE)

**STGBA:**

Grading has been released with no immediate concerns as to how Comets teams have been graded. We have two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, two 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

The next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> March at which proposed rule changes will be voted on.

**CSMLBA:**

Nil

### 4. Club Reports

**Club Coach:**

A copy of the notes from the Junior Coaches Debrief are attached.

**Canteen:**

Nil

**Uniforms:**

Nil

**Registrar:**

Player details have been submitted for 8 teams. 2 known players are yet to register. Any other potential players need to be discussed with prospective coaches to determine availability on rosters.

**Social Committee:**

Nil

**Equipment Officer:**

Junior Kits to be returned at presentation night.

**Groundsman:**

Nil

**Social Media:**

Nil



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## 5. General Business

### **Trivia Night**

Need to contact Charlotte to obtain soft copies of promotional materials to place on comets facebook page and arrange ticket sales on website.

### **Junior Presentation**

All ready for 22<sup>nd</sup> of March – 6:30 kick-off

### **Banking Arrangements**

Alex to coordinate a date when all signatories can attend Westpac to setup new banking arrangements.

### **Junior Umpires**

Craig to liaise with Max to organise a clinic for Junior Umpires

### **ATO position on income tax**

Alex advised that the club will need to complete an annual declaration to maintain its not for profit status.

### **Junior Season Debrief**

A session will be held to discuss the current junior season and plan for the 2024-25 season. Scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm – Craig to invite Junior Coaches.

Meeting Closed: 8:44pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Signed as a true reflection of the General Meeting of the Comets Baseball Club Inc,  
held on 20th March 2024

signed: .....  
Secretary

signed: .....  
President

date: .....

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